

AROUND THE PARISH

March 31, 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 – April 2

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=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



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

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

4/2 Easter Egg Stuffing after both services

++See Holy Week Schedule

4/3 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

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

4/10 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

4/11 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall

4/12 3:00-4:30pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot
No Evening Prayer; resumes 4/19

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

4/21 1:00-3:00pm, Private Event, Sanctuary

4/29 1:00-4:00pm, Puget Sound Music, Sanctuary

GOLDEN AGE OF RADIO

LIVE THEATER ON APRIL 1, 2023, at 7:00PM

St. Alban's Parish Hall

No ticket needed; please donate any size jar,
any brand of peanut butter
for the Edmonds Food Bank

DON'T MISS IT!!

Lord God, today we join the crowd of people mentioned in Matthew chapter 21, who spread palm branches on the road shouting, “Hosanna in the highest!” As we remember Jesus riding into Jerusalem on the colt of a donkey, we recognize the humility He displayed. Even though He was the King of Kings, He humbled himself as a gentle Savior. Help us to follow His example of humility and peace. To those around us, make us a light of Your love and a witness of Your Gospel. In Jesus' name. Amen Crosswalk.com

THANKS FROM THE WILSON FAMILY

Shirley Wilson

I want to thank everyone who helped out at Dave's Memorial Service and the days leading up to it. Your efforts meant a lot to me and my family. All the condolences, phone calls and cards were very much appreciated in our time of grief.

I am truly grateful for Greg and Jeannie and all of you who work in the office, altar guild, sound, and ushering. I am also thankful to those of you who participated in the service, those who read scripture, as well as those who made delicious salads for the reception. Our thanks to all of you who worked in the kitchen making the reception a great success.

I'm proud that my church, St. Albans, is truly a welcoming and Christ-centered church, committed to sharing Christ's love.



A WORD ABOUT TENEBRAE

Eric Hanson

Please join us this Wednesday of Holy Week (April 5) for the powerful Service of Tenebrae. The road of Holy Week, the road to the cross, is a difficult one. We, in the Western Church, tend to focus on the bright side but, without the language of lament, how do we cry out to God when we encounter pain and suffering? Experiencing Tenebrae makes the victory of Easter that much sweeter!



MAUNDY THURSDAY AGAPE POTLUCK

St. Alban's **Maundy Thursday begins at 6:00pm on April 6.** We will gather in the Parish Hall for the first part of our service (hymns, readings, prayers, Eucharist, and hand/foot washing), and we'll be doing all this in the context of an agape meal. After the meal and service in the Parish Hall, we will move to the Sanctuary to remember Gethsemane and strip the Altar.

The theme of our Agape supper will be Eastern Mediterranean. The main course of baked chicken, bread, red wine and non-alcoholic beverages will be

provided. You are invited to bring salads, sides, desserts (and other beverages of your preference) that go along with our theme. Suggestions will be provided on the sign-up sheet in the Parish Hall.

Please join us for this special and meaningful evening of sharing and worship.



The following is contributed by Jeannie Wells

Mary Oliver invites us to consider that evening in the garden, in her poem *Gethsemane* from **Thirst**.

*The grass never sleeps.
Or the roses.
Nor does the lily have a secret eye that shuts
until morning.*

Jesus said, wait with me. But the disciples slept.

*The cricket has such splendid fringe on its feet,
and it sings, have you noticed, with its whole body,
and heaven knows if it ever sleeps.*

*Jesus said, wait with me. And maybe the stars did,
maybe the wind wound itself into a silver tree, and
didn't move, maybe
the lake far away, where once he walked as on a
blue pavement,
lay still and waited, wild awake.*

*Oh the dear bodies, slumped and eye-shut, that
could not
keep that vigil, how they must have wept,
so utterly human, knowing this too
must be a part of the story.*



EASTER EGG PREP & HUNT

The big **Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, April 8, 2:00-4:00pm.** There is a lot of preparation to be done – **stuffing ALL the eggs with candy on Sunday, April 2,** between and after both services. Lots of assistance

is needed also to get ready for our guests before the hunt begins on April 8. The Easter Egg Hunt will be done in two sessions: **Session 1 from 2:00-2:30pm** and **Session 2 from 3:00-3:30pm.**

If you are able to help with these tasks, please contact Wendre at 425-892-3329



ECW COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP
Saturday, April 15, 10:30am – 12:00pm

Come and hear about Jeannie Burpee's and Maryellen Young's September trip to Italy in "The Footsteps of St. Francis." The central focus of the trip was the life and faith of St. Francis who profoundly altered the course of history through his devotion to Christ.

