

AROUND THE PARISH

January 12, 2024

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 – January 14

Epiphany 2

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is no longer required, but is strongly recommended.

9:15am, Adult Bible study, Annex & Zoom

<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

KAY McLELLAN CELEBRATION

Our dedicated and beloved custodian, Kay McLellan, is retiring. Please join us at the **10:30am service on January 14** for a special recognition of her faithful service to us for 25 years, and come celebrate Kay with us at a festive coffee hour afterward.



UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 1/13 8:30am-4:00pm, Girl Scout Meeting, PH
9:00am-4:00pm, Boy Scouts, Tree Disposal
11:00am, Outreach, Annex
- 1/15 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 1/17 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/Facebook
6:30pm, Soup Supper and Program
- 1/18 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 1/19 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 1/20 10:00am-12:00pm, Indigenous Circle, PH
- 1/23 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 2/4 9:30am, One Service, Eucharist
Followed by Annual Meeting

SOUP SUPPERS CONTINUE

Join us for the **next Soup Supper on Wednesday, January 17 which will begin at 6:00pm** with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary and on Facebook. Our supper and continuing program, "Getting to Know Your Neighbor in the Pew," starts at 6:30pm, and will feature parishioner Debby Wilson sharing some of her experiences and faith.

Please bring soup, salad, bread, and/or dessert as you are able.

This is a great fellowship evening and a wonderful way for you to get to know and spend time with your fellow parishioners.



EPIPHANY PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the light of the world. You came to reveal the glory of God to all people. As we celebrate the feast of Epiphany, we ask you to shine your light upon us. Help us to see your presence in our lives and in the world around us. Give us the courage to follow you wherever you lead, and to share your love with all those we meet. We ask this in your holy name. Amen.

FROM THE TRACT RACK

Was one of your New Year's Resolutions to pray more often? There are some pamphlets in our Tract Rack that address this spiritual discipline. Below are a couple of options.



Morning, Noon, and Night Prayers

This pamphlet includes brief devotions taken from The Book of Common Prayer for individuals or families to use for prayer in the morning, at noon, at

mealtime, and at the close of the day. Now available in a new format as a six-page pamphlet with a beautiful cover. Perfect for sharing or inspiring you in your prayer life.

Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina, or divine reading, is a four-step approach to reading and praying scripture with its roots in western medieval monasticism. Felicia Smith explains the process behind this popular form of Bible study.



WALK IN LOVE: 2024 STEWARDSHIP THEME

In nearly every Episcopal liturgy in which I have participated, the celebrant quotes from Ephesians 5:2 to invite the offerings of our time, talent, and treasure to be placed on the altar. “Walk in love,” the offertory sentence begins, “As Christ loved us...” These words are said at the pivotal moment in our liturgy as we move from the reading of and response to the Word into the sacrament of Holy Communion. It is poignant to observe that we mark this moment of transition with an invitation to walk in love.

When we walk in love, there is clarity and purpose. We move in alignment with each other and with our values. Walking in love is also something we cannot do alone - by definition it implies connection, community. Whether we walk with our children or our spouse, or form an orderly line, or rely on the help of a friend or a neighbor to come to chancel, we carry with us all with whom we are in communion, and they carry us with them. Our journey is one made by millions, over thousands of years. A cycle of sharing and invitation.

What a way to bring our gifts forward: first the bread and wine followed by the offering plates, and finally ourselves - walking in love! When we gather in love, bless, break, and share our gifts and ourselves with the world, we bring healing and transformation to our world.

This year you are invited to join in the timeless call to walk in love as you share your wealth, works, and wisdom with a world in need.

Question for Reflection

- How is your ministry impacted as you understand yourself as one of the gifts invited to the altar to be shared with the world?

J. Davey Gerhard is Canon for Stewardship and the Executive Director of TENS. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.



St. Alban's Annual Parish Meeting is **Sunday, February 4**, in the Parish Hall. There will be **one service on that day at 9:30am** followed by lunch and the Annual Meeting.

Leaders of Ministry Groups – Please have your ministry reports to the church office by January 14.

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

Parishioner Carol Gordon moved to a new residence in Seattle this past week. Fr. Greg led prayers for her successful move, and blessings and good wishes for her new venture. She will be missed!

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EVENSONG AT TRINITY, EVERETT, and ST. PHILIP'S, MARYSVILLE

You are invited to participate in a simple “Parish” Evensong through this church year. Evensong will be sung at 5:00pm on Sundays, alternating between Trinity and St. Philip's, and will last about half an hour. The next Evensong will be at Trinity on February 18, 5:00pm.

