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Sunday Worship: 8:30 and 11am
Christian Education: 10am
Wednesday Healing Service: 12noon

Office Hours: M– F, 8:30am-2:30pm



YOUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR:
Our Vestry and Clergy- our brother, Joseph, Julian Christopher Buuck, Stephen, Sandie Jordan, Joyce McClellan, Christopher Anglin, Lynn, Charles Lutes, Gerald Delaunay, Mary McIntosh, Lisa Bordelon, Maggie Patin, Billy Hall, Hazel, Marvin, Mary Fay Freshley, Michael Reed, Nicholas Blonski, Margret DeLarue, Catherine Elizabeth, Emily Taylor, Alison Higginbotham, Renee Reina, Dr Kerri Remmel, Rebecca Jayne, James Alan Vaughn, Sawyer Billeaud, Maddox, Louise Haddock, Father Gary Schexnayder, Miller, Nagham El Karhili, Kasey, Jack Larmier, David, Carlin Craig, Kasey, Sharon, Kristen, John Bateman, Arthur White, Lou Ann St. Julien, Sterling Lejeune, Sylvia Turner, Roxanne Myers, Andrew D., Mary Beth Tompkins, Donald Shaffer, Jack Seale, Noelle Freeland, Bart Freeland, Donna Hebert, Jim, Lazane Frost, Molly Zeringue, Jeanne Zeringue, Kevin Barry, Jan and Charles, Dusty Nassif, Ed Walker, Emily Marie, Miller King, Pat Fontenot, Paige, Alex Martin, Alicia, Maggie Johnson, Tolley Odom, Karen Anderson, Aimee White, Marion, Betsy Vigorito, Albert Freeman, Becky Slagle, Alyssa Willson, Janet Limouze, Joe and Christina, Albert Davis, Myra Tener, Susan Oglesbee, Ann Jacobs, David Snyder, Penny Immel, Janet Bernhardt, Morgan Rutledge, Jake Rushing and family, Jan Hamilton, Reese Forest, Fiona Chisholm, Ella Mitchell, Peezie Alfred, Eddie and Rebecca LeBlanc, Brooks Citron, Mary Connor, Wendy Ortego, Karen Lavalais, David, Connor, Mona Stagg, Lillie Hardy, Susan Davis, Judy Herman, Nash, Roya Parker, Perry Joseph, Gail White, Kaci Denny Green, Robert Pace and family, friends and family serving in the armed services.

Members of the Vestry

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MARCH

2024

THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

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Holy Week March 24—30

Assist us mercifully with your help, O Lord God of our salvation, that we may enter with joy upon the contemplation of these mighty acts, whereby you have given us life and immortality; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (BCP, 270)

From the Vice-Rector



The Rev. Jordan Hylden

Have you ever wanted a do-over? I played a lot of kick-ball on the elementary school playground, and if the pitch wasn't good enough (or my kick wasn't), I'd sometimes ask for a do-over. Who doesn't want one sometimes?

Every time we confess our sins to God in worship, the priest stands and declares "absolution and remission" of sin. By God's grace, we re-

solve to do our very best to change and to put right what we've done wrong.

But what about things that we can't do over? What about deep hurts we inflicted long ago, perhaps to people we can't talk to anymore? If we're honest, what matters most is often beyond our power to fix.

In Lent, we are offered so much more than a simple "do-over." We need so much more than that: like Nicodemus, what we need is to be "born again," made new in our hearts and minds and bodies. And that is what God gives us in Christ. In Christ, the burden and penalty for sin has already been borne for us, far beyond anything we could do to make things right. And his promise to make all things new gives us hope. There is no wound we inflicted that God cannot heal. We may not know how to fix it, whatever it is, but Jesus promises to wipe away every tear from our eyes. This Lent and Holy Week, I hope you hear once again the depth of God's forgiveness and love in Christ, and take heart in the resurrection hope Christ offers for *your* life.

--Fr. Jordan

Easter

7am Sunrise Service (Holy Eucharist)
8-10am Celebration Breakfast
10am Egg Hunt
11am Festal Eucharist of the Resurrection

Join us at the pavilion for the egg hunt, divided by age, and the flowering of the cross. YOUTH are requested to help hide the eggs!

Holy Week

Palm Sunday 8:30 & 11am
Children are encouraged to be in the Narthex at 10:45am to lead the Palm Sunday Procession

Maundy Thursday 6pm
Service of Foot washing, Eucharist and the Stripping of the Altar

Good Friday Liturgy 12pm

Children & Family Ministries



After seven years as coordinator for Children and Family ministries, Angelle Adams stepped down in February. We heartily thank Angelle for her leadership and ingenuity in building this community and ministry through Sunday School, fundraisers, and fellowship.

