

AROUND THE PARISH

March 29, 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 31

Easter Sunday

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services. Masking is currently voluntary; those who prefer to continue wearing their masks are encouraged to do so.

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



March 29, Good Friday

12:00pm, Service, In Person/Live Streamed

6:00pm, Service, In Person only

12:00-6:00pm, Stations of Cross, Labyrinth

March 30, Holy Saturday

12:00pm, Meditative Service, Facebook only

7:45pm, Easter Vigil, In Person/Live Streamed

March 30, Easter Egg Hunt, 2:00pm

March 31, Easter Sunday

8:00am, Eucharist, In Person only

10:30am, Eucharist, In Person/Live streamed

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

SEE EASTER SCHEDULE

- 4/1 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 4/3 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Facebook
- 4/4 1:00-3:00pm, Small Group Mtg, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 4/5 7:30-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 4/6 3:00-5:00pm, Philadelphia Eleven, Parish Hall
- 4/7 Tartan Sunday
- 4/8 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Hybrid (Annex/Zoom)
- 4/9 2:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall

EASTER EGG HUNT



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Join in the fun on **Saturday, March 30, at 2:00pm**, at our Easter Egg Hunt. Plastic eggs have been stuffed by parishioners following our Palm Sunday services. There are a lot of them, but a lot are needed!!

If you would like to help with the final preparations and hiding of the Easter eggs on March 30, please **come to church at 1:00pm**. Many have contributed to the success of this big annual event. Thank you. You are giving a lot of children a very special treat.

And, as in the past, we are very aware of the varying ability levels of children and have made sure eggs can be found by all of our visitors.

**Easter is the only time of year
when it is safe to put all your eggs
in one basket.**

*He is not here
for He is
Risen
Just
as He said.*

Matthew 28:6

PLEASE NOTE

Easter Monday, April 1, 2024, is a holiday, and the church office will be closed.



TROOP 300'S FAITHFUL SERVICE

St. Alban's proudly sponsors Boy Scout Troop 300 and has done so for numerous years. We have seen many Eagle Scout Awards and continue to benefit from their volunteer work around the church grounds.

On Saturday, March 21, despite the rain, they cleaned, raked, and gathered up the piles of trimmings waiting for them. There were many branches and large twigs left from a recent windstorm. Three hours later and with 18-20 Scouts and their parents' efforts, all the debris is gone, and the grounds look wonderful! Our Scouts perform this service twice a year, the spring cleanup being just before Easter.

Our many thanks for this volunteer service to St. Alban's.



THANKS FOR ADDITIONAL GARDEN HELP!

Mentioned in the article above, there were many piles of shrubbery trimmings left on the ground from a big

project accomplished during the past weeks. Where did all the clippings come from?

When parishioner Jeannie Burpee asked permission from Buildings & Grounds to do some trimming in the side yard, Phil McClelland told her to "trim to your heart's content." And she did! Take a look at all the shrubs out front to see how much neater and healthier they look, not to mention the nicely trimmed hedge.

Thank you very much, Jeannie!



VOLUNTEERS GALORE STUFF EASTER EGGS FOR MARCH 30 HUNT

Thanks to the many volunteers who contributed lots of plastic Easter eggs and candies in preparation for our Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 30, starting at 2:00pm. Thank you to Shannon Duggan who has led this project from beginning to end.

On Palm Sunday after both services, there was an amazing number of people stuffing the eggs. It was quite a collection, and all were having a great time! Also, we had several volunteers from the Girl Scout troop that meets twice a month in the Parish Hall.

The actual egg hunt will be over too fast, but a lot of children will go home happy after the fun and excitement of finding eggs. It seems the volunteers putting the eggs together were having an equally good time. They enjoyed great fellowship and the joy of knowing what a great event and ministry they have put together. The pizza provided for volunteers was a big hit too!



We are all enjoying the lovely spring planters greeting us at the front door these past few weeks, compliments of Heather Small.

MINISTRY FOCUS REPORT #5

(What and How We Operate)

Jan Skidmore, People's Warden

Around the Parish: Judy Kistner, with Reilly Mannery, devotedly provide the ATP to parishioners weekly via internet, US mail, and copies available in the church narthex. It is a primary source of communication.

Website: Roger Anderson faithfully maintains our website. It provides internet essential information to those who are seeking an Episcopal church and/or seeking a neighborhood church, regardless of denomination.

Relations & Publicity: Dan Mullene entertainingly provides important news about our community events and services to all print and on-line media in the South Snohomish County.

grateful

Thank you for your help on my Eagle Scout project. I now have the amount of money I need. When I am done, I will donate any remaining funds to the church food drive.
Colyn LaVergne



St. Alban's parishioners who volunteered to help with the Habitat Build house rehabilitation in Everett (despite the rain) on Saturday, March 23, are pictured: Ed Murphy, Jeannie Burpee, Liam Austin, Emily Austin, Jim Gilman, Claire Norris, and Ron Austin.



FEEDING OUR FAMILY: AN EASTER REFLECTION

When I was growing up, my mother always invited about 40 people to Easter dinner. Family, friends, and

even people she saw at church on Easter morning who didn't have any place to go for Easter dinner.

