



Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

**Newsletter for
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Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

The Old Testament word Ruah means wind, a mysterious and powerful force of nature, "Of which God avails himself at all critical turning-points in the tempestuous history of salvation for carrying out his plans," as the Catholic Encyclopedia Sacramentum Verbi tells us. This Ruah is seen in creation (Genesis 1:2; Psalm 33:6,) at the end of the great flood (Genesis 8:1,) at the time of the ten plagues sent against Egypt (Exodus 10:13,) at the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14:21ff,) in the wilderness experience (Numbers 11:31ff,) at the covenant institution at Sinai (Exodus 19:16,) at the return from the exile in Babylon (Isaiah 11:15,) etc.

The word also means breath, most specifically the "breath of God" or "the Spirit of the Lord" (Numbers 16:22; 27:16.) This Spirit of the Lord "impels" (Judges 13:25,) "falls upon" his people (Ezekiel 11:5,) "carries people away" (1 Kings 18:12,) "comes mightily upon" people (Judges 14:6,) produces great strength (Judges 13:25,) enables them to do heroic acts (1 Samuel 11:6ff,) gives people the power to perform great wonders (2 Kings 2:15ff,) and utter prophecy (Numbers 24:2,) allows the interpretation of dreams (Daniel 4:5; 5:12,) etc. The Spirit is seen as involved in all aspects of the nation's life and acting through various individual on behalf of God's people. In no way is the work of the Spirit limited to just one action or one event.

In various passages, the Spirit of the Lord falls upon leaders like Joshua (1 Samuel 27:18,) Saul (1 Samuel 16:13,) Elijah (2 Kings 2:9,) and Elisha (2 Kings 2:15) giving them the power and courage to perform their duties on behalf of the people of God. Likewise, all prophets are called "men in the Spirit" (Hosea 9:7.) In the Spirit, the prophets are filled with power to prophesy against the transgressions and the covenant unfaithfulness of the people of God (Michah 3:8.) "From the exile onwards the spirit of the Lord is clearly considered as the soul of the prophetic inspiration (Ezekiel 2:2; 3:24; 11:5.)" (Sacramentum Verbi). In the Messianic, post-exilic age, the Spirit of the Lord will rest fully on a future leader, presented by Isaiah as one who is filled with the Spirit of the Lord, and who will be a shoot from the stump of Jesse. "The Spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord" (Isaiah 11:1ff.) This leader will be a humble servant who will proclaim good tidings of justice to his people (Isaiah 61:1-3.)

The Old Testament Ruah is translated by the New Testament as Pneuma. Of the 377 times where the word appears in the New Testament the most common occurrence is as the Spirit of God. The Spirit of God is the main character in the story of Jesus' conception (Luke 1:35,) and is present at every major milestone in Jesus' life. The Spirit is present at the visitation to Elizabeth, where God revealed Jesus as the Messiah of the world (Luke 2:40ff.) At his Baptism, where Jesus is anointed with the

Holy Spirit and with power (Acts 10:38.) And, at the beginning of his ministry when the Spirit of God drove Jesus into the wilderness to be tempted (Luke 4:1ff.) The Spirit of God was with Jesus during his ministry when he proclaimed good tidings to his people (Matthew 12:18-21.) When he performed miracles of great healing and brought people back to life (Luke 5:17; 6:19; Matthew 12:18.) As he prayed to his Father (Luke 3:4; 5:16.) As he became engulfed by radiant light at the mount of transfiguration (Mark 9:2-13.) And, as he was raised from the dead (Romans 8:11; Peter 3:18.)

The Holy Spirit inaugurates the great mission of the risen Lord in the Church as it is poured out on thousands at the day of Pentecost (Acts 2:4ff.) This baptismal fire starts the great advance of the Christian gospel throughout the world. Through the Holy Spirit the new believers were equipped for preaching the Word of God and leading the church. As the Spirit spoke through the mouths of prophets in the Old Testament, in the New Testament age the Spirit speaks through the mouths of apostles and disciples (Acts 5:39; 9:8; 10:15.) The Holy Spirit equips the Church with power to withstand opposition and persecution, and bestows gifts to various members of the Church to speak in tongues (Acts 2:4, 11, 15,) perform miracles (Acts 9:39-42,) utter prophetic pronouncements (Acts 9:17; 20:23; Revelations 2:1,) engage in various ministries as bishops (Acts 20:28; 1 Timothy 4:12,) apostles (Acts 8:14-17,) evangelists (Acts 2:18; Ephesians 4:11,) missionaries (Acts 13:1ff,) etc. Finally, the Holy Spirit, remains with the Church guiding her into all truth, reminding her of Jesus of Nazareth, and giving her the strength to remain faithful in her journey of sanctification. The clearest expression of the Spirit's presence in the Church is through the sacrament of Baptism, but Baptism in no way limits or exhausts the power of the Spirit to continue guiding and leading the life of the Church.

