

AROUND THE PARISH

as of March 1, 2016

St. Alban's seeks to be a welcoming, Christ-centered community,
committed to sharing Christ's love, empowering people to grow spiritually,
deepening our relationship with Christ and living out our faith in the community and the world.

COMING EVENTS

- 3/1 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
6:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, PH
7:15pm, Prayer Beads, Annex
- 3/2 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Soup Supper/Lesson, PH
- 3/5 11:00-5:00pm, Private Party, PH
- 3/6 3:00pm, Keith Oles Memorial
- 3/7 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 3/8 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
7:00pm, Vestry, PH
- 3/9 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Soup Supper/Lesson, PH
- 3/12 1:00-4:00pm, Eagle Scout Ceremony,
PH and Kitchen
- 3/14 6:30pm, Girl Scouts, SS
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, PH
- 3/15 10:00-11:30am, Bible Study, PH
- 3/19 10:00am, Church Yard Clean-Up
With the Boy Scouts
(PH = Parish Hall; SS = Sunday School)

PLANNING AHEAD

- +March 2, 9 & 16, Evening Prayer at
6:00pm, followed by Soup Supper at
6:30pm; 7:00 Lesson and Discussion
- +March 20, Palm Sunday, 8:00am/10:30am
- +March 23, Tenebrae, 7:00pm
- +March 24, Maundy Thursday Eucharist
and Stripping of Altar, 7:00pm
- +March 25, Good Friday, Evening
Prayer, 7:00pm
- +March 27, Easter Sunday, 8:00am/10:30
- +August 7, ST. ALBAN'S PICNIC

MEMORIAL SERVICE: KEITH OLES

A memorial service for our brother Keith Oles will be held at St. Alban's Episcopal Church on Sunday, March 6, 2016, at 3:00pm. Fr. Greg Peters will officiate the service, and a reception will follow in the Parish Hall.

HOW YOU CAN HELP THE REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT OFFICE

The Diocesan Refugee Resettlement Office has welcomed around 25 new refugee families in the last two months. While it is exciting to welcome these people into Washington, it was more than were expected, and your help is needed. One of the biggest things to help refugees settle into their new homes and lives is to have a job. There are two ways you can assist the refugees in getting jobs.

1. Be A Buddy

The Diocese is looking for people with flexible free time to partner with a refugee to help them get a job. This involves helping them find and submit online applications and driving them to and from interviews. You need not be a job search expert, just a friend! If you can volunteer, please call Kyle Wilke at 206-323-3152.

2. Are You Hiring?

The Refugee Resettlement Office helps match refugees with jobs. If you have a job opening, the Diocese would love to hear from you. To help support refugees best, it is asked the role be full-time (or close to it), permanent or long-term (preferred), and declared.

The Syrian Refugee Appeal is up and running, and all donations are appreciated. With a larger than expected number of families arriving, all donations help! This appeal is the recipient of St. Alban's first quarter outreach (3rd week basket collection). You can donate to this cause anytime through March – just indicate "Outreach" on your donation check or put cash in an envelope marked "Outreach."





Lenten Devotionals

Journey with us, O God, as we begin our way to the cross. Sharpen our focus, that our attention may center more on you than ourselves. Lead us through the shadows of darkness and prepare our hearts, that we might be a people of prayer, ready to perceive and respond to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen

Most merciful God whose Son, Jesus Christ, was tempted in every way, yet was without sin, we confess before you our own sinfulness; we have hungered after that which does not satisfy; we have compromised with evil; we have doubted your power to protect us. Forgive us our lack of faith; have mercy on our weakness. Restore in us such trust and love that we may walk in your ways and delight in doing your will. Amen.

Journey to the Cross
Providence Church, Austin, TX



WEDNESDAY NIGHT LENTEN PROGRAM and SOUP SUPPERS

February 17 through March 16, 2016;
6:00pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm Soup Supper; 7:00pm Lesson & Discussion

Join us for St. Alban's Wednesday Night Soup Supper and Lenten program, which continues through March 16. This year we are

offering Evening Prayer at 6:00pm, followed by our Soup Supper and discussion.

