



# Grace Church of West Feliciana Parish

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

## *Our Response to Hurricane Harvey*

I was going to write about my Sabbatical and lessons I learned during this blessed time away, but Hurricane Harvey has me thinking about the tens of thousands of victims, the numerous Episcopal churches and schools affected, the loss of billions of dollars in property, and the trauma our brothers and sisters in Houston and other parts of Texas are going through. The death toll keeps rising, more rain is in the forecast, there are people still stranded, and the potential for additional loss of life and property is still high. Sadly, it will be at least another week to two weeks before a comprehensive assessment of the damage can be calculated. For now, all we can do is continue to pray and begin to get ready to assist as soon as we can be deployed.

There are many things we will be able to do for Texas. We have parishioners who will be organizing a drive of several trucks full of supplies on the September 8th weekend. Grace will be contributing all our cleaning supplies left from our 2016 Floods, which we have in storage. We will organize a drop off day or two late next week to collect needed items from the community for this drive. Please stay alert to our mass e-mails and website updates as we firm up dates for drop offs and lists of items that are needed. We will be partnering with several Houston churches to coordinate the dropping off of these supplies.

Additionally, we will be organizing work crews to go on mission to help muck, clean, gut, and re-build homes. But, we want to time these mission trips to a bit later during the year for several reasons: There is always a rush of volunteers during the first two to three weeks of any disaster. This is called "The Heroic Response." Unfortunately, most of these groups go back home after about a month, just around the time the local infrastructure becomes more overtaxed, local volunteers are exhausted, and resources become a bit more scarce. This is what we saw in our own floods. After the end of September 2016, we had a real hard time getting local volunteers to help us because many of them had gone home to care for their own friends and relatives, and others were just too tired. So, we will wait a bit, and then start organizing trips. Another reason is that successful mission trips require time to plan, otherwise you may actually become a hindrance to the local institutions. We will do this well and we will be as effective as we can when we do it.

Now, I know that many of us want to do something now. There is this fire in our hearts when we look at the news media, and we feel we must write a check, send some money, get in our cars and drive there. I need to caution all about this. One of the lessons we learned from 2016 in Louisiana is that there were a lot of agencies and groups, thankfully not in the Episcopal Diocese, that were fundraising, asking for in-kind donations, soliciting all sorts of supplies and money, etc. Unfortunately, many of these funds were poorly accounted for, and some may not have gotten to the intended

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recipients. Our Diocese was very smart in this regard. Most of the money was sent directly to Episcopal Relief and Development or to our own Bishop's Fund at the Diocese. The Executive Board of the Diocese, our Canon to the Ordinary, and us developed procedures to spend all this money in a way that ensured accountability to the Penny, directing all funds to the people who needed them. You have read our Flood reports and the numbers of people assisted are impressive. So, I recommend that you send your money NOT to the churches directly, NOT to institutions that spend a great deal of money on overhead, and NOT to online solicitors. Send all your donations to Episcopal Relief and Development (P.O. Box 7058 Merrifield, VA 22116-7058), OR to the Diocese of Texas (1225 Texas Street, Houston, TX US 77002). Please mark all your contributions as "Hurricane Harvey Relief". For your benefit, we have built a button on the front page of our website for easy on-line donations to ERD. Please visit us at [www.gracechurchwfp.org](http://www.gracechurchwfp.org).

We also have a valuable resource we can use to help churches recover and that is expertise. I have let Episcopal Relief and Development know that I stand ready to consult with any Episcopal groups interested in developing a Volunteer-worker infrastructure, or any Direct-assistance programs with victims. We have developed impressive tools, client interview guidelines, and volunteer registration processes that might help people on the ground. I will not over-commit, but I am willing to lead a few conversations on how to set these systems in a responsible, effective, and sensitive manner.

There will be more information coming soon about specific projects we can do and ways we can assist. In the mean time, please continue to pray for the victims, the agencies that will flock to Texas to assist, government entities in charge of assessing the damage, the thousands of small businesses owners who have lost everything, and the communities, affected. Pray that healthcare, education, and social service systems may be successful and well-equipped to handle the large numbers of clients they will receive. With enough assistance and in due time Houston and the rest of Texas will recover, and the Episcopal Church stands ready to do what we do best. We pride ourselves in being one of the first churches to arrive at a disaster scene and one of the last ones to leave. As we have done in Louisiana, and other parts of the country, we will do in Texas and, together, we will be the Church God intended us to be.

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father; take your inheritance, the kingdom prepared for you since the creation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.'" (Matthew 25:34-36).

