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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Jan. 26 – Feb. 1, 2025

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a; Luke 4:14-21; Psalm 19
<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

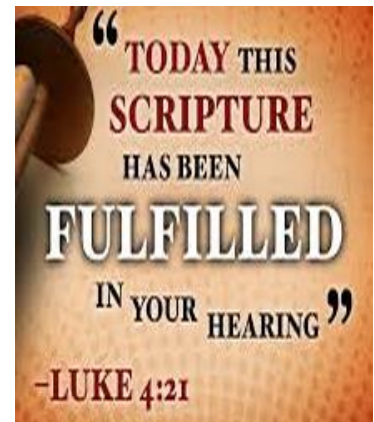
Sunday: Anniversaries: Fr. Gary & Christina Jackson
Birthdays: Delora Petteys, Sandy Skillern
8:00 am **HOLY EUCHARIST**
9:15 am Graceway Café
9:30 am Choir Rehearsal
10:30 am **HOLY EUCHARIST- *livestreamed***
10:30 am Children’s Sunday School

Tuesday:
12:00 pm BAM
12:00 pm 8:00 am Choir practice

Wednesday: Birthdays: Carol Thorne
6:00 pm **PRAYER/PRAISE/EUCHARIST *livestreamed***

Saturday: Birthdays: Lynn Hatchett, Ed Jacome,
Brandon Poarch, Leslie Wiggins
9:00 am Men’s Bible Study

Sunday’s Gospel:



Sunday’s **Altar Flowers** are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Jeff Torborg.

Sunday’s **Ambry Candle** is given to the glory of God for the Torborg family.

COLLECT for SUNDAY: Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



THIS SUNDAY, JAN. 26
STARTING IN-PERSON SIGN-UP FOR PHOTO SESSIONS ON
FEB. 25 & 26.

OUR DIRECTORY WILL NOT BE THE SAME WITHOUT YOU! We want to make it as easy as possible for everyone to sign up and get their photo taken for our new photo directory.

Volunteers will be available before and after services on Sun. Jan. 26 to schedule your photo session. We will also offer easy on-line scheduling.

We encourage all to participate so we can get to know each other better. Seeing faces and names helps build community and connections, especially for newcomers who are trying to get to know everyone.

When you can put a face to a name it is easier to reach out for help, offer assistance or share experiences.



FEB. 25 AND FEB. 26 –
PROFESSIONAL PHOTOGRAPHERS will be at GRACE
to TAKE PHOTOS for our NEW DIRECTORY.

1. There is no cost for you to get your photo in the directory and everyone receives a complimentary 8x10 photo.
2. Photo sessions will be scheduled by appointment. Scheduling starts Sun. Jan. 26
3. You may pay for additional photos.
4. Bring your kids, your grandkids and/ or your fur babies!
5. This is a great opportunity to update your family photos.
6. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography.
7. Their photographer will view your proofs with you at your session.



NEXT LUNCH BUNCH- THURSDAY, Jan. 30 at 12:00pm

We will meet at Rossi's Dinner on Ridgewood Ave. in South Daytona.

Please note that we are requesting to meet at 12 noon instead of our usual 12:30 pm.

Sign up in the narthex by Jan. 26 so we have enough seats for everyone. Their menu is here: <https://www.rossisdiner.com/>

Lunch Bunch meets on the LAST THURSDAY of each month at different local restaurants. All are most welcome.



MISSION SUNDAY, FEB. 2
São Paulo Mercy Mission -
 Proclaiming God's mercy in the heart of São Paulo.

Special Guests Rev. Stephen and Mary Dass will join us at both services and share a presentation during Graceway Café.



Rev. Stephen and Mary Dass are missionaries who have represented the Diocese of Central in Sao Paulo, Brazil since 2013. Their mission focuses on street children and youth who often face homelessness, addiction, and other hardships.

Rev. Stephen is originally from Singapore and served with Youth With A Mission in São Paulo. Mary was a kindergarten teacher in Maine when she received an invitation from a missionary to serve as a summer volunteer in Brazil. Stephen and Mary met in São Paulo and have been married since 1995.

Please give them a warm welcome.

spmercyministry.com



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5 at 6:00 pm –
NEXT HEALING SERVICE

Please join us in the chapel as we invite the healing nature of the Holy Spirit into our midst for those who seek prayer for themselves, family, or friends.

Healing services are the first Wednesday of every month offering Holy Eucharist, anointing with holy oil, and the opportunity to receive special prayers and the laying of hands by Clergy, Healing Ministry and Prayer Team members.

