

## Epiphany Civil Rights Pilgrimage

Epiphany parishioners will travel to Alabama August 13 – 18 for immersive learning about events in Alabama and throughout the South in the 1950s and 60s that culminated in the ultimate passage of the 1964 National Civil Rights Act and the 1965 National Voting Rights Act. On this five-night pilgrimage, you'll learn how each event, from the day in 1955 when Rosa Parks refused to give up her seat on a bus in Montgomery to the 1965 Selma to Montgomery March, moved the arc of the universe a little closer to justice. We will be guided by the Living Legacy Project, a faith based non-profit organization that focuses exclusively on providing pilgrimages and other experiential education about the American Civil Rights Movement.

### **Trip highlights:**

In Birmingham we will visit the Civil Rights Institute, which highlights civil rights history in Birmingham, known as “Bombingham” during the Civil Rights Movement due to the 50 dynamite explosions that occurred in the city between 1947 and 1965. We will meet with the son of slain civil rights worker Viola Liuzzo, a Detroit mother of five called to the South to work in the movement and killed by the KKK while transporting marchers. We will visit Zion Church, where Alabama state troopers attacked voting rights marchers on February 18, 1965, resulting in the death of Army veteran, deacon and activist Jimmie Lee Jackson.

Then on to Selma for a guided tour of Selma by a Civil Rights veteran for a first-hand account of Selma’s involvement in the civil rights struggle. We will walk across the Edmund Pettus bridge, the site of the brutal Bloody Sunday beatings of civil rights marchers, including John Lewis, during the first voting rights march from Selma to Montgomery.

We will follow the 54 mile trail of the historic march to Montgomery, starting at the Brown Chapel AME Church in Selma, and stopping on the way at the Lowndes Interpretive Center (National Park Service site dedicated to the marchers) and at the Viola Liuzzo Memorial.

In Montgomery, we will visit the Dexter Avenue King Memorial Parsonage Museum, Dr. King and his family’s residence between 1954 and 1960. We will take a driving tour of the city including the Dexter Avenue Baptist Church and the Alabama State Capitol (destination of the Selma to Montgomery march).

We will visit the Rosa Parks Museum and tour the Civil Rights Memorial and Center. We will visit the Legacy Museum and National Memorial, which provides a comprehensive history of the legacy of slavery and the brutal story of racial lynching in the United States.



Sculpture at the Legacy Museum and National Memorial

On our last day we will return to Birmingham and visit the Sixteenth Street Baptist Church where a bomb killed four young girls at the start of church services in September 1963. We will attend a church service at the Bethel Baptist Church, bombed in 1956, 1958 and 1962. We will visit Kelly Ingram Park and walk through emotionally powerful sculptures depicting the Civil Rights struggle. This was an assembly spot for civil rights activists and the site of a May 1963 police attack on demonstrators, including children.

**Travel Details:**

August 13: Fly to Birmingham and check into hotel

August 14-17: Birmingham, Montgomery, Selma

August 18: Birmingham and fly out late afternoon

**Cost:**

Double Occupancy \$ 2318

Single Occupancy \$ 2746

Triple Occupancy \$2175

**Your deposit of \$1,000 reserves your spot. No refunds.** (Unless you find someone to take your place.) **Balance due: May 15, 2024. Space is limited!**

Included	Not Included
Bus and driver	Transportation to and from Birmingham and hotel
Five nights lodging (Single, Double or Triple Occupancy)	Meals on the first travel day
Five breakfasts and lunches; four dinners	Housekeeping staff tips and souvenirs
Speakers' honoraria; compensation and travel costs for Living Legacy staff; room rentals for programs	

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