The Holy Spirit remains an active and powerful force in the life of the believer even today, constantly re-energizing, re-regenerating, and re-gifting the Christian with gifts needed to fulfill the promises made at Baptism, and aiding the believer to participate fully in Christ's ministry. There are times in our lives when the Holy Spirit gifts us with special knowledge, power, or strength that makes it possible for us to live more fully into our baptismal covenant.

Beginning on April 16 from 9:00-10:30AM and from 6:00-7:30PM we will engage in a journey of discovery about the many ways in which God's Holy Spirit acts in our lives and guides us to become more fully God's people in our world. Please join us and bring friends. You will be blessed! No books are necessary. You will receive all you need at the time of the class. Call us if you have any questions. Blessings, Fr. Roldan+

Congratulations to Dr. Roldan, who successfully passed his dissertation defense today!

Lay Eucharistic visitors and Chalice Bearer training: Fr. Kang will be having a class on **Lay Eucharistic Visitors** Thursday, April 14 at 6pm and a **Chalice Bearer training** on Thursday, April 28 at 6 pm. If you would like to become a chalice bearer or lay Eucharistic Visitor, contact Fr. Kang to attend the class. He invites all current Chalice Bearers to attend his class to refresh your skills.

Wayne Blake is now back at Grace Rehab from a recent stay in the hospital. He would love visits from his friends. Grace Health and Rehab Center, 1181 Highway 19, Slaughter; office phone number is 306-0030. Try to stop by and see him.

Chancellor Reception: On April 17th after the 10:00 services there will be a reception in Jackson Hall honoring our new Chancellor Stewart Hughes and recognizing the 12 plus years that Donna Wright has served as Chancellor for the Vestry. WE want to thank Stewart for taking on this very important role and to thank Donna for ALL the countless hours she has given and done over the years. Mickey Melancon will be cooking; we will have salad, rolls, dessert and tea. Please try to come and thank them both.

Intercessory prayers are asked for Grace Church members who are ill:

Mark Armstrong, Landon Anderson, David Barnes, George Black, Wayne Blake, Russell Daniel, Cecil May Dwyer, Rob Fisher, Kent Mitchell, Tom Morris, Sara Nelson, Emile Pourciau, Penny Reinhardt, Margie Sheets, Wendell Wade, Jeremy Willis, Donna Wright, Madeline Wright.

Birthdays

Mathes Hughes, Rob Treppendahl-April 10; Sam Nicholas-April 11; Lori Griffin, Louis LeBlanc-April 12; Chip Tregle-April 13; Ann Weller-April 15; Pam Senior, Mike Williams-April 16; David Barnes, Mathilde Fox-Smith-April 17; Donnie Davis-April 18; Dr. Pat Schneider, Meg Kendrick-April 19; Sheryl Wynters, Peggy Gammill, Christian DeJean, Neal Elliott, Jr., - April 20; Pam Willson-April 21; Roberta Barrow, Matthew Skaggs, John Moss-April 22; Chris Roldan, Bryan McClendon-April 23

Wedding

Anniversaries

Wade and Diana Weller-April 10; Tim and Kathy Kane-April 14; Adam and Carly Whatley-April 18.

Other persons prayers are asked for:

Charles Barham, Mercer Barney, Walker Bell, Jolie Berry, MiMi Bornman, Leo Brown, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, Debbie Bunch, John Caruthers, Jenny Clark, Bodo & Kitty Claus, Troy Cothorn, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Desselles, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Gretchen Eppling, Jennifer Erickson, Louise Ewin, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Elmo Hegwood, Wayne Hudnall, Joel James, Lindsey Johnson, Jill Joffrion, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Paul McGuff, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, Robin Michel, Dorothy Anne Millikin, Jim Mire, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Alice Mier, Mike Morris, Randall Nachman, Emily Neumann, Ashley Palmer, Barton Platte, Susanna Prescott, Holly Price, Peter Purpera, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Gary Thomas, Glenn Thomas III, Terri Thompson, Denham Turner, Darold Whitmer, Zane Woodward.

