

AROUND THE PARISH

March 24, 2023

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.

SUNDAY – March 26

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

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom – Class is continuing the study of John

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SWlPUXFybmduMXNYdz09>

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



Holy Week

April 2 – Palm Sunday

8:00am Eucharist, In person

10:30am, In person/live streamed

No coffee hour

April 3 & 4

6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook only

April 5 – Tenebrae Service (psalms and lessons)

7:00pm, In person/live streamed

April 6 – Maundy Thursday

6:00pm Agape Potluck with Eucharist,
foot/hand washing, stripping of altar
In person only

April 7 – Good Friday

11:00am, Service, In person/live streamed

7:00pm, Service, In person only

12:00-7:00pm, Stations of the Cross in
Labyrinth, self-paced

April 8 – Holy Saturday

12:00pm, Service, Facebook only

8:00pm, Easter Vigil, In person/live streamed

April 8 – Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00-4:00pm

April 9 – Easter Sunday Eucharist

8:00am, In person

10:30pm, In person/live streamed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

3/25 9:00am-2:00pm, St. Hilda/Patrick, PH

3/27 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

3/28 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall

3/29 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sacristy
6:30pm, Supper & Lenten Program

3/30 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

3/31 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary

4/1 8:00am-4:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt Prep, PH
7:00pm, Episcoplayers present "The Golden
Age of Radio"

4/2 Easter Egg Stuffing after both services

++See Holy Week Schedule

4/8 7:00am-5:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt, PH/Outside
9:30am, Altar Guild Decoration, PH/Sanctuary

4/12 3:00-4:30pm, Food Ban k Distribution, Park Lot

4/15 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall

Prayer is the
key to Heaven, but
Faith
unlocks the door

HOLY WEEK SERVICES (with more detail)

April 2, Palm Sunday

Join us at 8:00am (in person) and 10:30am (in person/live streamed) as we celebrate Palm Sunday. We gather in the Parish Hall for each service, have blessing of the palms and process around the grounds

(weather permitting.) We return to the Sanctuary for reading of The Passion. There will be no coffee hour.

April 3, 6:00pm, Holy Week Evening Prayer

Service features St. Mark's Passion. This service is Facebook only.

April 4, 6:00pm, Holy Week Evening Prayer

Service features St. Luke's Passion. This service is Facebook only.

April 5, 7:00pm, Tenebrae Service

Tenebrae is Latin for "shadows." This service is a selection of psalms and lessons; a distinctive feature is the gradual extinction of candles with the exception of one candle. The people leave in silence. This service is in person and live streamed.

April 6, 6:00pm, Maundy Thursday

Join us for an Agape Potluck followed by Eucharist, and hand/foot washing in the Parish Hall. We move into the Sanctuary as we remember Gethsemane and strip the altar. This is a very impressive and meaningful evening of worship.

April 7, 11:00am and 7:00pm, Good Friday

We gather at 11:00am (in person and live streamed) and 7:00pm (in person only) in the sanctuary for Good Friday services.

April 7, 12:00-7:00pm

Stations of the Cross in the Labyrinth – self-paced.

April 8, Holy Saturday Service, 12:00pm

Short, meditative service keeping watch during Christ's descent among the dead. Service on Facebook only.

April 8, 8:00pm, Easter Vigil

We gather outdoors for fire lighting, and then meet in the Sanctuary for the Lessons, Renewal of Baptismal Covenants and Eucharist. This beautiful service is in person and live streamed.

April 8, 2:00-4:00pm -- Easter Egg Hunt

April 9, Easter Sunday

Join us at 8:00am (in person only) and at 10:30am (in person and live streamed) as we celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

We will enjoy fellowship and a special coffee hour following both services.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPER FINALE!

This year's series of Lenten Soup Suppers will conclude on **Wednesday, March 29**, when we gather at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary for Evening Prayer. Following our fellowship supper at 6:30pm, we'll continue with Episcopalianism 101.

Using The Episcopal Way as our guide, Fr. Greg has been leading us with material from the book, giving us plenty of time for questions and comments.

We will resume our once-a-month, third Wednesday Soup Suppers after Easter. A new program is in the works for those gatherings. These Soup Supper evenings are not only informative, but wonderful fellowship times and a great way to get to better know your fellow parishioners.

We invite you to contribute soup, salad, bread or dessert to share as you are able.



LAST CURTAIN CALL

7:00pm, SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Bring your jar of peanut butter – any size, any brand – and don't be late!

