

AROUND THE PARISH

March 1, 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 – March 3

3rd Sunday of Lent

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

Go to <https://stalbansedmonds.org/> and click on either YouTube for Facebook to watch service online.

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



Fr. Greg Peters

There is no column from Greg this week. He fell prey to a phishing scam yesterday and is currently scanning his computer to locate and repair the damage. Be on the lookout for any strange messages from Greg.

His column will be back next Friday.

PLEASE NOTE

The **Joint Board for Bishop Transition in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia** is pleased to announce that, after receiving the recommendations of the Bishop Search Committee, we have approved a preliminary slate of nominees for the Ninth Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia. This announcement is available as an email attachment to this week's ATP and will be included with the mailed copies of the ATP.

Information is available as an email attachment to this week's ATP about **Advocacy Training Day** on March 16th, an exciting **hybrid** event designed to equip congregations in public policy advocacy and civic engagement! There will also be a special focus on Election Engagement. Copies of the attachment are also available in the Parish Hall.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 3/1-3 Restore Seminary & Retreat, Seabeck, WA
- 3/2 10:30am-12:00pm, Indigenous Circle, Annex
12:00-3:00pm, PSMA Recital, Sanctuary
- 3/4 7:00-9:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 3/5 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall
- 3/6 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary & Facebook
6:30pm, Soup Supper & Lenten Program
- 3/7 1:00-3:00pm, Small Group, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall
- 3/8 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall
- 3/9 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Coffee
- 3/10 2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel Anniversary -
Sanctuary
- 3/13 3:00-4:30pm, Food Distribution, Parking Lot

God of infinite goodness,
throughout the ages you have persevered
in claiming and reclaiming your people.
Renew for us your call to repentance,
surround us with witnesses to aid us in our
journey,
and grant us the time to fashion our lives anew,
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.
(Vanderbilt Divinity Library)



SOUP SUPPER #3 – WEDNESDAY, MARCH 6

Our Lenten Study continues **Wednesday, March 6, at 6:00pm**, with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary and on Facebook. The soup supper dinner begins at 6:30pm,

followed by the Lenten program at 7:00pm. The evening concludes with Compline at 8:00pm.

This year's program is based on a Forward Movement book, "Will you? A Lenten Study of Baptismal Promises." The program is designed for those who wish to be baptized and to make our own baptism renewal more meaningful. If you are contemplating baptism, please contact Fr. Greg.

As you are able, please bring soup, salad, bread and/or dessert to share.

INDIGENOUS CIRCLE EVENT

Jim Gilman

St. Alban's Indigenous Circle group is streaming a poetry reading by Muscogee Poet Joy Harjo, this **Saturday, March 2, at 10:30am**. She is an American poet who recently served as the 23 Poet Laureate of the United States. Coffee, tea, and water will be served along with snacks.

Please join us for this special event!



Coffee Fellowship

ECW COFFEE COMING ON MARCH 9

Join in the coffee, conversation, and fellowship of the ECW Coffee on **Saturday, March 9, from 10:30am – 12:00 noon** in the Parish Hall. Coffee, tea and some goodies will be served.

At this gathering, we look forward to hearing from Jeannie Burpee as she shares events and memories of her cruise to the Canadian Maritimes last fall. Jeannie has reported on previous trips and does a marvelous job of taking us along on her journey.

You might wish to invite family, friends or neighbors to this event.

JOIN THE NEW GROUP – MEN'S CIRCLE

A Men's Circle is being coordinated by Harvey Smith and Jim Gilman, with its first session scheduled for **Saturday, March 9, at 9:00am, at Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park**. Subsequent



meetings will be held every other month's second Saturday with the location to be decided. Third Place Commons has a café coffee shop with plenty of space for group conversation.

Carpooling can be arranged if desired – contact Jim Gilman, 425-409-1374/text, or Harvey Smith 425-248-0518/text. Or, just meet us there!

The purpose of a Men's Circle is conversation, fellowship, and mutual support.



EASTER FLOWER DONATIONS

Altar Guild will be ordering and arranging flowers for our Easter celebrations for Jesus' resurrection. You are invited to contribute to these flowers and dedicate your donation in memory of someone, in thanksgiving, or to honor a special occasion. Dedication information will be published in the Easter bulletins. Special Easter envelopes are in the pews for your use.

Please have your donations and dedications in the church office by **Sunday, March 17**, for their inclusion in bulletins.



OUTREACH WINNERS FOR NEXT 4 QUARTERS

Thank you to everyone who cast a ballot for the 3rd Week Outreach Basket Recipients. We had 45 ballots cast and here are the top four winners: Habitat for Humanity; Cocoon House; Canine Companions; and Pathways for Women (YWCA)

Habitat for Humanity is a nonprofit housing developer for low-income families. They have built, renovated, and repaired more than 45 homes in partnership with Snohomish County businesses, community groups and homeowners. (2nd Quarter)

Cocoon House is a non-profit that conducts outreach to, and provides short- and long-term housing for, homeless and at-risk young people, including their children. (3rd Quarter)

Canine Companions is a national organization that enhances the lives of people with disabilities by

providing highly trained service dogs at no charge to the recipient. (4th Quarter)

YWCA Pathways for Women provides shelter, transitional housing and permanent housing for single mothers and children. (1st Quarter 2025)



MINISTRY FOCUS
(What and How We Operate)

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

Building & Grounds Committee: Many volunteers assist Phil McClelland in providing on-going maintenance and response to unexpected situations to keep our buildings and grounds safe and in tip-top shape.

Facility Use: Dan Mullene assists Phil in determining the use of any of our facilities.

Space Usage Rentals: Our Parish Administrator oversees all the details related to areas which are rented monthly or for a one-time event.

Safety Issues: Volunteers are needed to serve on a facilities Safety Committee. Contact Senior Warden, Liz Bee.

PARISH DIRECTORY INFORMATION

We welcome:

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TEMPLO EMANUEL ANNIVERSARY

CONGRATULATIONS TO TEMPLO EMANUEL for the celebration of their 16th anniversary on, Sunday,

March 17th. The church started worshipping with us at St. Alban's in August 2021.

They have invited anyone interested to join them in their celebration. Their worship begins at 2:00pm, and the event will last until about 5:00 or 6:00pm. If you are interested in joining in the celebration, please notify the church office at 425-778-0371 or StAlbansEdmonds@gmail.com so they know how many of us may be with them.



ANNUAL MEETING FINANCE
COMMENTS -- PART 3

Maryellen Young, Treasurer

2024 Budget Information

INCOME

- Our total budgeted income is about (\$30,000) lower than last year.
- Pledge income for 2024 is about (\$40,000) less than the previous year. We had seven people who are no longer pledging or are no longer here—a few of whom made significant pledges.
- We have budgeted small increases to both Templo Emanuel and the Preschool starting in September 2024.
- 12 hours of Greg's salary is covered by money we received with the sale of the Rectory. This amount of his salary is equivalent to what would be covered if he lived in a Rectory. This year we are also using this fund to pay for the related 18% pension on this portion of his salary. This amount helps address some of this income shortfall.

EXPENSES

Personnel

- Personnel expenses include a 4.6% COLA, as well as progression/merit increases for our Rector and Parish Administrator.
- We have savings to Clergy Medical because of Greg providing his medical coverage in lieu of pledging. This was a more economical option for both Greg and the church.
- Overall total personnel expenses for both Clergy and Administration have decreased by 5% because of the change in medical expenses.

Utilities & Maintenance

- Buildings and grounds have budgeted a 9% increase in expense over 2023's budget. Projected

increases in utility expense plus a new, more expensive cleaning service are the primary reasons.

Other Expenses

- Because of our budget shortfall, we are eliminating our savings to our savings fund but are continuing to have savings go to our Buildings and Grounds fund.

Next week:

Part 4, Bottom Line and Notes for Future



HABITAT FOR HUMANITY BUILD

Jim Gilman

St. Alban’s has another opportunity to assist Habitat for Humanity in the rehabilitation/restoration of a house in Everett. No skills are necessary. A crew of five members is as large as can be accommodated for this build. The work date is scheduled for **Saturday, March 23, all day.**

If you are interested in assisting with this project, particularly if you have never participated in a Habitat Build, please contact Jim Gilman (425-409-1374 or namlig74@gmail.com). Additionally, there are volunteer opportunities at the Habitat Story located in Lynnwood at SR99 and 169th.

and eternally blessed gift than the one God has given us “with no strings attached” – except the desire to have us return that love to Him and share it with others in our lives.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARCH 3 – LENT 3

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Collect for Lent 3

Almighty God, you know that we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MARCH 10 – LENT 4

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MARCH 3 – LENT 3

Not only as part of the Penitential Order, used often during Lent, but in Sunday’s Old Testament lesson, are the Ten Commandments outlined. Even as we remember and honor those mandates, we look toward Maundy Thursday and Jesus’ offering not only of Himself, but of a new Covenant – that we should *love one another as He has loved us*. If we seriously commit to making this love and respect an integral part of our daily lives, we have our spiritual/stewardship work cut out for us indeed!

MARCH 10 – LENT 4

“For God so loved the world, that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life.” When we think about giving and receiving, there is no more unselfish

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—International Relief
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.