Those serving in the armed forces: Parker Blanche, Amanda Browning, James Boucher, 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, 745th & 746th Exped Squads, 379th & 926th Exped. Support Squads.

Relay for life: Our Youth Group will be participating in the “Relay for Life” Cancer fundraiser scheduled for April 22th from 5pm to 11pm at the Sports Park Rodeo arena. One of the fundraisers is buying luminaries which are paper bags with a candle inside of them that are lined around the walking area. On them are written the names of loved one that you are honoring with their fight for cancer or memorializing that their fight is over. You can also submit a picture that will be included in a slide show that will run during the event. There will be several booths in the arena sponsored by groups that will sell food and refreshments, and games. **The Youth Group will be selling luminaries this Sunday during Coffee Hour, \$10 each. Donations will also be accepted for the team as they raise money to give to the American Cancer Society.**

Your prayers are asked for the family of Myron Hamey, father of Jeanne Morris who died last weekend. A Memorial Service is being planned at a future date.

The Diocesan Jr. High Youth Rally will be held April 15-17 at the Solomon Center in Robert. Junior High Rally is open to all 6th - 8th graders. This is a weekend designed by the Diocesan Youth Leadership Council to be a fun, relaxing retreat that combines presentations by youth, small group discussion, and worship with games, activities, music, and fellowship. Learn more and register online at: <http://www.eventbee.com/v/secc/event?>

St. Mary’s Church, Morganza, will be celebrating their 100th Anniversary on Saturday, April 23 from 4-7pm with worship and dinner on the church grounds. You are invited to join them. Call 225 638-8433 for more information.

New Church Directory: The Directory is finished! Come to Jackson Hall this Sunday to sign for and pick up your copy, 1 per family that is in the Directory.

EYC kayaking trip: The creek was high and the kayakers look like they’re getting the hang of it as teams made their way up and down the water. →



↑ The Youth Group, friends and family have their lunches packed, swimming gear on, and are eager to leave to go kayaking on Bayou Sara Creek on Tuesday, March 29th

The Youth Group went to the Tunica Falls → on Saturday, April 2 and are ready to go again!



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Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

Sunday, April 10, 2016

Acolytes: Mary Elizabeth barrow, Karina Mulkey, Emma Olsen, Lilli Higgins, Ella Corinne Howle, Clara Jane Hughes

Chalice bearers: 7:30am: Sharon Gauthier
10:00am: Maria Gerry, Mark Mulkey

Ushers: Carl Fontenot, Joseph Horn

Lectors: Heather Howle, Ellen Klein

Vestry Rep: Dr. Whatley

Altar Guild Team 2

Altar flowers: David and Coco Treppendahl

Sanctuary Candle: Sheryl Wynters

Coffee Hour: George and Ann Newton

Babysitters: Maggie Higgins, Landry Higgins

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Acolytes: Fiona Tully, James Kirschling, Charles Fox-Smith, Wyatt Olsen, Paul Opperman, Joseph DeJean

Chalice bearers :

7:30am: Bryon McClendon, Michelle Roth

10am: Landon Anderson, Sheryl Wynters

Ushers: Tony Horn, Zed Howell

Lectors: Richard and Meg Kendrick

Vestry Rep: Christian DeJean

Altar Guild Team 3

Altar flowers: Rebecca Klein Wedding

Sanctuary Candle: Klein family

Coffee Hour: Mickey Melancon & Dare Didier

Babysitters: Natasha Kirschling, Mary Willis

Easter 3

April 10, 2016

7:30am - Eucharist

8:45-9:45 - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Coffee Hour

4-6 pm -Youth Group

Easter 4

April 17, 2016

7:30am - Eucharist

(Grace and St. John's)

8:45-9:45 - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Coffee Hour

4-6 pm -Youth Group

Wednesday, April 13

9- 0:30 am - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

6-7:30 pm - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

Thursday, April 14

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship at SF Country Manor

Friday, April 15

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study

Sunday, April 17

7:30am - Eucharist

8:45-9:45 - Bible Study

10:00am - Eucharist

Reception honoring our Chancellors

4-6:00pm - EYC meetings and supper

Wednesday, April 20

9- 10:30 am - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

5:15pm - Holy Eucharist

6-7:30 pm - Bible Study on "The Holy Spirit"

Thursday, April 21

9:15am - Morning Prayer

10:00am - Worship at SF Country Manor

Friday, April 22

7:00am - Eucharist

8:30am - Lectionary Bible Study