Blessings to all. Fr. Roldan+

**Congratulations** to Meg and Richard Kendrick on the birth of Thomas Matthew on August 23, weighing 7.8 pounds and 20.5 inches in length at birth.

**Coffee Hour this Sunday:** Join us this Sunday after 10:00 service for a Farewell Coffee for Fr. Peter and his wife Samantha who are moving to Santa Barbara, California at the end of the month.

**First Sunday Offering:** The Rector's Discretionary Fund receives the loose, undesignated offering on the first Sunday of the month. Please put your donation in the envelope that came with your liturgy sheets. Checks should be made out to *Rector's Discretionary Fund*.

**Men's Bible Study and Breakfast** will be on Wednesday, September 6 at 7am. **A cook is needed.** Please call Fr. Roldan if you can help out.

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

Matt Armstrong, David Barnes, Daisye Howell, Lucile Lawrason, Tom Morris, Eric Nelson, Sara Nelson, Robert Reinhardt, Dahn Savell, Kay Tengler, Eleanor Thomas, Glenn Thomas, Wendell Wade, David Walker, Jake Wray, Madeline Wright.

#### **Birthdays**

Tony Horn-Sept. 3; Susan Leake, David Beauchamp-Sept. 6; Marsha Dardenne, Chaille Lambert-Sept. 7; Zed Howell-Sept. 8; James Kirschling Sept. 6; Tab Ballard, Eleanor Peno-Sept. 12; Lindsay McGehee Young, Hamilton Willis-Sept. 13; Blake LeBlanc, Rebecca Kastl Millsap-Sept. 14; Tristan Farthing, Tom Flynn-Sept. 15; Victoria Eulaerts-Sept. 16.

#### **Wedding**

#### **Anniversaries**

Bob and Trish Toburen-Sept 5; Bill and Willia Perkins-Sept. 8.

*Other persons prayers are asked for:*

Claiborne Arbuthnot, Charles Barham, Michaela Kell Bennett, Leslie Bickham, Phillip Bowen, Leo Brown, Ben Brown, Steve Brown, Willie Bryant, Randy Bryant, John Caruthers, Jenny Clark, Kitty Claus, Bob Crowley, Sandy Davenport, Kathleen Davis, Debbie Desmar, Helen Deselles, Cathy Doslovic, Molly Douglas, Mark Ellison, Jennifer Erickson, Mark Feltner, Dennis Flynn, Matthew Gill, Roy Hardin, Parke Henderson, Wayne Hudson, Joel James, Michelle Jeansonne, Jill Joffrion, Henry Jones, Mary Jo Kaly, Cecil Kelly, Jody Lemoine, Bob Lewis, Jessica Liddle, Max, Paul McGuff, Ralph McKenzie, Laine Martrain, Kathy Drew Matter, Mary Anne McCrory, Ruby McKee, David Merritt, Robin Michel, Bill Miller, Dorothy Anne Millikin, Jimmy Mitchell, Rusty Melton, Randall Nachman, Barton Platte, Cecelia Polito, Susanna Prescott, Susan Pray, Carol Ratcliff, Tammy Riggs, Cole Rourke, Stephen Seale, Gwin Shanks, Kaizlyn Shockley, Cade Stapleton, Roland Troups, Denham Turner, Darold Whitmer, 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, 745th & 746th Exped Squads,

**Dinners** are needed for youth group for September through December. The sign up sheet is in the narthex of the church. Please help to support this great ministry of Grace Church! If you would like to sign up with someone that would be great. Also, Leslie Daniel has offered to pick up meals if you would be willing to support youth group dinners through a monetary donation. Speak to Leslie for more information. Thank you & Blessings! Meg

**The Fall Bible Study**, *Embracing an Alternative Orthodoxy*, by Father Richard Rohr, will begin on Wednesday, September 6th at 9am in Bishop Jackson Hall with a "meet and greet". Mark your calendars now for the six week study. If you have questions, please call Coco Treppendahl. Everyone is invited to join this study.

**Introducing 3 New Ministries:** We are excited to announce that we are planning 3 new ministries for Grace Church: (a) Wedding Coordination, (b) Visitors Welcome Ministry, (c) Cancer Support Group. Carol Stamey has been trained and stands ready to help us coordinate all our weddings at Grace. She and Fr. Roldan are revising guidelines, creating various forms, and tightening up various processes. Charlotte Peno and Kerry Hosford will lead our visitors ministry. They are busy creating a team and shopping for inexpensive welcome bags. Both of these ministries begin the first Sunday of October. Lastly, Nicole Pinson, a licensed clinician, will start a Cancer Support Group on the Second and Fourth Mondays of the month at 6:00pm in Jackson Hall. This support group for Cancer Patients and for those Living after Cancer will be free and confidential. It starts on September 11, 2017. Please spread the word and help us welcome these new ministries.

