

**The Good News
from St. George's**



St. George's Episcopal Church

1959 Airline Drive, Bossier City, LA 71112

The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, PhD, DD, *Bishop*

The Rev. Terry Deokaran, *Rector*

Maestro Kermit Poling, *Organist/Choir Director*

Easter Season

Records show that Christians, besides celebrating Easter Sunday, celebrated a continuing Easter "season" as far back as the beginning of the third century.

Outside of Ordinary Time, it became the Church's longest season - a 50-day stretch from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday. It was not a time for penitential practices. Fasting and kneeling were not permitted. It was a time to exult in God's goodness.

Why is the Easter season so long?



It is a long season because Christians believed that the Resurrection was just too big and too important to be celebrated for only one day, or even one week.

Why 50 days...not 10, or 20?

The length is 50 days because there was already a Jewish feast called "Pentecost" (a harvest festival) which took place 50 days after Passover. When Pentecost became a Christian feast celebrating the descent of the Holy Spirit, Christians turned the time between Passover and Pentecost into the "Easter season."

The symbol of the Easter season is the paschal candle. Consider having a special candle in your home to light during these 50 days.

Happy Easter!

Mother Terry +





**ECW Spring Tea
Saturday, May 3
2:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall**



First off, let me ask: have you noticed the newly enhanced garden beds now with a beautiful premium black mulch?! It has truly made our gorgeous plants pop and bring some much-needed life to the outside of our building! I'd like to personally extend my gratitude to everyone who showed up and helped make this dream a reality. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication to making our church a beautiful place to worship and gather together!

A special thank you to Mother Terry for all of our Holy Week services and the dedication and hard work that goes into planning and arranging those services! May I just say what a beautiful Easter service we had. It's always a blessing to see the children of the church grow, be baptized and post-Easter service Easter egg hunt scramble, lol. Of course, I'm a little more partial because it was our last baptism as the parents of the baptized. But, while bittersweet, I look forward to seeing the people my children will become. They have such a wonderful church family uplifting and guiding them through their lives! Thank you all!

Jacob North
Sr. Warden





HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

5/7	Junior Wheeler
5/9	Malcom Smith
5/17	Holly Davis
5/21	Susan Anderson

Day Star Wisdom . . .

“Fountainhead” is the word I selected which sent me on a journey of discovery.

Fountainhead is individualism versus collectivism in men and women’s souls. It is a conflict between those who think for themselves and those who let others think for them.

Love is a choice not to lessen yourself so that another person can be greater, but to advance yourself so that another person can advance beside you.

If you are interested in learning more, check out the book “Fountainhead” by Ayn Rand.

Grateful member of St. George’s,

Kathy Kramer



Bridging the Gap



Rev. Avery Hamilton



Dean Woods

PANEL DIALOGUE on the Racial Impact of the Colfax Massacre

Presented by:
Together We Win Network and The Episcopal Clergy of Northwest Louisiana

Featuring:
Rev. Avery Hamilton and Dean Woods
Decendents of the Massacre
Dr. Gary Joiner, Chair Dept. of History LSUS
Thursday May 8, 2025 6:00-8:00pm

St. Mark's Cathedral
Comer of Kings Highway and Fairfield Avenue



Rev. Avery Hamilton and Dean Woods are two men from different backgrounds who have come together to honor the legacy of the Colfax Massacre, a dark event in American history that occurred in 1873 in Grant Parish, Louisiana. The massacre, which resulted in the deaths of over 60 Black men who were asserting their constitutional rights, has largely been forgotten in the mainstream historical narrative.

Save The Date



*A Day Retreat for the
Episcopal Church Women
of Western Louisiana*

Guest Speaker:
Mrs. Lisa Bortner, National ECW President

31 May 2025
9 AM - 3 PM

St. Timothy Episcopal Church
2627 Horseshoe Dr
Alexandria, LA 71301



Register for the ECW Day Retreat by visiting: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-day-retreat-for-the-episcopal-church-women-of-western-louisiana-tickets-1320541247419?aff=oddtcreator>.



Graduation Sunday: May 18, 10:30 service, honoring:

- Beth Houghes from Haughton High School
- Andrew Kerney from Naval Nuclear Power Training Command, U. S. Navy



Readings for May:

May 4, The Third Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Acts 9:1-6 (7-20)

Psalm: Psalm 30

Epistle: Revelation 5:11-14

Gospel: John 21:1-19

May 11, The Fourth Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Acts 9:36-42

Psalm: Psalm 23

Epistle: Revelation 7:9-17

Gospel: John 10:22-30

May 18, The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Acts 11:1-18

Psalm: Psalm 148

Epistle: Revelation 21:1-6

Gospel: John 13:31-35

May 25, The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Lesson: Acts 16:9-15

Psalm: Psalm 67

Epistle: Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5

Gospel: John 5:1-9

Sunday Lectionary Readings are also found online at:

<https://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Are you looking for a “calendar-y” looking calendar? Our website has one! To see it, click this link or visit: <https://www.stgeorgesbossier.org/coming-events>.

You do not have to miss a thing; you can even download church events and set reminders on your cell phone or electronic calendar!



Date	8:30	10:30	Contributions
4/6	9	28	\$4772.00
4/13	19	23	\$2091.00
4/20	21	34	\$2572.00
4/27	15	23	\$2287.00
Total	64	108	\$11,722.00
Monthly Expenses			\$16,000.00



Our last Lenten Quiet Time



Pictures from Diocesan Convention April 4-5 Alexandria



Our delegates (l to r): Cecilia O'Connor, Barbara Moore, Mother Terry Deokaran, Beth Ann Arnold, Jacob North



Bishop Jake Owensby

Lent to Easter: A Season of Transformation for our Church . . .



AND our souls!



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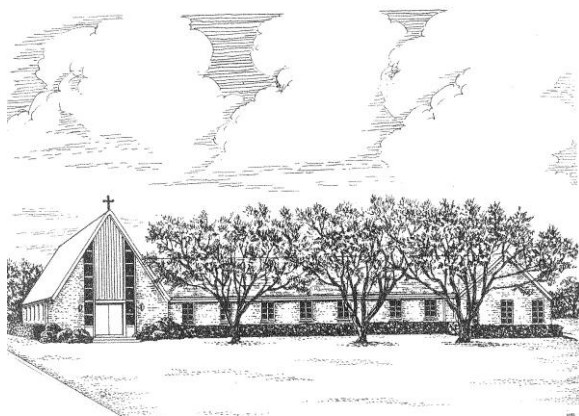
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Sundays:

8:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

9:30 a.m. Adult Study

10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist