



# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

**Newsletter**  
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## *A Lenten Message from W. K. Douglas*

This last Ash Wednesday, which ironically fell on Valentine's Day, I read a letter that the Rector of Grace Church in the year 1888 wrote his congregation to invite them to a holy celebration of Lent. I have been asked a number of times for a copy of this letter, which is why I am printing it in this newsletter. On the cover of the small booklet, the good reverend printed some useful information that gives us a fascinating picture of who his congregation was at the time, and how the Church celebrated Lent and Holy Week. On the front page we have the following:

**GRACE CHURCH**

*St. Francisville, LA*

*W. K. DOUGLAS, Rector.*

RICHARD BUTLER                      Wardens  
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**LENTEN SERVICES---1888**

**--SUNDAYS--**

Sunday School ..... 9:20 A.M.  
Service and Sermon ..... 11:00 A.M.

**--WEEK DAYS--**

Wednesday, Vespers ..... 4:30 P.M.  
Friday ..... 11:00 A.M. and 4:30 P.M.

**--HOLY WEEK--**

Daily Vespers ..... 4:30 P.M.  
Good Friday Service ..... 11:00 A.M.

**--EASTER--**

Service ..... 11:00 A.M.  
Children's Easter Celebration.. 4:00 P.M.

The message reads as follows:

“Dear Brethren,

The season of Lent from the very earliest period of the Church’s existence has been set apart as specially consecrated to spiritual uses. Whilst its observance is general, its spirit is individual and personal. At no other time does the voice of the Church so plainly call us to remember our own souls. We have set before us the example of our Divine Master who retired from the world apart to seek that preparation which was to serve his soul for the fiery trials he was soon to encounter. We need in all things, and at all times, to live less in bondage to the world. It has too greatly the dominion over us. We fear its frowns, we love its pleasures, we are enticed by its flatteries and put our trust and confidence in its unstable riches. Hence come many sorrows to our hearts, many differences with our neighbors, many perplexities within and disappointments in things without. The saddest part of all this is that we are drawn away from God. The things of this world having engrossed our hearts while we were seeking them, and for the short time they are our own, when they fail us the light of our life is darkened, and in the darkness of despair we wander more wildly still.

In Lent the Church takes us lovingly by the hand and leads us back to our Father’s house. Her voice calls us to seek in prayer that Father’s full forgiveness. That same faithful voice bids us to exercise with watchful fidelity self denials and patient abstinence from the pleasures and cares of an over worldly life. With accents even stronger that Church’s voice reminds us of our duties to our fellow men, and especially to those of the household of faith. Listen, dear brethren, to that loving call and thus this Lent, as it passes, will leave you builded up in Faith, Hope and Charity, after the pattern of Him whose precious blood was shed that we might live. For His Gracious sake, dear brethren, sanctify yourselves.

Your Friend and Pastor,

W. K. DOUGLAS.”

Reverend Douglas’s message for 1888 is as applicable today as it was then. We are often so preoccupied by the cares of this world that we forget to feed our souls through prayer and time alone with God. I pray that you will see his message, written by candlelight before electricity, cars, planes, computers, or the internet, as applicable to you and your life today. For Christ’s gracious sake, dear brothers and sisters, sanctify yourselves. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

**Church Family Night** on Friday, February 23rd with a movie has been postponed. We will notify everyone of the date. Stay tuned for more information!

**Vestry Officers Elected:** On our vestry meeting of February 20th we re-elected Richard Kendrick as the Senior Warden of Grace Church, Zed Howell as Junior Warden and, using well developed tradition, we named an absentee vestry member as Clerk of Vestry. Congratulations Heather Howle! All joking aside, the Clerk is an important member of Vestry who is often second signatory for contracts, leases, parochial reports, and other important documents. We assigned the task of "Note-Taker" to our Parish Administrator, but the Clerk may be asked to fill in if the Parish Administrator is absent for any reason. Congratulations to Richard, Zed, and Heather. Thanks for serving.

**A Note of Thanks:** We are sad to inform you that after 2.5 years of faithful service to our Pre-school as a Teacher's Assistant, Mrs. Erica Blanchard is leaving Grace to work full-time for St. Francisville Rehabilitation Services. We wish Erica good luck as she makes this transition.

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

Thomas Kendrick, Jason Kennedy, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Olivia Pass, Kay Tengler, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Pam Willson, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

James Boucher, Emma Olsen, Stacy Loyacono-Feb. 25; Roman Roldan, Lisa McGehee, Rucker Leake-Feb. 26; James LeBlanc, Kay Graves, Ellen Klein-Feb. 27; Donna Wright-March 2; Jean Marie Hill, Jim Roland-March 3.

Wedding

Anniversaries

David & Kathy Beauchamp-March 2.

*Other persons prayers are asked for:*

Sister Abigail, Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Micaela Kell Bennett, Isabella Bertucci, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Bob Crowley, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Deselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Amy Dwyer, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Michelle Jean-sonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Kathy Drew Matter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Bennie McNeely, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Jeanette Rackley, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Touns, Denham Turner, Rufus Yerger.

*Those serving in the armed forces:*

Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, Jay Christopher, Ryan Coacher, Ben Colia, John Davis, Joseph Dooley, 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.