OH, Yes.....bring your sense of humor, sit back, relax, and enjoy a fun, St. Alban's style evening of entertainment!

WE dare you not to laugh!!

If you need transportation, do not hesitate to call me, Jan Skidmore at 425-315-5412.



EASTER EGG HUNT

St. Alban's Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 8, from 2:00-4:00pm. A lot of children and families came last year, and there is a huge task at hand to prepare for and stuff hundreds and hundreds of eggs. We have been requesting plastic eggs and small, wrapped candies, and have had many donations. There is still time to contribute additional supplies.

Sunday, April 2, is the date for filling all the eggs with candies. Lots of help stuffing eggs is needed, and we hope you can join in the fun after both services in the Parish Hall on that date. If you are able to help with this task or help at the hunt on April 8, please contact Wendre at 425-892-3329.



Date: Saturday, April 15, 2023
Time: 10:30am-12:00pm
Goal: ECW Coffee & Fellowship
Featuring: Jeannie Burpee and Maryellen
 Young sharing highlights from their trip to Italy

Light refreshments will be served!



THANKS (AGAIN) TO BOY SCOUT TROOP 300!

Our Boy Scout Troop 300 once again is gathering to clean up the church grounds on April 1st (“No fooling,” according to John Bee.)

They will be raking, clearing fallen tree debris and putting down beauty bark on the front planting beds to get the grounds all spruced up in time for Palm Sunday and Easter. The congregation is invited to come out and help on April 1.

We are forever indebted to Troop 300 (and their families) for the many tasks and projects done on our behalf. They perform a couple of clean-up days each year and have blessed us with many Eagle Scout projects – projects for safety, convenience, and beauty.



FEBRUARY FINANCIALS

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

Income for February was \$17,461 compared to a budget of \$16,332 or \$1,129 over budget. The increase to income in February was largely due to WEPC catching up on some past due rents now that they have a new treasurer, including one month from 2022 and

paying the March rent in advance. Year-to-date income was \$34,505 compared to a budget of \$32,796 or \$1,338 over budget.

Expenses for February were \$15,863 compared to a budget of \$17,860. Year-to-date expenses were \$33,625 compared to a budget of \$36,712 or (\$3,062) under budget. Some of our underrunning of expenses is the difference with paying a supply organist instead of a salaried employee. There are not any other significant differences of note.

Year-to-Date Totals

Actual Income	\$33,934
Budget Income	\$32,596
Actual Income minus Budget	\$1,338
Actual Expenses	\$33,625
Budget Expenses	\$36,712
Actual Expenses minus Budget	(\$3,062)

We have received \$285 more than we have spent.

Other Items:

- We received two months of Diocesan Grant income in February for \$1,666.66.
- The Financial Review (Simplified Audit) has begun via emailing documents to the committee of Cyndi Jacobson, Susan Hanson and Jan Skidmore. This approach simplifies the amount of time needed at an in-person meeting. Report is due in June.
- The Parochial Report for 2022 was submitted a couple days in advance of the March 1 deadline.



To St. Alban’s Congregation,

We are so grateful for your support of the food bank and our efforts to reduce food insecurity in our community.

People continue to struggle to make ends meet, and your help makes a difference! Thank you.

The Edmonds Food Bank Team.



From Dave Wilson

Our brother Dave left us with many stories from his vast collection, and we will continue to share them in gratitude and in his memory.

A fellow goes into a workmen’s café and orders a Full English Breakfast.

“I want two fried eggs, runny on the outside and hard inside, two toasts that are burnt to a cinder, cold baked beans, two raw sausages, three rashers of bacon that are so crisp that when I stick my fork in, it shatters and everybody gets a bit. Oh, and a cup of tea that has only seen the teabag.”

The waitress says, “We can’t do that, sir.”

The fellow replies, “Why not? You managed it yesterday!”

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MARCH 26 – LENT 5

Sunday’s Collect provides one of my favorite reassurances – that if we love what God commands, and desire what He promises, then among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found, and we need not look only to the world around us for love, affirmation, serenity and peace. What a relief!

APRIL 2 – 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 and are faithful stewards of His blessings and gifts. Let us pray, then, that as grateful servants, we daily “*give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,*” and truly trust “*that His mercy endures forever.*”

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARCH 26 – LENT 5

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Collect for Lent 5

Almighty God, you alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what you promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY

Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

- *Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98926
- *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—Indigenous Women Support

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

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

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, 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)



PRAYER MINISTRIES

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

Prayers of the People:

Prayers of the People that are 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.