Mom cooked for all of Holy Week, carefully freezing pastries made early in the week and making the yeast bread last. The dinner table always included boiled eggs, roast lamb, wheat berry porridge, piroshki, cabbage rolls, a giant salad of fresh greens, and special sweet Easter bread encircled with a braided crown.

With great pride, my mom gathers the guests before the meal to explain the rich food's significance. For her Russian Orthodox peasant farmer ancestors who passed down these recipes, Easter was a huge feast to celebrate the coming of spring. The signature dessert, a cheese paska, includes all the things that would have been unavailable or denied during Lent: fresh eggs, cheese, sugar, cream, almond flour, and candied fruit, carefully pressed in a mold and decorated with Easter symbols.

After giving thanks for the day and food, people fill their plates and find a place to sit. Inside, on the couch or chairs, on the floor, standing in the kitchen. Outside, at the picnic table in the yard or sitting on the edge of the porch that ran around the house. Friends and strangers sharing stories of life, family, and food while children play. Every Easter Sunday is a new community, formed by and for that time together.

Only as an adult did I realize the significance of mom's Easter dinners. How her labor of love and sacrifice gathers and creates a community, feeds people in body and soul, connects us with the stories of the faithful ancestors, and inspires us to do the same.

Walking in Love is how we do all things with love because we believe that God gives us more than enough: service, sacrifice, gratitude, gathering, remembering, eating, playing, and spreading hope and peace in the world.

Question for Reflection

- How will you walk with your neighbor in love this Easter Season?

The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons walks in love with God's people inside and outside the church doors as rector of Trinity Parish in Seattle, WA.

DON'T MISS "PHILADELPHIA ELEVEN"

A Film Screening at St. Alban's

Saturday, April 6, 3:00pm

A Screening of "The Philadelphia Eleven" is scheduled at St. Alban's on **Saturday, April 6, 3:00pm.**

This film tells a story that continues to resonate today as women seeking ordination continue to face resistance, disrespect and exclusion from roles reserved by men for men. The documentary explores the lives of

these remarkable women who succeeded in transforming an age-old institution despite the threats to their personal safety and the risk of rejection by the church they loved.

The Rev. Sabeth Fitzgibbons, Rector of Trinity Seattle, will be with us to discuss her perspective about the film.



DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS

The following reflection is from Forward Movement's "Forward Through the Years." The author is unknown, but it was included in one of their publications in 2015.

Mark 2:16 – Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?

One of the things I am most sure about in this life is that Jesus loves sinners. He loves us in the midst of our brokenness and determination to be difficult on general principle. And he doesn't just love the hope of the resurrected version of us. He loves us in the very present moment of our sin, in our reluctance to be vulnerable to our Creator.

We don't get to hide disarray from Jesus. Jesus sees our sin, our hurt, our shame and refuses to compare, quantify, or qualify it. There is no ranking order of sin. Jesus simply knows it is there, wants to take it away, repair the breach, raise what was dead to new life. He sits with each of us – taxers of emotion and prostitutes of productivity, murderers of hope and addicts of power.

Instead of being ashamed of us, Jesus calls us his friends and keeps coming to find us, no matter where we are or what names people call us. Jesus loves us. And this passage of Mark challenges me to think that Jesus might love the biggest messes among us the very most. Jesus realizes that lifting us up, helping us hold his love in our lives, is a labor of such magnitude that he would die and rise again to help us learn it.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MARCH 30 – 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. And He has promised to live in us and through us, as we allow Him to undergird our daily lives of discipleship. Alleluia! Alleluia!

MARCH 31 – EASTER DAY

From Psalm 118: "On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it." What a wonderful reminder that the Lord we have committed to follow as stewards, disciples, and apprentices is alive and well. Alleluia! Alleluia!

APRIL 7 – EASTER 2

What a directive for stewards we have today. "...grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith..." How is our "profess-ing" going?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MARCH 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Psalm 22

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

John 18:1-19:42

Collect for Good Friday

Almighty God, we pray you graciously to behold this your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, and given into the hands of sinners, and to suffer death upon the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MARCH 30 – EASTER VIGIL

Psalm 114

Romans 6:3-11

Mark 16:1-8

Collect for Easter Vigil

O God, who made this most holy night to shine with the glory of the Lord's resurrection: Stir up in your Church that Spirit of adoption which is given to us in Baptism, that we, being renewed both in body and

mind, may worship you in sincerity and truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

MARCH 31 – EASTER DAY

Isaiah 25:6-9

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Acts 10:34-43

John 20:1-18

Collect for Easter Day

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

APRIL 7 – 2 EASTER

Acts 4:32-35

Psalm 133

1 John 1:1-2:2

John 20:19-31

Collect for 2 Easter

Almighty and Everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ's Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, for ever and ever. Amen

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."

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)

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.

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.

Easter reminds us that hope should never be lost for as dark the road may seem, there always lies light at the end of it. May all your prayers be fulfilled and may wonderful blessings be upon you and all your loved ones on this very special day. Happy Easter.

Read, Love and Learn