If you or someone you know would like to receive prayer and anointing for healing in mind, body or spirit, please know that this service is available to everyone in the community. Our hope is that it will bring peace and comfort to all.

SHARE the LOVE



**February 15, 2025
5:00 - 7:30 pm**

**Spaghetti & Meatballs by Chef Bob
Adults \$15 - Children \$10**

Bring a photo of a loved one to “Share the Love”.

Bring a chocolate dessert- get a chance
to win a prize.

Fun Fellowship Activities!



**TICKETS SALES
START
THIS SUNDAY, JAN.
26!**

Your Vestry invites
you to a fun night
of fellowship as we
“share the love”
with our Grace
Church family.

Bakers - bring a
chocolate dessert
and win a prize!

Bring a photo of a
loved one to “share
the love.”

Please join us.



ECW PLANS ACTIVITIES for 2025

ECW (Grace Episcopal Women) met
last Saturday to plan fellowship and
fundraising events for the coming
year.

All Grace Church women are
automatically members of the ECW and invited to participate in any way that they can.

On February 9 we will celebrate **ECW Sunday** and ECW President Suzanne Marcotullio will
share more details. Stay tuned!



GRACE CHURCH HUM FOOD PANTRY 2024 STATISTICS

Halifax Urban Ministries is a faith-based nonprofit dedicated to addressing food and housing insecurity in Volusia and Flagler counties.

Deb Flemming, our Grace Church HUM Pantry ministry leader, reports these statistics for our HUM pantry for 2024:

- ✚ We served 3,531 families and helped 8,209 people.
- ✚ We distributed 4,373 bags of groceries.
- ✚ We signed up 451 new recipients.

The need for supplemental food assistance in our community is great and growing. Thank you for your continued support with your time and treasure!

<https://www.halifaxurbanministries.org/>

2025 MINISTRY NEEDS MENTIONED at ANNUAL MEETING:



HUM PANTRY REALLY NEEDS YOUR HELP!

Our current group of very hard working, dedicated Food Pantry volunteers all have lifting restrictions.

If you **DO NOT** have back problems and If you **DO NOT** have any physical limitations to lifting 15 to 20 lbs., this important outreach ministry would really appreciate your help. Contact Tinny Ryder or Debbie Fleming.

WE NEED A FEW MORE ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS!

Every service begins and ends with the work of the Altar Guild. This is one of the most important ministries in any church. Please prayerfully consider volunteering your time for this essential ministry. Contact Rosie Shaw or Sue Wright.

THE 8:00 AM CHOIR NEEDS A FEW MORE VOICES – Fr. Gary noted that the members of this choir do a great job of enriching the worship experience for the whole congregation. For new church members, this is a great way to get involved and meet people. Contact Choir Director, Amy Crane.



JEFF TORBORG CELEBRATION of LIFE SERVICE held JANUARY 22

We were deeply saddened by the sudden passing of parishioner Jeff Torborg.

Jeff and Suzie have been active, devoted members of our Grace Church family since 2016 and have been familiar, smiling faces at the 8:00 am Sunday services, Graceway Café and all our social events.

A catcher, coach, manager, and then national broadcaster, Jeff spent five decades in Major League Baseball starting with 10 career major-league seasons with the Los Angeles Dodgers (1964-70) and California Angels (1971-73).

Jeff and Suzie were high school sweethearts and married for nearly 62 years. Please keep Suzie and their family in your prayers.



CHAPEL NOW OPEN BEFORE 10:30 am SUNDAY SERVICES

For those seeking quiet, peaceful solitude for prayer before the 10:30 am Sunday services, the Chapel is open for your use.



Let's Be Healthy Together!



*Lifeline Screening will be here at Grace Episcopal Church on **Wednesday, January 29, 2025**, offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health for yourself, your family, and your community, please register for these health screenings today.*

Three ways to register: Call toll-free: 1-888-814-0466 promo code HSCA001

- **Online:** <https://www.ilsa.social/hsca>
- **Text:** the word **circle** to **216-279-1607**



**VITA TAX PREPARATION at GRACE CHURCH
STARTING FEB. 4**

Volunteers from VITA will once again be at Grace Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 3:00 pm to 5:00 pm starting February 4 and ending April 10.

Appointments will be necessary. Stay tuned for further information about the appointment process.

