

# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

*"A loving congregation seeking unity with God and each other in Christ"*

## Newsletter

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## *Fresh Voices at Grace*

Grace has partnered with a number of agencies, churches, and ministries throughout the Diocese over the last 10 years. Our partnerships provide much needed funding for those programs, but, most importantly, help us build bridges between us and other Diocesan institutions. For a rural church like Grace, it is very easy to isolate up here "in the hills" and do our own thing. Unfortunately, this isolation obscures the fact that we belong to a larger reality than ourselves and that all the churches and institutions within our Diocese share in the spreading of God's kingdom in our context and beyond. We are a Diocesan family, even when we do things a bit differently and find different expressions for our faith than our neighbors. To drive this message a little deeper, we have invited a number of priests to visit us at Grace in the month of August to preach at both services and to teach at our Adult Sunday School, which meets at 8:45am every Sunday. Below is a brief description of the ministries for which these guest preachers are responsible and how Grace partners with them. Please make plans to attend and stay for coffee hour.



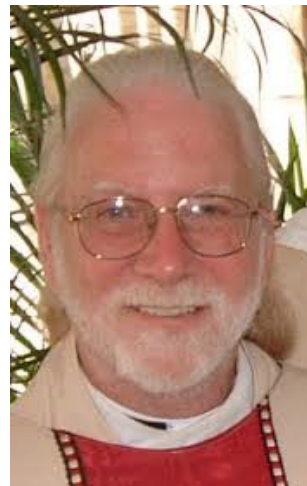
The Rev. Drew Rollins has been the Chaplain of the Episcopal Chapel on the Campus of LSU, also known as St. Alban's Episcopal Chapel, for over 13 years. He will preach both services on **Sunday, August 5**, will guest teach our Adult Sunday class, and will be available for conversation during our Coffee Hour. Grace has partnered with St. Alban's for over 10 years, especially providing funding for the "Lunch with C. S. Lewis" and funding an intern for two years. Members of our congregation have attended and served several of these lunches to strengthen our relationship and spend time with the students. These lunches feed hundreds of students once a week during the school year. Many of the students have never had an opportunity to encounter the Episcopal Church and many are not Christians. Through these lunches, they are introduced to the writings of C.S. Lewis, are given an opportunity to fellowship with deeply committed Episcopalians, and are given a forum to ask questions about Christianity and faith. Fr. Drew will update us on plans for a restoration of the Chapel's organ and for much needed maintenance of St. Alban's buildings. Fr. Drew is a dynamic preacher you and your family will enjoy. Please join us on the 5th of August and bring friends.

Canon Shannon Manning has a big job. As Canon to the Ordinary her job includes all aspects of clergy formation, deployment, benefits, supervision, and discipline. In addition, Cannon Manning is deeply involved in all search processes around the

Diocese, meeting with Vestries and Search Committees, vetting candidates, checking references, and doing background screens. Additionally, she has a number of operational responsibilities as Diocesan Administrator, including oversight of the budget and supervision of a number of Diocesan staff. Grace has partnered with Canon Manning in a number of ways, most recently, during the 2016 floods. Through her wise leadership and wisdom, Grace was able to lead the way in the recovery efforts throughout the Diocese. By the end of the recovery program, hundreds of needy families had been assisted and nearly a million dollars had been given out in small construction grants. Canon Manning is a great preacher and I encourage all of you to come listen to her preach both services on **Sunday, August 19** and teach our Sunday school.



Fr. Bill Terry almost needs no introduction, as many of you have heard him preach, have visited him at St. Anna's Episcopal Church in New Orleans, and have contributed to one or several of his multiple programs. Fr. Terry has been the Rector of St. Anna's since before Katrina. Through his tenure at the Church, he has highlighted the violence in the city of New Orleans through the creation of the "Murder Board". A large board, placed right on the wall of the church that faces Esplanade, lists all the people killed in the city during the week. This board shines the light on the relationship between violence, poverty, and educational disadvantage. Bill has done a lot of work to tackle this violence in a number of ways. He created an extremely successful after-school program for disadvantaged children of the Tremme area; started an arts and music program for neighborhood children, called "Anna's Place"; created one of the first medical mobil units in the city; has organized marches through the neighborhood to highlight issues affecting children and families; has done a great deal of advocacy with politicians and stake holders on behalf of his community; and the list goes on. He is well loved by the community and his ministry has created a very positive impact in his context. Grace has been a supporter of St. Anna's for 8 years. Every year we contribute towards St. Anna's operations and towards Anna's Place. Bill will preach and teach on **Sunday, August 26**. Please plan to come and see this dynamic preacher. Bring friends!



Your faithfulness and generosity is changing people's lives throughout our Diocese. Please come and hear directly from people who benefit from your love and devotion.

May God continue to bless you today and always, Fr. Roldan+

### Help Fundraise for the Kitchen Restoration at Grace's Multi Family Garage Sale!

There will be a multi-family Garage Sale on Saturday, October 27, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Grace Church Cemetery to benefit the Grace Church Kitchen Restoration. Many people are downsizing and want to sell a few of their things. This sale will be open to every family at Grace Church. Each family is responsible for setting up, displaying, pricing, selling, manning their area, making change, and clean up afterwards. The space is limited so entrance into the sale will be on a first come, first serve basis. Each family that participates in the garage sale is asked to donate 25% of their proceeds from the day to the Kitchen Restoration Fund. For further information and/or to register as sale participant please call Dixie Blue at 225-931-5431.

### Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members who are ill.

Brianna Blanchard, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

### Birthdays

Elizabeth Hughes, Brooks Barnes, Ashley Fox-Smith; Dennis Keith-July 29; Debbie Thomas, Emily Fusilier-July 30; Hannah and Hunter Adams-July 31; Steve Parnell, Dora Metz, Sophie Dowd-Aug. 1; Davis F. Bankston, Lilly Higgins-Aug. 2; Bert Babers, Hutch McClendon-Aug.3; Madeleine Kane, Ella Corinne Howle-Aug. 4; Joey Gammill, Sara Roldan, Sean McKenzie, Brandie Olsen-Aug. 5; Louise Reichman, Liz Truitt-Aug. 6; Jessica Finley-Aug.7; Julie Stewart-Aug. 8; Hunter Fusilier, Audrey Ann Reinhardt, Justin Penno-Aug. 9; Don Strittman-Aug. 10; Roxanne Thornton-Aug. 11.

### Wedding Anniversaries

David and Jane Opperman-Aug. 4; Joe and Maria Gerry, Neil and Becky Wright-Aug. 5; Tony and Lisa Horn-Aug. 7; Pat and Melissa Dowd, Edward and Leslie Daniel-Aug. 9; Zed and Rachel Howell-Aug. 10; Robert and Cindy Seeman-Aug. 11

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Sister Abigail, Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Cathy Doslavic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Felner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Toups, Deborah Vines, Dennisia Williams, Rufus Yerger, Lynn Zinn.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Brown-ing, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Co-lia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Matthew Young, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

## ***Ministry Spotlight: Prison Ministry***

Grace Church has been a part of our diocesan prison ministry virtually since its inception 28 years ago. It began with one lay person visiting Angola who soon invited Father Dimmick and our involvement has continued and evolved ever since. A congregation at Louisiana State Penitentiary was officially established as a mission, the Church of the Transfiguration, in 1997.

Mother Peggy Scott is currently the diocesan coordinator of prison ministry. I serve as the lay assistant/ coordinator. Our volunteers, both clerical and lay, come from throughout the diocese conduct worship services, take fruit to those in hospice, teach classes and, most importantly, share the love of Christ by reaching out to build relationships and show concern for “the least of these” (Matt 25:40).