The trip went from Rome to Assisi to La Verna, a mountain retreat of St. Francis, with a stop in Orvieto on the way back to Rome. Jeff Johnson (who presented our previous Celtic Concerts) planned the itinerary and led worship experiences. Jeannie and Maryellen were part of a small group of 12 travelers.

Join us on **April 15 from 10:30am - 12:00pm.** Light refreshments will be served. You don't want to miss this great fellowship opportunity. All are welcome!



REST IN PEACE, RICARDO BALAGOT

Teddi Balagot is a newer member of our St. Alban's family and has been attending Wednesday Soup Suppers and the 10:30am service. Recently, Ricardo Balagot, Teddi's husband, died of cardiac and pulmonary issues.

Ricardo served for 26 years in the submarine service, mainly in San Diego, CA. Upon his retirement, he and Teddi moved to Washington, where they both had been born. They have four daughters.

There will be a Celebration of Life at Washelli Cemetery's Military Tower at a later date. Please keep Teddi, their daughters and family in your prayers.



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY at ST. ALBANS

Jim Gilman

On Wednesday, April 19 at 6:30 pm, two representatives from Habitat for Humanity Snohomish Affiliate will be present at St. Alban's Soup and Salad Supper. Their mission is twofold:

*Talk about the vision and mission of Habitat for Humanity, and

*Provide an official **Orientation** for those interested in participating in a **St. Alban's Group Build.**

Soon we will be scheduling a St. Alban's Group Build for some Saturday in June or July. In order to participate in a Habitat group-build post-pandemic, all participant volunteers **must attend** this Orientation Session. For example, if you and your spouse want to volunteer together, then both must attend. Two kinds of volunteers are needed:

*Unskilled workers to help build on-site, supervised by a contractor.

*People to make lunches ahead of time for the group that builds.

Please mark your calendars and attend this important Soup and Salad Supper. Habitat's mission is to provide affordable, decent housing for those in need. God knows there are plenty of people these days who are in need of accessible housing. This is yet another way as Christians and as members of St. Alban's we can fulfill Jesus' promise of helping those who are homeless.



ST. ALBAN'S COOKBOOK CLUB

featuring

THE JERUSALEM COOKBOOK

Saturday, May 6, 2023, 5:00pm

(more information to follow)



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.

Watch Out for Women Drivers!

This morning on the Interstate, I looked over to my left, and there was a woman in a brand new Cadillac

doing 65 mph...with her face up next to her rearview mirror putting on her eyeliner.

I looked away (for just a couple of seconds) to continue shaving, and when I looked back, she was halfway over in my lane, still working on that makeup.

As a man, I don't scare easily, but she scared me so much that I had to put on my seatbelt. I dropped my electric shaver, which knocked the donut out of my other hand.

In all the confusion of trying to straighten out the car, using my knees against the steering wheel, it knocked my cell phone away from my ear, which fell into my coffee which was between my legs. It splashed and burned me terribly in all the wrong places!

Ruined my phone! Soaked my trousers! And disconnected an important call!

Watch out for women drivers!!

FROM THE READER BOARD

Jim Gilman



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

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 that as grateful servants, we daily “*give thanks to the Lord, for He is good,*” and truly trust “*that His mercy endures forever.*”

APRIL 6 – MAUNDY THURSDAY

“*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*” One of the hymns often used on Maundy Thursday is #602; its refrain is, “*Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love, show us how to*

serve the neighbors we have from you.” A large part of the faithful steward’s life is a response to both our baptismal covenant and this command to seek and serve others in Christ’s name.

APRIL 8 – THE EASTER VIGIL

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. As he has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our lives of discipleship. Alleluia! Alleluia!

APRIL 9 – 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 blessings. Alleluia! Alleluia!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

APRIL 2 – PALM SUNDAY

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

Palm Sunday Collect

Almighty and Everliving God, in your tender love for the human race you sent your Son our Savior Jesus Christ to take upon him our nature, and to suffer death upon the cross, giving us the example of his great humility: Mercifully grant that we may walk in the way of his suffering, and also share in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

APRIL 6 -- MAUNDY THURSDAY

Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14
Psalm 116:1, 10-17
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Collect for Maundy Thursday

Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord,

who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

APRIL 7 – GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalms 22

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16, 5:7-9

John 18:1-19:42

APRIL 9 – EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6

Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Collect for Easter Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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

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."

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 are used during 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.

