



We believe in sharing love and grace with God and one another.



Ascension

Highlights What's Happening This Week

- Wednesday Night Live! – Wednesday, Oct 8 @ 5:15 PM

- Men's Prayer Breakfast – Thursday, Oct 9 @ 7:00 AM

- Women's Bible Study – Thursday, Oct 9 @ 12:00 PM

- EpiscoParty! – Thursday, Oct 9 @ 6:00 PM

From the Rector...

There has been much conversation surrounding the events of Saturday night in downtown Montgomery—some accusatory, some solution-oriented, and much of it rooted in deep anxiety. In today's world, our perceptions are often shaped by social media. Who we follow influences what we see, how we interpret events, and what we're willing to believe. Yet the internet and television rarely offer the full truth. As the old adage warns: a little knowledge is a dangerous thing. In the information age, I wonder just how much danger our fragmented knowledge creates.



The truth is, we each carry only a piece of the truth. Listening deeply to others—especially when their truth differs from our own—helps us gain a more complete understanding. This kind of listening requires us to take what some call “the balcony view”—the ability to see the broader context—not just our limited, street-level perspective.

When we insist on seeing only from where we stand, we narrow the world. We constrict what is possible, not just for ourselves but for others as well. Expanding our vision calls for curiosity, humility, and imagination. It invites us into a place of vulnerability—but it also opens the door to transformation and possibility.

Jesus had a gift for seeing both the suffering in front of him and the deeper truths beneath it. He didn't offer easy answers to the problem of suffering. Instead of casting blame, he revealed the shadow sides of society and invited people to imagine a different way. He taught that peace is not simply personal—it's social, even eschatological. It is part of the very kingdom of God breaking into the world.

Jesus called us to love God, love our neighbor, and love ourselves. He embodied that love through acts of healing, feeding, deliverance, and ultimately resurrection. But more often than not, he simply listened. He sat with people, saw them, and responded with a calm presence in the midst of a system ruled by fear, propaganda, and scarcity. He reminded his followers that they needed each other—and that to love others was to trust that their own needs would be met, too. This is the essence of beloved community.

Jesus also reoriented his followers toward the eternal Kingdom, not the fragile empires of this world. For him, salvation was liberation. He taught that while suffering is real, it is never the end of the story. The worst thing is never the last thing. Our hope is always in what is yet to come.

As I reflect on the mass shooting Saturday night, I share in the grief, fear, and exhaustion so many feel in the face of growing violence. But from the balcony, I also see a world full of unwell people—those who committed the violence, and those responding with scapegoating or silence. No one who is well discharges a gun into a crowded street. And no one who is well lacks compassion or refuses to understand a situation truthfully in order to make it better.

There were no inherently bad people on Saturday—only profoundly broken decisions. And those decisions don't stand alone; they reflect a broken system we all inhabit and, in some way, sustain. Until we're willing to step onto the balcony, examine our own shadows, and listen deeply to one another, we will continue to miss the fuller truth—and with it, the path toward healing and peace.

Light and Life,

Candice Frazer+

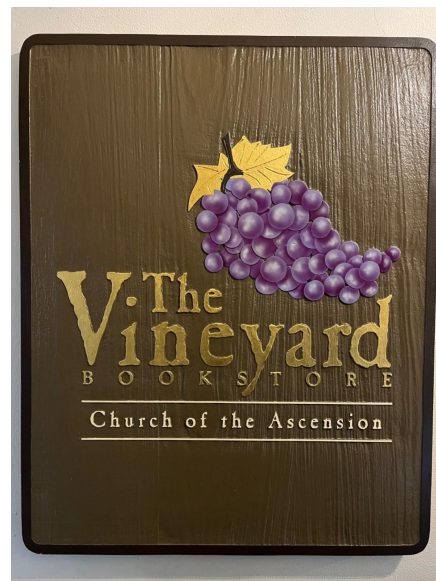
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SERVE

This Saturday!

Beans & Rice Outreach

Every 2nd Saturday – 8:30 AM
Church of the Ascension
Hull Street Parking Lot
Volunteers Needed





Aid to Inmate Mothers helps women transition from incarceration as they work to rebuild their lives and reunite with their families. We are collecting donations to support them in these efforts: toiletry items, new undergarments, gift cards (Walmart, Target, CVS, Walgreens), make-up, pajamas, and monetary donations by check or money order payable to Aid to Inmate Mothers are greatly appreciated. Help us kick off our stewardship campaign and bring these items in starting October 19th!

Saturday Sidewalk Volunteers Needed!



Blow off leaves and debris before Sunday services! Sign up below!



Graphic Novels for New Beginnings



New Beginnings would like to create a library of graphic novels to circulate among our young friends who come for tutoring on Wednesday nights. If your family has graphic novels that need a new home, please leave them in the donation box outside the children's library on the third floor!

MENU

The Youth of Ascension are looking for members of the Parish who would be willing to provide supper for EYC. If you would be willing to feed our youth on a Sunday night please click the link below and sign up for a Sunday. Thank you!!