We now welcome Susen Brown, who is also a staff member at Ascension Episcopal School and a parishioner, as our new coordinator starting this month. She served on staff at Asbury UMC from 2003-2009 as their Children's Ministry Coordinator, and started at Ascension as a Christian Studies teacher in 2009. She and her husband Wade joined the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in 2012.

"It's both humbling and amazing to think of the capacities I have had at Ascension since 2005. First as a Blue Gator parent, then as a Christian Studies teacher, our conversion to parishioners, becoming a lay leader, and now this wonderful opportunity to join the church staff. I am beyond blessed and excited in my commitment to continue making a difference in the lives of the families we serve." -Susen



coffee with a cleric

MARCH

5 - The Rev'd Jordan Hylden
12 - The Rev'd Honey Becker
19 - The Rev'd Jordan Hylden
26 - OFF for Holy Week

CC's on Johnston

LENTEN DINNER & DISCUSSION: THE SEVEN HEAVENLY VIRTUES

5:30pm + Coughlin Hall + Dinner Provided

Feb 21: JUSTICE
Feb 28: TEMPERANCE & FORTITUDE
Mar 6: PRUDENCE
Mar 13: FAITH & HOPE
Mar 20: LOVE

Led by Fr. Jordan

Lenten Rector's Forum: The Seven Deadly Sins and How to Avoid Them

10am, Sundays, Coughlin Hall

Feb 18: Pride
Feb 25: Greed
Mar 3: Wrath
Mar 10: Envy
Mar 17: Lust and Gluttony
Mar 24: Sloth

Women's Bible Study

Tuesday nights at 6pm, join Mtr. Emily and women of Ascension church and school to study Scripture and break bread together. We're moving through the Gospel of Luke this year, and it's turning out that the episodes of Holy Week and the crucifixion will be lined up with our liturgical calendar in a powerful way! Come and enjoy food, fellowship, and the Holy Spirit's presence. Open to women of all ages, 16 and up.

Every **Tuesday at 4pm**, you are invited to meet for a cup & casual conversation with your clergy at **Community Coffee House** - Corner of S. College & Johnston Streets

From the Treasurer

The Vestry members are busy at work trying to keep our facilities in good working order. Last year we had to replace two AC units and did so within the constraints of our 2023 budget. For this upcoming year the vestry was fully aware of the need to replace two more units that are at least 20 years old; therefore, it was decided to dedicate funds specifically for the maintenance and repairs of the aging church facilities.

Sadly, the vestry was notified last week that one of the AC units was beyond repair. The new unit will be installed in the coming days and the dedicated funds previously set aside are now depleted. Whenever a need has arisen, Ascension church members have always been very generous, and it is our hope that this trend will continue. The Church of the Ascension has relied on the support of its members and would be most grateful if you would consider donating to the Building and Grounds fund which is dedicated exclusively to the maintenance and repairs of the aging church facilities.

Gratefully,
Joan Martin, Treasurer

Men's Bible Study

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS, ABACUS
(MARCH 6 & 20 12:15PM)

2ND AND 4TH WEDNESDAY, HUB CITY DINER
(MARCH 13 & 27, 7:45AM).

Ascension Men will serve lunch at St. Joseph's Diner on March 28th. Contact Louis Simon or George Arceneaux for more information.

NOTE: There will be no Book Club this month due to Holy Week.

Outreach

LaAID thanks the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, the Ascension Outreach Ministry, and the Ascension Parishioners for the coats, women and men's clothing, backpacks, and monetary contributions that were given this past year. The immigrants' gratitude for Ascension's gifts is deep and heartfelt!



In 2023, LaAID was able to help 6,776 immigrants, 1717 in Lafayette alone. This past year, LaAID volunteers drove more than 23,000 miles (5000 in Acadiana), and expended more than \$135,000 in helping immigrants in Louisiana, primarily in the temporary shelter LaAID runs in Shreveport. Because LaAID is funded solely with private donations and grants, the support of Ascension Church and its Parishioners is a much-needed blessing.

If you are interested in volunteering for this ministry and/or donating to LaAID, please contact Deacon Honey Becker or Susan Simon at 337-654-4507. Thank you all again!

FESTIVAL INTERNATIONAL de Louisiane

Our annual car park for Festival International is upcoming. This is a major fundraiser for the Outreach Committee and these funds are used to finance a large portion of our outreach to the community and beyond. Please contact Rev. Honey Becker or a member of the Outreach Committee for a day and time to serve with us. This event is not only a fundraiser but is a wonderful opportunity to socialize with others.

THURSDAY, APRIL 25 - 5:00-8:00pm
FRIDAY, APRIL 26 - 5:00-8:00pm
SATURDAY, APRIL 27 - 10:00am -8:00pm

Our Lenten Offering
Reaching the Pygmies Ministry
Palm Sunday