



# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

## Newsletter

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## Invite, Welcome, Connect

On Saturday, November 16, from 9 AM to 3 PM, the Baton Rouge Deanery of the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana will proudly present a great seminar called, Invite-Welcome-Connect at St. Lukes Episcopal Church, 8833 Goodwood Blvd Baton Rouge, LA. The registration fee of \$20 includes lunch and is open to all Episcopalians from around the Diocese. I hope you can join us. Call our office if you would like to carpool. Now, let me give you some information about why I believe this is a great program.

Fr. Tommy Dillon, from St. Margaret's, describes Invite-Welcome-Connect the following way: "This is a transformational ministry that equips and empowers clergy and lay leaders to cultivate intentional practices of evangelism, hospitality, and belonging rooted in the Gospel imperative to 'Go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:19). It is a ministry of relational evangelism and congregational empowerment allowing churches to become places of genuine connection."

This program invites all of us to welcome and honor the faith journeys and stories of everyone. The goal is to "enable deeper journeys of Christian discipleship, allowing the Spirit of Christ to be at the heart of our hospitality." Invite-Welcome-Connect has become a proven hospitality and evangelism program within the Episcopal Church. Over fifty dioceses, several Episcopal seminaries, and three universities have implemented the program in the last five years with remarkable success, reporting measurable results after using the materials.

We have invited Mary Palmer, a Certified Facilitator, to be our instructor for this event. "Mary has worked with leaders and clergy in numerous capacities for over 25 years to support God's mission for the Church. She was crucial to the establishment of the Iona School for Ministry in Texas, which has formally trained and graduated over 65 priests and deacons so far. Mary has a particular passion for evangelism, stewardship, and lay and clergy development. She has been invited to be the keynote speaker, consultant, and trainer of 35 dioceses of the Episcopal Church.

Mary serves on the Steering Committee of the Gathering of Leaders, doing specialized work with the Episcopal Church Foundation. She is also a board member of the College for Bishops. A graduate of Louisiana State University, Mary looks forward to being back in Baton Rouge."

The Rev'd John A. Kellogg, Diocesan Canon Missioner describes the program the following way: "One of the great joys of my job is traveling around the Diocese, meeting with congregations of all shapes and sizes. Although these churches possess unique gifts and face distinct challenges, I hear the same comment over and over: our

congregation wants to grow. During the Invite-Welcome-Connect workshop, Mary explores how churches can implement practices and strategies that lead to growth. Mary's presentations are practical, thorough, and thought-provoking. Her teaching style is relevant and compelling. Perhaps most importantly, Mary's guidance has the potential to transform your congregation. I highly recommend attending an Invite-Welcome-Connect workshop. You will leave feeling inspired and prepared to lead your congregation with renewed energy. Our congregations must learn how to invite effectively, welcome, and connect newcomers into our communities."

Now, I know what some of you may be thinking, "The job of growing the church belongs to the Rector and his staff." This is both correct and incorrect. Yes, the rector must ensure that all visitors are welcome, the Gospel is preached authentically and passionately, and people feel accepted and appreciated when they come to Grace. But, the bulk of the responsibility to befriend, welcome, and connect visitors falls on the entire congregation. Research shows that most people visit a church because they were invited by a friend, are passing through, or have recently relocated to the area. The level of hospitality they receive from existing members on their first visit, however, determines whether they return, connect, and become involved.

Join us as we explore exciting ways to continue to grow our beloved Church. For the last few years, God has blessed us with new members, including many young families. There is more we can do, however, to attract and connect other spiritual seekers looking for a home. Our goal is to create an Invite-Welcome-Connect team of those who attend this training. This team will then become the nucleus of a new welcoming ministry for Grace Church in 2020. I pray you will choose to join us. The more people of all ages who attend this training, the more vibrant our ministry will become. Please call me if you have any questions, Blessings, Fr. Roldan.

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### **Blessing of the Animals - Saturday, October 5th**

Join us to celebrate the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, October 5th at 10 a.m. with a Blessing of the Animals. Bring your animal family members to receive a blessing by Fr. Roldan. He will bless all animals, but please make sure they are on a leash or contained. We look forward to having you join us for this fun family event!



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### **Around the Diocese**

**Episcopal Relief & Development** is working closely with dioceses in the path of Hurricane Dorian. You can help provide affected communities with immediate and long-term support. Please contribute to our Hurricane Relief Fund at [support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief](http://support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief), or write a check to Grace Church and in the memo line "hurricane Relief". We will collect all donations for a month and then send a check to the Episcopal Relief.

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

Valerie Barnes, Libby Dart, Jason Kennedy, Charlotte Maxwell, Elizabeth Denton Mitchell, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Carolyn Porche, Cozette Stevens, Kay Tengler, Anne Timmons, Mary Thompson, Wendell Wade, Pam Wilson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

### **Birthdays**

Olivia Pass-Oct. 6; Annie Ruth Paul, Jude Weller-Oct.8; Emmette Barrow-Oct. 9; Eileen Barrow-Oct. 10; Lucie Butler, Shannon Pollet-Oct. 11; Mary Elizabeth Barrow, Wil Wilson, Davis Havard, Joshua David-Oct. 12; Ben Klein, Don Reinhardt-Oct. 13; Susan LeBlanc, David Weller, Claire Ford, Daisye Howell-Oct. 14; Judy Miller, Dixie Blue, Michael Benton-Oct. 15; Jack Donnelly, Arthur Lewis, Jordon C. Truitt-Oct. 16; Anderson Adams, Linda Pruitt, Tara Jones-Oct. 17; Ruthie Lindsey, Kevin Griffin-Oct. 18

### **Wedding Anniversaries**

Tom and Susie Tully-Oct. 9; T. J. and Olivia Woodside-Oct. 10; Cynthia and Overton Nicholas-Oct. 15; Michael & Bethany Luneau-Oct. 16; Emilie and Nathan Johnson-Oct. 19

## Grace News & Upcoming Events

### Other persons prayers are asked for:

Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Walker Bell, Micaela Kell Bennett, Wayne Bergeron, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Luanne, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Mason Brudewick, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Darby Buras, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Daryn Conrad, Rob Cox, Frances Woods Curry, Sandy Davenport, William David, Kathleen Davis, Jessica DeLee, Debbie Desmar, Helen Deselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Ellen Ewald, Sara Fahey, Mark Felner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Jerry Green, Jim and Claire Hackney, Jane Hamilton, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cathy K., Mike Larisey, Jody Lemoine, Jessica Liddle, Max, Charlotte Mayeaux, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Cheryl Meaux, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Randall Nachman, Walter Oliveaux, Barton Platte, Elizabeth Poole, Susanna Prescott, Tammy Riggs, James and Sylvia Roach, Cole Rourke, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockey, Rusty Snyder, Cade Stapleton, Kaitlyn Templet, Angel Thompson, Roland Toups, Millie and Howard Varner, Deborah Vines, Emily Walz, Trey Watson, Dennis Williams, Deacon Zekes, Lynn Zinn.

### Those serving in the armed forces:

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Carlile Cointment, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, Polly Finley, Bryan Geltz, Edward Jenkins, Laura Latson, Shawn Lemons, Terry Palmer, James Powers, Jeff Ragusa, Christopher Willis, Aaron Zuccaro, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), 1st 222 Aviation Regiment.

**Call for review!** Please take a moment to review the prayer list. If there are those who have had prayers answered and/or are no longer in need of special prayers, please call the church office and let us know so that those names may be removed from our prayer list. Thank you for helping us stay current.

**It is that time again!** Our Pledge Campaign will officially begin on October 14, 2019. You will receive a letter from our chair and you will listen to several testimonies in Church about what Grace means to several parishioners. In the meantime, please discuss as a family what your current pledge to Grace is and whether you are in a position to increase your support. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

**Bring your child to Church Mice,** Sunday October 15th from 4 - 6 p.m. This program is open to all children in preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Children will have a lesson, a craft, and dinner. Don't miss out on the fun! Church Mice is held every third Sunday of the month in the preschool.

**While the Mice are away, the parents can play!** Parent Fellowship returns on Sunday, October 15th from 4-6 p.m. at the Golsan House. Open to parents of children 18 years and younger. Join us for fellowship and refreshments. Bring an appetizer or dessert to share. We hope to see you there!

**Save the date,** Fr. Roldan will begin New Comers classes on the third Thursday of October at 6:00 pm. If you have joined us since December 2018, or simply want to learn more about our Anglican/Episcopal identity and history, please plan to join us.

**The upcoming Senior Movie** is Friday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 am at the Library. The featured movie will be War Room. Please let Maria Gerry know if you would like to attend.

**Father Roldan will conduct a training** on October 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm for anyone interested in becoming a Lector or Eucharistic Lay Minister. Please call the church office if you are interested in becoming a part of this rewarding ministry.

**Coffee hour coaches are coming!** Coffee hour following the 10:00 AM Sunday service is an important part of our fellowship tradition here at Grace. Have you considered hosting one of these but hesitated because you weren't quite sure how to manage the set up or deal with a mysterious coffee maker? Fear no more! All you do is provide the cookies, cake, or other goodies and a veteran coffee hour host will walk you through the setup process. Simply sign up for the Sunday most convenient for you and check the box indicating that you would like a "coach". Someone will be assigned and will get in touch with you in advance.



**The Over-50 Club** will be going to the Audubon Aquarium of the Americas in New Orleans on Tuesday, October 29th. We will leave Grace's parking lot at 7:30 in the morning. This will be a whole day field trip, with lunch in the city. We will return to Grace by no later than 5:30 in the afternoon. If you would like to join us, please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex or send us an email. Scholarships are available.

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### October 6, 2019

**Acolytes:** Lilly Higgins, Wyatt Olsen, Baus Fin, Lena Fin

**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Lucie Butler  
10 a.m.: Brandie Olsen, Landon Anderson

**Ushers:** Joe Savell, Dwight Singer

**Lectors:** Landon Anderson, Trish Toburen

**Vestry Rep:** Dr. Pat Schneider

**Altar Guild:** Team 3

**Children's Church:** Charlotte Peno

**Altar Flowers:** Susie and Tom Tully

**Sanctuary Candle:** Penny and Don Reinhardt

**Coffee Hour:** Richard and Meg Kendrick

**Babysitters:** Madie Kane, Emma Olsen

### October 13, 2019

**Acolytes:** Clara Jane Hughes, John Barrow Klein, Hannah Adams, Olivia Adams

**Chalice bearers:** 7:30 a.m.: Sharon Gauthier  
10 a.m.: Trish Toburen, Rucker Leake

**Ushers:** David Treppendahl, Kelly Ward

**Lectors:** Will Plettinger, Donna Wright

**Vestry Rep:** Dr. Sue Steib

**Children's Church:** Carly Whatley

**Altar Guild:** Team 4

**Altar Flowers:** Susan and Larry Schneider

**Sanctuary Candle:** Meg and Richard Kendrick

**Coffee Hour:** Molly McGraw

**Babysitters:** Grant Rome, Austin Roldan

### October 6, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

8:45 a.m. Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### October 13, 2019

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

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10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, October 9

10:30am - Adult Formation

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6:00pm - Adult Formation

### Thursday, October 10

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, October 11

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

### Sunday, October 13

8:45am - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

### Wednesday, October 16

10:30am - Adult Formation

5 - 7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6:00pm - Adult Formation

### Thursday, October 17

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, October 18

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study