*Northeast Deanery
Cursillo Ultreya
Friday February 21, 2025
Evening begins at 6:00 pm with potluck meal*

EVERYONE WELCOME!!!!
*St. Barnabas Parish Hall
319 W. Wisconsin Ave., DeLand 32724*



*An evening of Spiritual Renewal, Fellowship,
Praise music and Good eating!
Musicians bring your instruments!*



*For more information contact:
Nancy Tribble 386-453-3243, email: netribble@yahoo.com*

HUM PANTRY CURRENT NEEDS:

This month HUM can use donations of Chef Boyardee

GRACE CHURCH PET FOOD PANTRY NEEDS:

Dry or Wet Cat & Dog Food Dog/Cat Treats

Gallon Ziploc Slider Style Bags

For monetary donations, make checks out to "Grace Episcopal Church" with "Pet Food Pantry" on the memo line.

QR CODE FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING



Many parishioners are finding it more convenient to donate to Grace electronically. This QR code will connect you to Donor Box which accepts Google Pay, PayPal, Venmo and credit and debit cards. It is also printed on your 2024 Pledge Card. Note: this QR code is on your bulletin each Sun.



ECW EMAIL -All Grace women are automatically members of the EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW), our very active service and fellowship ministry. We maintain a separate e-mailing list to send out requests and news for specific ECW events. If you would like to be included in the ECW e-mail list, please send your name and email address to ecwgrace@gmail.com.






Vision

Grace Church is a welcoming community of hope and healing, where all can experience and share God's transforming love.

Mission

We are the Church of Open Arms.

Guiding Principles

-  Through worship, we experience the presence of God through Word, Sacrament, Music, and Community.
-  Through outreach, we serve others by providing for their physical, spiritual, and social needs.
-  Through congregational care, we express our love for one another.

Good News Daily

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Sunday, January 26

John 5:2-18 When Jesus saw him and knew he had been ill for a long time, he asked him, "Would you like to get well?" (v.6 NLT)

I was diagnosed with Tinnitus, ringing in the ears, over twenty years ago. At first, it was overwhelming. But, over time, I learned to cope with the Tinnitus.

Today, as I read this Scripture again, I was convicted. I realized that I had grown complacent in seeking the Lord's healing. I've prayed, maybe twice, for the Tinnitus to be healed. Because, honestly, I've gotten accustomed to having the constant ringing in my ears. Plus, it seemed minor compared to my other health issues.

I felt like Jesus was asking me, "Kirsten, would you like to get well?"

"Yes, I would."

I am praying that Jesus will heal the Tinnitus. He doesn't want me to cope with it or grow accustomed to it. He paid the price for all my diseases to be healed. Not just the ones I think are important.

If you haven't asked Jesus to heal something in your life because you've learned to cope with it or you don't think it is "big" enough, I invite you to join me in praying for healing today. Right now. Isaiah 47:1-15; Psalms 63:1-11, 98; Hebrews 10:19-31

Monday, January 27

Galatians 1:1-17 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ. (v.10)

I sometimes think I was born a people pleaser. I've struggled with it most of my life.

God didn't create us to please people. We were created to please God. That's why trying to please people will literally suck the life out of us. It becomes this huge burden that we carry around. It's as if we are carrying the people we're trying to please on our backs like dead weight. The more people we try to please the heavier our burden grows.

We will never be able to please other people all the time. There will always be someone not happy with what we said or did. Plus, if we're spending all our time trying to please people we will have no time to please God.

If you are a people pleaser like me, let's hand all the people we are carrying over to God. Then let's ask Jesus how we can live a life pleasing to him. Jesus promises to give rest to all who carry heavy burdens (Matthew 11:28). So, let's give him ours.

Isaiah 48:1-11; Psalms 41, 52; Mark 5:21-43

Tuesday, January 28

Mark 6:1-13 *But in the next breath they were cutting Him down: He's just a carpenter—Mary's boy. We've known Him since He was a kid. We know His brother, James, Justus, Jude, and Simon, and his sisters. Who does He think He is? They tripped over what little they knew about Him and fell, sprawling. And they never got any further. (v.3 MSG)*

My past includes behaviors like being a high school dropout, a pregnant teenager, an alcoholic, and someone who could never finish anything. I lost count of how many times I tried to change, but then fell back into my old habits. People from my “hometown” had their hopes dashed time and again.

So, you can imagine the thoughts running through their heads when I became a Christian and then enrolled in college. They wanted to have hope, but it was hard for them to not trip over what they knew about me. And once they fell, they never got any further than my past.

Jesus knew exactly how I felt because the people in his hometown got tripped up over his past too. He helped me walk through the hurt I felt when it seemed no one believed in me. And it is only with his strength that we were able to prove them wrong. With Jesus, your past is your past because he makes you a new creation and the old passes away (2 Corinthians 5:17).

Isaiah 48:12-21; Psalm 45; Galatians 1:18—2:10

Wednesday, January 29

Galatians 2:11-21 *We Jews know that we have no advantage of birth over “non-Jewish sinners.” We know very well that we are not set right with God by rule-keeping but only through personal faith in Jesus Christ. How do we know? We tried it—and we had the best system of rules the world has ever seen! Convinced that no human being can please God by self-improvement, we believed in Jesus as the Messiah so that we might be set right before God by trusting in the Messiah, not by trying to be good. (vv.15-16)*

I can make a rule out of anything. It is a special gift that I have.

Before becoming a Christian, my life was chaos. So, I determined that to do a good job at this whole Jesus thing, I better make sure that I controlled the chaos by creating order in every area of my life.

My day was scheduled by one rule after another. I had to read the Bible for a specific amount of time. I had to read a set number of devotionals each day. I had to set an alarm to pray for a pre-determined length of time. Yet, nowhere in my day did I spend time getting to know Jesus.

It was all about the rules. Being good. Self-improvement. But I was missing the key ingredient, a relationship with Jesus. Rule keeping and trying to be a better person are not bad. However, if you don't have a personal relationship with Jesus none of those things will matter.

Jesus is all about quality relationship time—not the quantity of time keeping rules.

Isaiah 49:1-12; Psalm 119:49-72; Mark 6:13-29

Thursday, January 30

Isaiah 49:13-23 *Look here. I have made you a part of Me, written you on the palms of My hands. Your city walls are always on My mind, always My concern. (v.16 The Voice)*

In elementary school, I had this paranoia of being forgotten at school. That no one would come pick me up. It made no sense because my parents had never forgotten to pick me up. Yet still, I worried about being forgotten. This concern got worse during my adolescent years. And it carried into my young adult years as well.

I remember the first time that I read the Scripture above. I felt a sense of peace completely fill me. Right there in God's word was the reassurance that I had been looking for my entire life. Jesus would never forget me because my name was written on the palms of his hands. I was a part of him. I was always on his mind and always his concern.

I don't know about you, but for me that was the best news, ever! No more worrying about being forgotten. Just the assurance that Jesus was always with me, and I was always with him.

Psalm 50; Galatians 3:1-14; Mark 6:30-46

Friday, January 31

Isaiah 50:1-11 *Each morning, it is God who wakes me and tells me what I should do, what I should say.* (v.4d)

At the beginning of 2024, I had a morning routine that I followed each day when I got up. I listened to Scripture and devotionals. I did stretches, took medicine/supplements, and ate. Then came my extensive "to do" list.

I became very dissatisfied with that morning routine. I felt like something was missing. Then the Lord placed two questions on my heart. 1) Jesus, how do you want to spend our time together today? 2) What can I do for you today, Lord?

Those questions changed everything for me. Instead of following *my* plan for *my* day it turned my focus to what God's plan was for *our* day. It had me partner with Jesus from the moment my eyes fluttered open. I began listening for his voice to direct my day.

I still sometimes must practice asking those questions because I default to doing *my* routine *my* way. Thankfully, Jesus gives me grace on those days. His plans for *our* day are always available, I just need to ask and listen.

Psalms 40, 54; Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:47-56

Saturday, February 1

Psalm 55 *Open your ears, God, to my prayer; don't pretend you don't hear me knocking.* (v.1 MSG)

When I read those verses, I get a vivid picture of a desperate child begging God to listen as he/she prays. And when He doesn't answer fast enough, the child begins knocking as hard as his/her little fists can bang on the door. Can you see the child?

I think we've all felt like that at one time. Desperate to know God hears our crying out in pain. Wanting Him to answer immediately. Hoping if we pray louder/faster that He will hear us. I know I have.

The humanness found in the Psalms is comforting. It shows me that the Lord knew we were going to feel desperate and lots of other emotions. But the best part of this psalm is that later it tells us the Lord hears us and that He will care for us.

We have the assurance that God's ears are open to our prayers, that He hears us knocking, and that He will care for us. May that bring us peace. Especially, during those times when we feel desperate like the child above.

Isaiah 51:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23

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