

AROUND THE PARISH

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.



November 4, 2022

SUNDAY – November 6, 2022

10:30am, Sunday Eucharist on Facebook/YouTube

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services for those fully vaccinated

All Saints and Ingathering

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom - Class is continuing to study Gospel of Mark

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNbmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

NOTE: No Facebook account? Watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on Facebook



Fr. Greg Peters

Two Reminders

Daylight Savings Time ends this Saturday

Set your Clocks, Watches, and Circadian Rhythms back an hour.

Only our service times remain the same; the clocks will have changed!

Vote, Vote, Vote!

(well, really only once)

Election day is Tuesday, November 8

Ballots must be postmarked by the end of that day to count.

By now you will have received the Constant Contact outlining our revised Covid Protocols. Here they are in a nutshell:

- Masking is no longer required, but it is strongly recommended.
- One exception, because we sing with such gusto, **we will continue to mask while we're singing.**
- Because we no longer require masking, it will be more important to observe and maintain safe distances (6 feet).
- Those entering the building are no longer required to sign in.
- We will continue to be vigilant about handwashing.

As I've said before, at least for now, I will continue masking much of the time especially when praying the Eucharistic Prayer and while distributing Communion. The reason in the first instance is simply because I have to project my voice and the Eucharistic Elements are directly under my big mouth! In the second, I speak the prayer "The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven" so close to your faces.

I really do not like wearing a mask, but I dislike even more the possibility of sharing the germs I may

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

11/5 8:00am-2:00pm, Private Event, Parish Hall

**11/7 6:30pm, Worship Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall**

**11/8 2:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, Parish Hall
6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom**

**11/9 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
6:00pm, Evening Prayer**

11/10 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

11/11 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Annex

**11/16 6:00pm, Evening Prayer
6:30pm, Soup Supper
7:00pm, Program**



be exposed to from the various people and groups I interact with during the week.

We will continue disturbing Communion as we have since we resumed in-person worship.

Okay, on to other things.

There are several events coming up this month that I'd like you to be aware of.

First, this Sunday is our Ingathering Blessing. If you haven't already, please prayerfully make your pledge and bring it in. Our pledges, our generosity, make possible the ministries and works of faith that God has given this congregation.

Second, the Worship Committee, Vestry, and Finance Committee have meetings this week. Please pray for these groups as they plan respectively for the Advent/Christmas/Epiphany seasons; for the business, direction, and ministries of the congregation as we transition into 2023; and for allocating the resources you have entrusted with us.

Third, the fun and enrichment of our faith lives continue after Halloween, All Saints, and All Souls days. **Wednesday, November 16** is our next **Soup Supper**. Beginning at 6:00pm with Evening Prayer, the night continues with a feast and the next installment of **Being Episcopalian 101**. Come for lively discussions as we try to unravel the bird's nest of our worship, theology, and culture. Come and find out why Episcopalians are so joyful.

The fun, fellowship, and feasting continue on **Wednesday, November 23**, as we celebrate **Thanksgiving Eve**. Again, beginning at 6:00pm, we'll worship with a simple Eucharist and follow it up with a meal of hearty finger food – absolutely devoid of any traditional Thanksgiving fare – to strengthen you for the kitchen and entertaining onslaught of the following day.

Fourth, Saturday, **November 1**, is the **Mission to Seafarer's Ditty Bag Stuffing** event. There's still time to donate hats, socks, candy, toiletries, cards, writing implements, and such before then. The event, though, is a hoot. I hope you'll be able to come down to my neck of the woods and join in this labor of love and camaraderie at St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church. Please note – the West Seattle Bridge is reopened, making getting to St. John's MUCH EASIER!

Lastly, we are nearing the end of the liturgical year. November 20 is Christ the King Sunday and November 27 is the first week of Advent. Prepare, prepare, Oh Zion!



INGATHERING & ALL SAINTS DAY

Sunday, November 6, is Ingathering Sunday when we celebrate the ministries, mission, and witness of our congregation with our commitment to the ongoing work of gathering, nurturing, forming, raising up, equipping and sending out the saints of this time and place – which is all of us.

Please bring your pledge cards to be placed on the altar for our prayers of thanksgiving and dedication. If you turned in your card earlier, it will already be included.

This Sunday is also All Saints Day, and you are invited to bring a photo or memento of a loved one for inclusion on the altar as we celebrate and honor them.

O Merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: Make us always thankful for your loving providence, and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer



SOUP SUPPER COMING UP

Wednesday, November 16, is the date for our next Soup Supper event. Evening Prayer begins at 6:00pm, soup supper at 6:30pm, and the program at 7:00pm. Fr. Greg will continue the analysis of Episcopal/Anglican Traditions Part 2.

Please use the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall to indicate if you are able to contribute soup, salad, bread and/or dessert. We will also need a couple of people to help set-up/serve and to clean-up at the conclusion.

There will not be a soup supper in December as the third Wednesday is too close to Christmas. We will resume on January 18, 2023, for Part 3 of Greg's presentations.

CHASE LAKE CHRISTMAS GIFT CARD DONATIONS

Our congregation is very generous in support of Chase Lake Community School. Several years ago, Jim Nichols initiated our Chase Lake Christmas Card drive for the benefit of the school's families. Holidays can be very difficult for families who live below the poverty line.



Gift cards from Fred Meyer, Winco or Walmart enable families to purchase

foods, clothes, gifts, etc. These gift cards will be included in Christmas baskets in December.

Please donate gift cards by **Sunday, December 11**. Gift cards received after that date will be used for families in need.

Our preference is to receive gift cards that can be directly given to the school. You can also donate money; however, because of timing, money will go to support the backpack program later. Designate your donation as "Chase Lake" on the memo line of your check. You can also put cash in an envelope and label the envelope "Chase Lake." Place your name on the envelope so we can give you credit for your contribution.



MASK-WEARING MODIFICATIONS

Fr. Greg has been consulting with the medical members of our congregation, as well as watching the statistics and recommendations in the various press.

Beginning the first Sunday in November, the 6th, masks will no longer be mandatory for attending church services and functions. They are, however, still highly recommended. Maintaining social distancing is still a requirement when seated for church, when singing, and when waiting in the line for communion. Washing of hands is still a vital part of being safe from viruses or flu.

We all share the same desire to be safe ourselves and to keep each other safe. Adding the flu season to the Covid mix encourages us to carefully consider how we can take good care of ourselves and others.

"ABOMINABLE INDULGENCES"

*"For every pfenning that falls into the pot,
Another Soul flies up to Heaven"*

According to old English tradition, granting indulgences was a practice whereby people, for a price, could help their departed loved ones pass on from Hades or Purgatory on their way to Paradise. It was a way to build up the church, with all proceeds going into the church coffers (so they say).



Thanks to Fr. Greg, the very tasty "soul cakes," he made from scratch, and his encouragement to the congregation, \$336.10 was collected

which would have given a lot of souls the chance to fly up to a better life.

In this case, these Sunday coffee hour contributions went to Episcopal Relief and Development (ERD) for the early childhood educational opportunities, via the 1000 Days of Love Program.

Thanks for the history lesson and the taste of a good English "cake."



Photo by Maryellen Young

Gotcha! Here's another one of those behind-the-scenes angels who kindly and graciously stopped by church to take on a task. Jeannie Burpee was seen trimming in the front garden this past week. She has also been spotted on another occasion raking leaves from the back walkway. Many thanks to Jeannie!



COAST SALISH WELCOMING FIGURE AT EDMONDS WATERFRONT CENTER

Jim Gilman was one of the estimated 150 community members who gathered on Friday, October 28th at the Edmonds Waterfront Center to be part of the formal dedication and awakening of the newest piece of public art to grace that facility.

Carved from a cedar log by Coast Salish artist and woodcarver Ty Juvinel, it depicts a grandmother presenting a rattle to her granddaughter, symbolizing the passing of culture between generations. Placed in front of the main doors to the center and oriented to face west in the direction of the Tulalip lands, its outstretched hands convey a traditional Coast Salish welcome, inviting visitors to land on the beach, come inside, and celebrate with the community.

Welcoming figure awakening ceremony celebrates bond between Edmonds Waterfront Center, Coast Salish people - My Edmonds News



WILLS AWARENESS WORKSHOP

**Where There's A Will, There's A Way:
Making End-Of-Life and Legacy Decisions
November 19, 9:30am , St. Marks Cathedral**

Please join Bishop Rickel and end-of-life and legacy planners from the diocese in a workshop focused on creating a legacy of love and hope. At this workshop, clergy members, attorneys, and financial planners will discuss the benefits of pre-planning. Attention will be

given to the framework of wills, tools for planning your estate, and preparing for your last chapter of life. The aim is to provide you with an orientation to wills and set you on a concrete path to prepare, draft, and complete your critical final documents.