St. Alban's own Jeff Tobin and Eric Hanson will lead our Lenten lesson and discussion. It will be based on the following daily devotional. If you wish to expand your Lenten Journey to a daily practice in addition to our weekly journey together, you can find the full program at

<http://blogs.thegospelcoalition.org/tgc/files/2013/02/Journey-to-the-Cross.pdf>.

Expect this program to stretch your heart and mind and soul as only God can do. Come and join us for prayer, fellowship and faith formation.

Please sign up in the Narthex to bring food to share, as you are able – not required, just appreciated. Questions? Contact Carrie Cone at 206-367-7402 or cmcone@uw.edu. Everyone is welcome!



“JOURNEY TO THE CROSS”

(from Readings and Devotions for Lent,
Providence Church, Austin, TX)

The death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are at the very heart of Christianity. The good news of the gospel is that God has acted in history to conquer evil and reconcile sinners to himself through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. For those who have been united with this Jesus – who have submitted to Him as savior and Lord – have been united with Him in the likeness of His death and will one day be united with Him in the likeness of His resurrection (Rom. 6:5). Lent, therefore, is about living out of union with, and identity in, Christ. Lent is first and foremost about the gospel making its way deeper into our lives.

On the Christian calendar, Lent is the forty days beginning on Ash Wednesday and lead-

ing up to Easter Sunday. Sundays themselves are not counted in these forty days, as they are generally set aside as days of renewal and celebration (“mini-Easters” of sorts.)

The number forty carries great biblical significance based on: the forty days of rain Noah and his family endured in the flood, the forty years Israel spent in the wilderness, Jesus’ forty-day fast in the wilderness, the forty days Jesus spent on the earth after his resurrection, and so much more. Forty days has been used by God to represent a period of trial, testing and preparation.

Likewise, Lent is a season of preparation and repentance during which we anticipate the death (Good Friday) and resurrection (Easter Sunday) of Jesus. It is this very preparation and repentance – aimed at grasping the intense significance of the crucifixion – that gives us a deep and powerful longing for the resurrection, the joy of Easter.

As the title of this devotional suggest, Lent is a journey to the cross: meditating on our sin and weakness, looking to Jesus as our perfect example and substitute, and being heightened in our worship of his victory over Satan, sin and death. On the cross, Jesus took our place to appease God’s righteous anger toward our sin and rebellion. He was separated from God so that we could experience union with God. He was crushed by God so that we could be adopted by God. He was raised with God so that we too might be raised with God. The drama of how this unfolded is the story of Lent.

The journey of Lent is to immerse ourselves in this grand story so that it might increase our appreciation of Easter and love for Jesus. May we mourn the darkness in our hearts and rejoice in the light of God who came into the world to save us!



EDMONDS INTERFAITH GROUP ON CLIMATE CONTROL

A new group is forming of South County residents interested in climate action from a moral point of reference. They are calling themselves “Interfaith Climate Action,” and they meet monthly at Edmonds United Methodist Church.

So far, there are representatives of that church (spearheaded by Chair Gayla Shoemaker), Holy Rosary Catholic Church and the Universalist Unitarian Church of Edmonds. Rev. Dick Gibson is a member of the group and is reaching out to other churches in South County, to see if there may be interested members on staff or in the congregation who would like to be included.

If you are interested in being a representative from St. Alban’s, please contact Maryellen Young so she can coordinate this outreach

More information is available on their website via Facebook – www.facebook.com/InterfaithClimateAction/Edmonds



JANUARY FINANCIALS

January income was almost right on budget. Although expenses appear to exceed budget, the budget results don’t reflect a priest salary and benefits, so the budget figure is understated. Net income exceeds budget for the month.