Click [HERE](#) to sign up!

WORSHIP

Sunday Morning Schedule

Rite I Service: 8:00 AM - Nave

Breakfast: 8:30 AM - 10:15 AM - Ascension Hall

Clergy Forum - 9:15 AM - Upper Room

Rite II Service: 10:30 AM - Nave

MORNING PRAYER

8:00 AM MONDAY - FRIDAY

LIVE ON



Children's Compline! Wednesday Nights!



Tell Out My Soul

A Special Note from Your Stewardship Committee

Your Stewardship Committee is excited to announce our theme for the 2025-2026 campaign: “Tell Out My Soul” – a call to consider all God has done for us, and to respond with joyful generosity. “Tell Out My Soul” reflects the giving heart of Mary and her willingness and eagerness to serve and remain faithful, even through the unknown.

We invite you to help us jumpstart our stewardship campaign as we head into summer. As this season arrives and we find time for rest, travel, and renewal, it’s important to remember that the life of our church continues – in worship, outreach, and care for our community.

Like many churches, we often see a dip in giving during the summer months, even as our ministries and expenses remain steady. If you are able to continue your current giving or make a gift during this season, it makes a meaningful difference and helps us stay strong and consistent in our work.

Summer gives us many opportunities to “tell out” to friends, family, and the community about the good work of Church of the Ascension. Your support helps ensure that our parish continues to be a place where that story is told boldly – in word, in service, and in love.

Thank you for being part of that witness.

Your Stewardship Committee

Attention Venmo Users



As electronic payments become more widely used we ask that anyone who uses Venmo to please add a short summary of what the payment is for in the description field. We now accept Venmo for Wednesday night dinner, Sunday morning breakfast, purchases in The Vineyard Bookstore, as well as for giving. This description will help us allocate the resources appropriately. Thanks!

CONNECT



Guest speaker:

*Sister
Monica Clare*



ST. JOHN'S, MONTGOMERY

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136TH ECW

Fall Conference

Session 1:

Friday, October 17, 2025

St. John's, Montgomery

10:00 Registration

11:00 Eucharist

12:15 Lunch

1:00 Tour of St. John's

2:00 ECW Meeting & Parish Sharing

*St. John's Bookstore Open

3:30-4:30 Break

Hotel Check In & Free Time

Hotel information:

Double Tree by Hilton

Montgomery Downtown

+1 (334) 245-2320

The code is: ECW

Session 2:

Friday night

Church of the Ascension, Montgomery

4:30 Arrival

5:00 Tour of Ascension

5:30 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

6:30 ECW Welcome Reception

Wine, Hors d'oeuvres & Silent Auction

***Meet & Greet with Sister Monica Clare**

Session 3:

Saturday, October 18, 2025

Grace Church, Pike Road, Montgomery

8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:15 Tour of Grace Church

9:45 Tour of Gardens

11:00 Keynote Speaker, Sister Monica Clare

12:15 Box Lunch

***Optional Visit to Legacy Museum**

*Register
Now*



The Hospitality Committee is hosting the Diocese of Alabama ECW conference on Friday October 17th. Their keynote speaker is Sister Monica Clare (sistermonicaclare.com). She will speak at 5:30 in the nave followed by a wine and cheese in the Waldo Garden. All Ascension women are welcome. For more information call Virginia Humphrey at 334-324-1135.

Save the date: Oct. 14, Field Trip to
Peach Park and Pumpkin Patch in
Clanton. Cost is 10 dollars. Please
RSVP Fay to reserve your seat on the
bus or van. You are welcome to meet
us there. We will meet at Ascension at

11 am.



Ascensionaires



You are cordially invited
to the Celebration of New Ministry for

The Reverend Andrew Scott Brislin
Rector of St. Joseph's On-the-Mountain, Mentone, Alabama

Wednesday, November 12, 2025, at 6:00 p.m.

Clergy: Red stoles
Reception to follow

WEDNESDAY NIGHTLIVE

STAY CONNECTED AND JOIN US ON
WEDNESDAY NIGHTS!

5:15
DINNER
ASCENSION HALL

5:45
THE WORD
SMALL DINING ROOM

6:00
YOUTH ACTIVITIES
3RD FLOOR YOUTH ROOM

6:00
CHILDREN'S CHOIR
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

6:00
EDUCATION FOR MINISTRY
LIBRARY

6:45
COMPLINE
4TH FLOOR CHOIR LOFT

Dinner Menu:

Spaghetti
Garlic Bread
Salad

\$8 per person or \$20 per family!

This Thursday!



Bring a dish to share and beverages will be provided!

Opt-In for Text Notifications!