Where There's a Will, There's a Way - The Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (ecww.org)



St. Alban's Episcopal Church,

We are so grateful to receive your donation of \$767.54 on October 14, 2022. Thank you! Your contribution is vital to our work. You are helping those who have run away from home, living on the streets, living with unsafe people and situations, and/or physical and mental abuse. Because of donors like you, our participants have a safe space to call home. Your donation helps provide needed programs for residents while living at Housing Hope.

Nate Greenland, Housing Hope



Thanks to those who contributed items to the Seafarers holiday Ditty Bags. In addition to the usual supplies contributed, a couple of the ladies in the congregation made a lot of new bags from sturdy cloth.



from Dave Wilson

A minister was preoccupied with thoughts of how he was going to ask the congregation to come up with more money than they were expecting for repairs to the church building.

Therefore, he was annoyed to find that the regular organist was sick and a substitute had been brought in at the last minute. The substitute wanted to know what to play.

“But you’ll have to think of something to play after I make the announcement about the finances.”

During the service, the minister paused and said, “Brothers and Sisters, we are in great difficulty; the roof repairs cost twice as much as we expected, and we need \$4,000 more. Any of you who can pledge \$100 or more, please stand up.”

At that moment, the substitute organist played “The National Anthem.”

FROM THE READER BOARD

Lee Forsberg



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 6 – PENTECOST 22

In this time around Veterans Day, let us remember all who have served (or now serve) in our country’s Armed Forces: “*O Judge of the nations, we remember before you with grateful hearts the men and women of our country who in days of decision ventured much for the liberties we now enjoy...*” (BCP, p. 830) May part of our faith journeys be the willingness to pursue peace, and to work for the Kingdom day when the sacrifices of war no longer need to be made.

NOVEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 23

“Brothers and sisters, do not weary in doing what is right.” As disciples and stewards “in training,” part of what is right for us is loving God with all our hearts, minds and souls, and continually striving to frequently and generously thank Him for every good gift we have been given...and they have been many.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 6 – PENTECOST 22

Haggai 1:15b – 2:9

Psalm 145:1-5, 18-22

2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17

Luke 20:27-38

Collect for Pentecost 22

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life: Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he comes again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

NOVEMBER 13 – PENTECOST 23

Isaiah 65:17-25

Canticle 9

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

Luke 21:5-19

VOTE!

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30am – 2:30 pm, Home

Wednesday Church Office – 10:00am – 2:00 pm

(Available by appointment)

Via email: gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

(Available by appointment)

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

*Place donation in plate or basket at entrance to Sanctuary before the start of the service.

*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026

*Drop off through slot in Fr. Greg’s door.

*Bank Bill Pay – have bank send check to St. Alban’s.

*Online, go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on “Donate Now.”

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

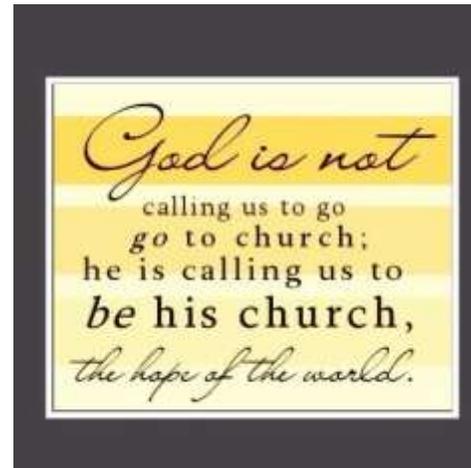
- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week – Outreach
- 4th week—Ukraine Refugee Offering
- 5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

ST. ALBAN’S CURRENT OFFICE HOURS

- Monday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm
- Friday 10:30 - 12:30pm; 2:00 – 4:00 pm

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
 - Wear a mask.
- In case of something urgent or an emergency, please call Greg Peters on his cellphone at (206) 778-1506.



PRAYER MINISTRIES

Contact Sheilah Reidburn sheilahreidburn@comcast.net or 425-745-1390

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People used during the Sunday worship.

Prayer Chain:

About a dozen people pray regularly for members of the congregation or other friends and relatives as requested.

Prayer Shawls:

Prayer shawls are available for those in need of comfort during challenging times.