Income (actual year-to-date):	\$12,728
(budget year-to-date):	13,164
Actuals Minus Budget	(\$436)
Expense (actual year-to-date):	\$9,439
(budget year-to-date)	\$7,398
Actuals Minus Budget	\$2,041
<i>Income Minus Expenses</i>	<i>\$3,289</i>

SPRING WORK PARTY

On Saturday, March 19, there will be a Spring Work Party to spruce up the church grounds. Our Boy Scout Troop 300 will be helping, and volunteers from the parish are needed!! With the many windy storms this year, there are a lot of small branches to be picked up, and raking and other clean-up actions are needed. The clean-up will begin at 10:00am. If you have questions, please contact Lee Forsberg.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS:
ST. ALBAN'S ANNUAL PICNIC
TO BE HELD ON
AUGUST 7, 2016,
EDMONDS PARK, KITCHEN #1**



DONATIONS FOR EASTER BASKETS

There is a basket in the Parish Hall to collect candy to be used for the Easter Egg Hunt. Each bag of candy should contain individually wrapped pieces. Donations need to be received by March 20th.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

March 6 – Lent 4

Ambassadors for Christ. We may smile when we hear that term, but indeed, the dictionary says that ambassador means, among

other things, “an authorized representative or messenger.” Through our Baptism, God has made us his representatives and messengers. Faithful stewards take that designation seriously!

March 13 – Lent 5

“The Lord has done great things for us, and we are glad indeed.” We show our gratitude for the many gifts God gives us by learning to know him better through prayer and study, by supporting the work of this parish, the diocese and the world, and by being present at worship, not only to be filled ourselves with His grace and nourishment through the Eucharist, but to offer support and encouragement to others who join us on this journey.

March 20 – Palm Sunday

Psalm 31:16 says *“Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me.”* And our ever-loving God reaches out with all his mercy, time after time, to bring help and consolation to those who put their whole trust in Him as faithful stewards of his blessings and gifts.

March 25 – Good Friday

The stories told at the Easter Vigil repeat time after time, the many ways in which God has entered the lives of His people in saving and grace-filled manifestations. And he has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our daily lives of discipleship. *Alleluia!, Alleluia!*

March 27 – The Feast of the Resurrection

Psalm 118 ends *“On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”* May we strive to be rejoicing stewards not only in the Easter season, but the whole year through – always thankful and grateful for our many blessings. *Alleluia! Alleluia!*



WORSHIP SCHEDULE

March 6

Joshua 5:9-12, Psalm 32

2 Corinthians 5:16-21, Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

March 13

Isaiah 43:16-21, Psalm 126

Philippians 3:4b-14, John 12:1-8

8:00 Lector: Shannon Duggan

EM: Howard Hayden

10:30 Lector: Claudia Walker

EM: Mary Fowler

March 20 – Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a, Psalm 31:9-16

Philippians 2:5-11, Luke 22:13-23:56

8:00 Lector: Sharon Joy

EM: Jeff Tobin

10:30 Lector: Barbara Lagozzino

EM: Claudia Walker

March 23 – Tenebrae

7:00pm Maryellen Young

March 24 – Maundy Thursday

7:00pm Lector: Susie Nichols

EM: Reilly Mannery

March 25 – Good Friday

7:00pm Dan Mullene

March 27 – Easter

Isaiah 65:17-25, Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43, Luke 24:1-12

8:00 Lector: Howard Hayden

EM: Shannon Duggan

10:30 Lector: Shirley Clark

EM: Reilly Mannery

Also serving as Crucifer/Acolyte

1st Sunday at 10:30: Sam Wells

Other Sundays at 10:30: Emily Goergen

*Humility is not thinking less of
ourselves;
it is thinking about ourselves less
often.*

C. S. Lewis

WHO TO CONTACT:

The person(s) to contact about putting an article in the ATP or the bulletin are as follows: Judy Kistner or Susie Nichols for the ATP and John Lehrack for the bulletin.

Please send your information to the office via email or contact the above.

ATP articles need to be received by the 12 or 26 of each month. Articles for the bulletin need to be received by Tuesday each week.