Since most of us haven't done Evensong, or done it in a long time, there will be a time of learning, singing together, and getting organized at 3:30pm before each Evensong. These will not be “choir rehearsals,” but rather opportunities to relax with the music being sung so all can pray Evensong.

REDISCOVERING PASSION & VOCATION TO BUIDE YOUR CAREER

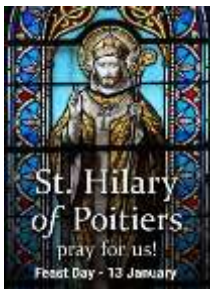
Workshop: January 25, 7:00-8:30pm

Perhaps this workshop may not apply to you, but you have or know someone who could benefit. The Diocese of Olympia 20s & 30s is co-sponsoring a talk from Michael Klucas for those who are just entering the workforce or debating a career change to help you define and get clear on your goals. It will dive into the balance of life, career, and vocational calling.

The workshop is free, and you will be sent Parker Palmer's book: "Let Your Life Speak: Listening for the Voice of Vocation," with your registration.

Website:

<https://ecww.zoom.us/j/703T5IUyOP>



HILARY BISHOP OF POITIERS **Pastor and Teacher in Gaul**

Hilary was born of a powerful pagan family in Gaul. He became a Christian and, perhaps due to the prestige of his name, was elected

Bishop of Poitiers as a young, married layman. He accepted the call, "with fear and trembling," and threw himself wholeheartedly into the task of shepherding his flock.

In his time, many Christians in Gaul were Arians. That is, they accepted Jesus as "master and son of God," but denied that he was truly God. Hilary questioned the truth of such teaching and was soon exiled by Arian leaders of the church. He fled to the Eastern Mediterranean, then the heartland of Christianity, and there he learned theology and developed his pastoral skills.

Tutored by the same Christian leaders who wrote the Nicene Creed, Hilary became a champion of the orthodox Christian faith. He not only returned to his diocese, but he eventually gained general acceptance there and exerted influence throughout Western Europe.

He was a tireless teacher. One of his famous pupils was Martin of Tours. Hilary was largely responsible for the acceptance of the Nicene Creed in Western Europe. We honor him best when we seek a genuine understanding of Trinitarian doctrine.

(Forward Movement, Calendar of Saints)

O God, send me to do the work that you have given me to do, to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart.



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

Beth-Sarah Wright is the author of the following. An Atlanta-based author and speaker, she is married to the bishop of the Diocese of Atlanta, and they are parents to five children.

Isaiah 60:1 – Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

When I had nightmares as a child, my father taught me to recite Psalm 27 for comfort: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?" This divine light staves off fear. It's a light that brings comfort and calm and allows us to see in the darkness.

But over the years, as I have recited this prayer throughout my life at some of the most challenging intersections, I have come to realize that I have this light within me. As children of God, we all have this light – and it is up to us to shine this light in the world. We, too, can bring calm and peace with this light. We, too, can bring comfort and courage with this light in our words and actions and in our very beings.

Yes, self-doubt and lack of self-confidence may suppress the light, and others may try to squelch our light with unkind words. But the light of God yearns to shine and longs to be seen. It is unwavering, inextinguishable, and even contagious! Light will always make a way. Let your light shine!

(Forward Movement, Calendar of Saints)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

JANUARY 14 – EPIPHANY 2

Psalm 139:1 says "...you have searched me out and known me..." To grow as grateful stewards, we need to really, in our hearts (not just in our words), trust that God indeed has a plan for us – and to spend serious time attempting to discern just what that plan is. When the heart is converted, being a good steward becomes a joy and not a duty.

JANUARY 21– EPIPHANY 3

In the calling of the fishermen, what word is repeated to indicate their enthusiasm? Immediately! Are we in the habit of responding to God’s call to us immediately or is our answer “maybe some time I can become your diligent and faithful follower, but right now ____ (you fill in the blank) is much more important.” Where would the Church be today if the disciples and the many faithful who came after, had made such a response.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

JANUARY 14 – EPIPHANY 2

1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20)
Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17
1 Corinthians 6:12-20
John 1:43-51

Collect for Epiphany 2

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people illumed by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

JANUARY 21 – EPIPHANY 3

Jonah 3:1-5, 10
Psalm 62:6-14
1 Corinthians 7:29-31
Mark 1:14-20

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 206-427-1920.

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.