GROW

In Trouble and In Wonder
The Gospel of St. Thomas

Thursdays - 12pm
Joshua Commons

Women's Bible Study

CHERISHED
BELONGING

Men's Prayer Breakfast

Thursdays at 7:00 AM
Ascension Hall
September 18 - November 20

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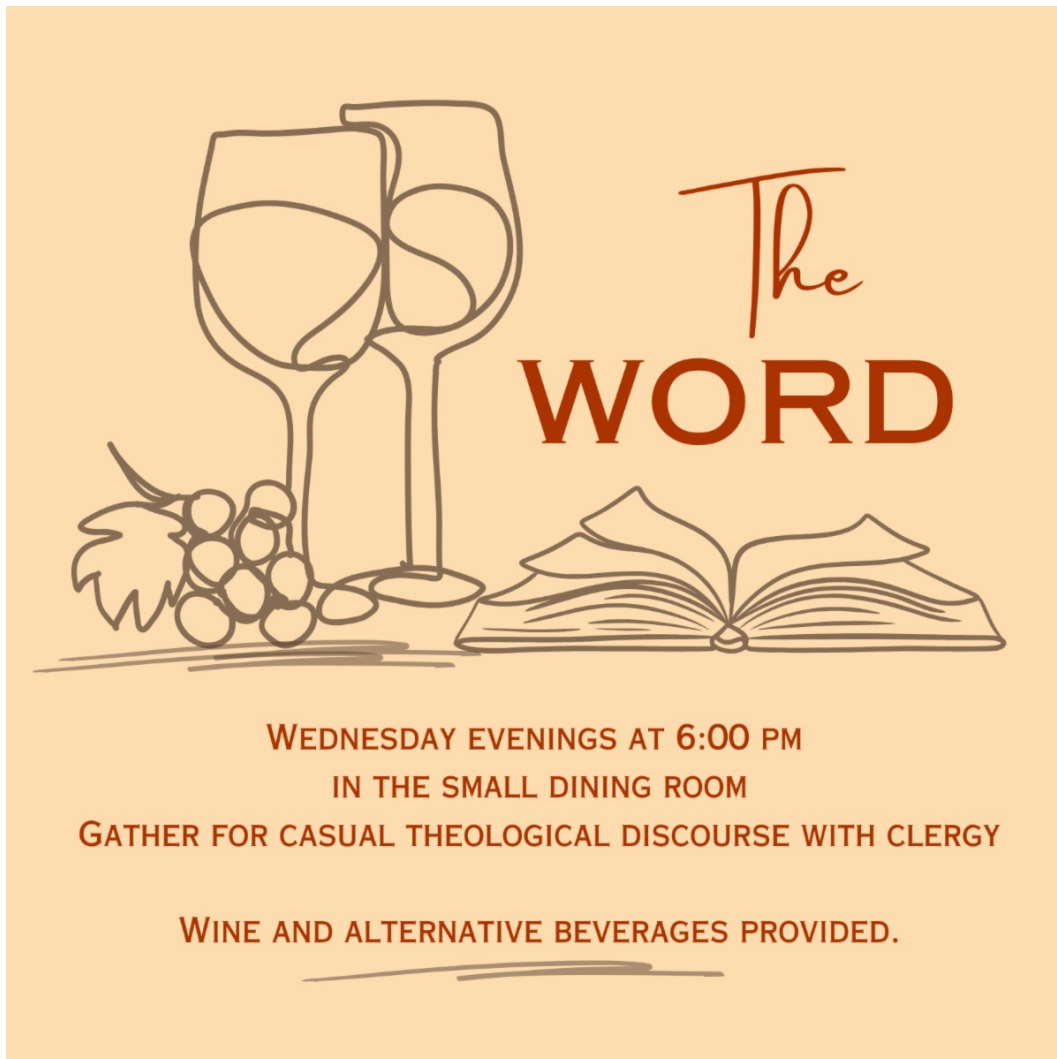
Sundays at 9:15am
Upper Room
Sep 7 - Nov 2

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THE BOOK
of
COMMON
PRAYER
101

Wednesdays at 5:45pm
Small Dining Room
Sep 10 - Sep 24

BCP 101 extended one additional week!
Prophetic Conversations with the Rabbi will start
on October 15!





THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

ART AND *Spirituality* WORKSHOP

CROSS AND CURRENTS

Like boats upon the sea, we navigate the currents of life, journeying toward a deeper connection with the divine and each other. As Jesus taught his disciples about the challenging life of love, this workshop invites us to reflect on our own journeys as we travel through still and stormy waters.

MORE INFORMATION



SATURDAY NOVEMBER 1, 2025

9:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M.

FOLLOWED BY

EVENSONG AT 4:00 P.M.

VISIT WWW.COASCENSION.ORG

REGISTER HERE



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PRAYER FOR THE ASCENSION

Almighty and everlasting Father, we stand in your presence, awed and silenced by your goodness and wisdom. We rejoice in the outpouring of your Spirit on the Ascension and our ministries. Help each of us to remember that we are walking in your sight, and that you are present with us at every moment. Through your Holy Spirit, guide us in our prayers and enable us to focus our thoughts on you, so that we may be filled with the knowledge of your will. Grant us the wisdom to ask what you would have us do; the strength and courage to carry out your work; and the grace to show our gratitude through good stewardship of your gracious gifts. We ask all things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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