**The Conundrum Book Store** has for sale copies of the Lenten Bible Study Book "The Lord is Our Salvation" which started last week in Jackson Hall. It's not too late to join in. For this class you also need to bring your Bible.

**Lenten Bible Study: "A God on the Side of Sinners: Reflections on the Parables of Luke Chapter 15"** will be taught by the Rector every Wednesday of Lent at 6:00pm. Please join us for a light soup and salad meal and the study. Invite a friend to join you.

**Altar Flowers/Greenery are needed:** Altar Greenery is needed for Feb. 25, flowers are needed for May 27, July 1, 8, 29, November 18, 25. The Sanctuary Candle sign up list has been filled. Please call the church office if you want to sign up for one of these dates.

**Coffee Hour:** If you would like to help with Coffee Hour on a Sunday, there will be a sign up list in the Narthex this Sunday. This will help our Monthly Chairs fill their Sundays and share the responsibilities. All that is needed on a Sunday are cookies, coffee, orange juice or other light refreshments.

**ECW president, Sheryl Wynters** invites all women to an ECW meeting during coffee hour in the parlor on Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>. Plans will be made for the Baton Rouge Deanery meeting which will be on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Margaret's in Baton Rouge.

**The ECW "No Bake-Bake Sale"** will be Sunday, February 28 to raise money for the construction of a Youth Center at our Solomon Conference Center in Loranger, Louisiana. Instead of baking a cake, the ECW wants you to donate \$10.00 for your "no bake, no calories" cake for this project of the ECW in the Diocese. Letters have gone out and you can mail your donation in the envelope provided with the letter or drop it in the offering plate this Sunday at church. Make checks to Grace ECW, in the memo line put "No Bake Sale" and mail to Sharon Gauthier, P. O. Box 668, St. Francisville. Thank you for your support for a Youth Center at SECC becoming a reality.

**Birthdays and wedding anniversaries:** Has your birthday or wedding anniversary not been listed in the newsletter or liturgy sheet? Send an email to [secretary@gracechurchwfp.org](mailto:secretary@gracechurchwfp.org) with these dates including the year. Our database won't accept just the date without the year, but the year is never published...the computer just beeps until I put something in, which makes you really old! Thanks, Anne Klein

**Spring Daffodil Sale:** The Friends of the West Feliciana Parish Library Fundraiser is accepting orders for their bouquets of yellow daffodils to be picked up on Wednesday, March 14 from 10am to 1pm at the library. A bouquet of 40 flowers is \$25; 1/2 case \$100 (250 flowers) and a case \$200 (500 flowers). They will text or email you a reminder on March 14 to pick them up at the library. Share them with your co-workers, friends and family. They are in a bud stage but by Sunday, they should be fully open to enjoy. Make checks to Friends of the WFP library and mail to Box 1962 St. Francisville or drop off at the library. Forms are available in Jackson Hall to be filled out.

**Women's Quarterly Breakfast** will be on Saturday, March 10, 8:30-10:30am at First Baptist Church in the Family Fellowship Center. This is open to all women of all faiths. Please come for a time of prayer and fellowship. For more info call their church office at 635-6111.

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday February 25, 2018

**Acolytes:** Nicole Mulkey, Karina, Mulkey,  
Emma Olsen, Wyatt Olsen

**Chalice bearers:** 7:30am: Lucie Butler  
10am: Drew Nordgren, Brandie Olsen

**Ushers:** Kelly Ward, Carl Fontenot

**Lectors:** Bill McClendon, Drew Nordgren

**Vestry Rep:** Leslie Daniel

**Altar Guild Team 3**

**Altar Greenery: Volunteer needed**

**Sanctuary Candle:** Tiger and Brandie Olsen

**Coffee Hour:** Meg and Richard Kendrick

**Babysitters:** Julia DeJean, Madie Kane

### Sunday, March 4, 2018

**Acolytes:** James Kirschling, Julia DeJean,  
Joe DeJean, Wyatt Olsen

**Chalice bearers** 7:30am: Gauthier/Stevens

10:00pm: Sheryl Wynters, Landon Anderson

**Ushers:** Tony Horn, Zed Howell

**Lectors:** David Opperman, Justin Peno

**Vestry Rep:** Christian DeJean

**Altar Guild Team 4**

**Altar Greenery:** Robert and Cheryl Singer

**Sanctuary candle:** Dwight and Martha Singer

**Coffee Hour:** Joe and Dahn Savell

**Babysitters:** Lorna Klein, Emma Olsen

### February 25, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

### March 4, 2018

7:30am - Holy Eucharist

Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, February 28

7:00am - Eucharist

5-7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6:00pm - Supper & Lenten Bible Study

6:15pm - Church Mice

### Thursday, March 1

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, March 2

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

### Sunday, March 4

7:30am - Eucharist

9:15am - Bible Study

10:00am - Holy Eucharist

Coffee Hour

### Wednesday, March 7

9:00am - Lenten Bible Study

5-7pm - Youth Group

5:15pm - Eucharist

6:00pm - Supper & Lenten Bible Study

### Thursday, February 8

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship: SF Country Manor

### Friday, March 2