On the first Tuesday of the month, we celebrate Holy Eucharist at three different camps. In 2002, the first Disciples of Christ in Community program (DOCC) ever offered in a prison began at Angola. We currently have two active DOCC/Bible Study groups. Taking fruit to the men in hospice is very important to me. Our group, usually two or three, are allowed to visit the hospice/hospital ward monthly. These men will not only die in Angola but most will be also be buried there. At the end of their lives, it is important to remind them that God has not forgotten them.

We also minister to the women at the Louisiana Correctional Institute for Women (LCIW). As the facility itself has remained closed since the August 2016 floods, the women are scattered and visiting them with them has become difficult.

Volunteering inside a prison is certainly not for every one. In truth, I would never have believed it, but God called me to this ministry 18 years ago. Involvement does not necessarily mean volunteering inside the prison. There are other important ways to participate, like offering assistance with re-entry, helping men and women navigate the many challenges they face when they leave prison, helping them find a place to stay, clothing to wear, a source of employment and the means to get there. If you are interested in this ministry, or just interested in finding out more about it please let me know.

Thank you, Carolyn Douglas

## ***What's Happening at Grace?***

**Men's Prayer Breakfast** will meet on Wednesday, August 1st at the St. Francisville Inn at 7 a.m.

**Centering Prayer Group** will in the Jackson Hall Parlor on Wednesday, August 1st at 9 a.m.

**Fr. Drew Rollins** of St. Alban's LSU will preach and celebrate at the 7:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharists on Sunday, August 5th. Please join us.

**Angola Prison Ministry** will meet on Tuesday, August 7th at 5 p.m. at Angola Prison. Please reach out to Carolyn Douglas if you are interested in serving with the Angola Prison Ministry team.

**Our nursing home ministry team** is still looking for volunteers to help serve our local nursing home. The nursing home ministry is weekly on Thursdays, they meet in the Grace parking lot at 9:45 a.m. to visit the nursing home and take Eucharist once a month. Please consider joining them in this important outreach ministry of Grace Church.

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday July 29, 2018

**Acolytes:** Julia DeJean, Joe DeJean, Baus Fin  
**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Bryan McClendon;  
10 a.m.: Sheryl Wynters, Dr. Landon Anderson  
**Ushers:** Tom Morris, Will Plettinger  
**Lectors:** Bill McClendon, Drew Nordgren  
**Vestry Rep:** Christian DeJean  
**Altar Guild:** Team 2  
**Altar Flowers:** Valerie Barnes  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Dr. Sue and John Steib  
**Coffee Hour:** Dr. Sue and John Steib  
**Children's Church:** Lisa Foster  
**Babysitters:** Landry Higgins, Marleigh Jaehnel

### Sunday August 5, 2018

**Acolytes:** Landry Higgins, Lilly Higgins, Hayes  
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**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Carol Stamey  
10 a.m.: Maria Gerry, Sara Klein  
**Ushers:** Shannon Pollet, Rob Reinhardt  
**Lectors:** David Opperman, Justin Peno  
**Vestry Rep:** Dr. Pat Schneider Martin  
**Altar Guild Team 3**  
**Altar Flowers:** Edward and Leslie Daniel  
**Sanctuary candle:** Bobby and Jane Daniel  
**Coffee Hour:** Christian and Jaime DeJean  
**Children's Church:** Carlin Kendrick  
**Babysitters:** Madie Kane, Lorna Klein

### July 29th, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### August 5th, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, August 1st

5 - 7pm - Youth Group  
5:15pm - Eucharist

### Thursday, August 2nd

9:15am - Morning Prayer  
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, August 3rd

7:00am - Eucharist  
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

### Sunday, August 5th

7:30am - Eucharist  
9:15am - Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist

### Wednesday, August 8th

5 - 7pm - Youth Group  
5:15pm - Eucharist  
6-7 pm - Church Mice

### Thursday, August 9th

9:15am - Morning Prayer  
10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, August 10th

7:00am - Eucharist  
8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study