**EFM Class at St. Patrick's in Zachary:** Would you like to learn more about scripture, church history, our traditions, and the churches theology? If you answered yes then you should consider Education for Ministry (EFM). EFM a 4 year long course, which is offered locally and sponsored by Sewanee. The course is intended to educate lay people in order to empower them for ministry. It is really a pretty simple idea, as members of the church and body of Christ, lay people are called to engage in the work of God. EFM is intended to provide a "theological education which supports lay people in their faith and also teaches them to express that faith in day-to-day events." More information about the program can be found on EFM website, <http://efm.sewanee.edu> And, if you would like to learn more about the Deanery EFM group contact Fr. Ashley Freeman at St. Patrick's. ([Ashley@StPatsLA.org](mailto:Ashley@StPatsLA.org)) or 225 654-4091

**St. Mary's Church** will host a Country Roads Supper Club with "a taste of Emeril Lagasse's Meril Restaurant," located in New Orleans, on Sunday, October 8, 5-8pm. The three course feast by Will Avelar, Chef De Cuisine, will include hors d'oeuvres, cocktail and paired wines, to be served at sunset. There will be seating for 80 people. Tickets are \$130, with a portion benefitting St. Mary's Church and Cemetery Association. For more info, contact Sadler Ward at 225 343-3713 or by email: [sadler@countryroadsmag.com](mailto:sadler@countryroadsmag.com).

**A Note from the Philippines:** From Louisiana, to the Philippines, rice is an important crop grown all around the world. A Young Adult Service Corps missionary from our diocese, Kellan Lyman is working with the Episcopal Church in the Philippines to promote environmentally sustainable rice agriculture. In this project, small landholding farmer communities are encouraged to conserve water and reduce methane emissions through living into the Anglican Communion's 5th Mark of Mission which calls us "to strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth." Grace's Mission and Outreach Committee and our Deanery have supported Kellan. Learn more about her mission story at [KellanInThePhilippines.blogspot.com](http://KellanInThePhilippines.blogspot.com).

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## Sunday Ministry Assistants & Calendar

### Sunday September 3, 2017

**Acolytes:** Mathilde Fox-Smith, RE Barrow,  
James Kirschling, Logan Reinhardt  
**Chalice bearers:** 7:30am: Carol Stamey  
10am: Landon Anderson, Brandie Olsen  
**Ushers:** Kelly Ward, Carl Fontenot  
**Lectors:** Rucker Leake, Bill McClendon  
**Vestry Rep:** Heather Howle  
**Altar Guild Team 1**  
**Altar flowers:** Ronnie and Pat Martin  
**Sanctuary Candle:** Ronnie and Pat Martin  
**Coffee Hour:** Lynn Leak & Mary Frances Smart  
**Babysitters:** Marleigh Jaehnel, Madie Kane

### Sunday, September 10, 2017

**Acolytes:** Emma Olsen, Charles Fox-Smith,  
Ella Corinne Howle, Wyatt Olsen  
**Chalice bearers** 7:30am: Lucie Butler  
10am: Rucker Leake  
**Ushers:** Tony Horn, Zed Howell  
**Lectors:** Drew Nordgren, David Opperman  
**Vestry Rep:** Sue Steib  
**Altar Guild Team 2**  
**Altar flowers:** Zed and Rachel Howell  
**Sanctuary candle:** Richard and Meg Kendrick  
**Coffee Hour:** Chip and Christian Tregle  
**Babysitters:** Julia DeJean, Lorna Klein

### September 3, 2017

7:30am - Holy Eucharist  
Bible Study  
10:00am - Holy Eucharist  
**Farewell Coffee Hour for  
Fr. Peter and Samantha**

### September 10, 2017

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

### Wednesday, September 6

7:00am - Men's Prayer Breakfast  
9:00am - Fall Bible Study and Social  
5:15pm - Eucharist  
5 - 7pm - Youth Group

### Thursday, September 7

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

### Friday, September 8

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

### Sunday, September 10

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

### Wednesday, September 13

9:00am - Fall Bible Study  
5:15pm - Eucharist  
5-7pm - Youth Group

### Thursday, September 14

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

### Friday, September 15

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