

AROUND THE PARISH

May 10, 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 12

Easter 7 – Mothers Day

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



Photo from Theresa Chase

PASTOR DAVID HAHN

Meet Pastor David Hahn – or better yet, come and meet him in person. He joined our St. Alban's family with services on Sunday, May 5, and appeared to be as comfortable with us as we were with him. He will be serving as preacher until the end of July while Fr. Greg is on sabbatical.

Pastor David will be our special guest at the Soup Supper on **Wednesday, May 15**, as we continue with our “getting to know you” theme. Come join us for this opportunity for fellowship and breaking bread with Pastor David. (See Soup Supper details in article below.)

A Sabbatical Prayer

Guide us, Lord, as we all journey through the months ahead together. Help us to walk trustingly in faith with our parish family and to serve one another humbly. May we always be aware of your presence and direction in all we do. Amen



ECW COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

Tomorrow Saturday, May 11, from 10:30am-12:00pm, is the date of our next ECW Coffee event. Join us as we welcome our traveling speakers,

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5/11 10:30am-12:00pm, ECW Fellowship Coffee
9:00am, Men's Circle, 3rd Place Commons, LF Park
- 5/13 6:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex & Zoom
7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- 5/15 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary & Face Book
6:30pm, Soup Supper & Program
- 5/16 1:00-3:30pm, Small Group Meeting, Parish Hall
7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/17 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- 5/18 10:30-12:30, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 5/20 10:00am-12:00pm, Episcoplayers Rehearsal

Prayer for a Soul of Kindness

Bless my soul, O God, and grace it with kindness.
Deliver me from harsh judgment and callous
speech.
Fill my heart with such love for you and my neighbor,
that all my words and actions radiate with joy and
consolation and understanding.
Make kindness the backdrop of my soul's life and
substance.
In your precious name, I pray,
Amen

Sadler Religion

parishioner Pat Chandler and her daughter Shannon Roeder, as they talk about their trip last fall. This brief travelogue, "From Prague to Budapest and Highlights of their Boat Cruise," will include photos and stories of their adventures.

Light refreshments will be served. So, come and enjoy sharing a great fellowship time!



MEN'S CIRCLE GATHERING

Jim Gilman

Join in the coffee, fellowship and general conversation with other men in our parish on **Saturday, May 11, at 9:30am**, at Third Place Commons in Lake Forest Park. Spending time with others is the only way to get to know them better. We see people at church but seldom have the opportunity to sit, visit and share with them.

Coffee and snacks can be purchased at the café or you may prefer to bring your own. Hope to see you for some good fellowship!



FOOD DRIVE ON SATURDAY, MAY 4

You did it again!! Thank you for your generous support and donations to the food drive held last Saturday. Your kindness and hearts for helping provided **968 pounds of food**, over two-thirds of which came from our food drop table in the Parish Hall. We are also sending **\$420 in money** donations to the food bank.

Lee Forsberg and crew were faithfully on site to greet and thank drive-up contributors. Lee gives his heartfelt thanks to all the wonderful people who turned out and those who helped at the site.

In a side note, so far this year through the month of April, \$1,900 has been donated to support the Edmonds, Mountlake Terrace, and Lynnwood food banks in addition to our periodic food drives for the Edmonds Food Bank.

Many thanks to Lee for creating this opportunity to publicize and collect donations for the food bank. It also gives our neighbors a nearby place for their own donations and encourages their participation. Additionally, our Parish Hall food table provides a


source for those in need who come to the church for the monthly food drops in the parking lot and those who stop by at other times seeking assistance.

Thank you for your continuing care and support. Please keep bringing your donations so we can fill up that Parish Hall food table again!!



You won't want to miss our next Soup Supper on **Wednesday, May 15, beginning at 6:00pm**, with Evening Prayer in the Sanctuary and on Face Book. The evening continues with supper at 6:30pm, followed by our program. The evening's special guest will be Pastor David Hahn.

As you are able, please bring soup, salad, bread and/or dessert. There is always plenty of food, so please come with or without supper contribution.

 Please continue to wear your name badges. Not only will it help Pastor David get to know us, but we don't always know each other by name. Win, Win!

JACKIE LEAKE SERVICE

Our dear sister, Jackie Leake, died at home surrounded by loved ones on April 30. A celebration of her life will be held at St. Alban's on Saturday, September 7. Details of the service will follow.

In keeping with Jackie's wishes, donations can be made in her memory to St. Alban's-Chase Lake Community School or the Kauai Community Cat Project.

KLKL RADIO RETURNS JUNE 1ST WITH NEW LAUGHS, NEW GASPS!

Dan Mullene

The St. Alban's Episcoplayers are again turning on the power at our mini radio station KLKL (Keep Laughing, Keep Listening!) **Saturday, June 1st at 7:00pm**, when they will feature two new radio shows, one humorous and one a bit more suspenseful.

This event will be a benefit for the Food Bank, and we ask you to bring non-perishable food items. The

more you bring, the more people we help. Please invite all your family, friends, and anyone else you know or see! Cash donations will also be accepted.

And, yes, this fun evening will also be followed by “treats.” Shannon Duggan is organizing the fellowship time. She would appreciate some assistance, so if you are willing to help in any way, please let her know.

So, get out your Sharpie pens, head to that calendar on the wall, and mark the date of June 1st as your chance to return to the radio entertainment era of another time once again!

Also note: Episcoplayers’ Grand Poohbah Jan Skidmore reminds everyone that it’s not too late to join our fun team if you are interested! We welcome thespians of all kinds!



MINISTRY FOCUS **(What and How We Operate)**

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

ECW (Episcopal Church Women) -- Since 1871 this organization has championed women's rights and the Christian foundation of God and family. Our vision for all women of the church is being a vibrant blend of all ages, coming together to serve our parish.

They are involved in many ministries: Altar Guild, Lectors, Eucharistic Visitors, lay readers, soup support, and taking care of the kitchen. We also have volunteers in the office and send letters to newcomers. ECW is responsible for the informative and colorful bulletin board in the Parish Hall. They also decorate the tables during the year. Our Christmas tree is set up every year so people who drive by get to share in the beautiful colors. Thank you to the men that help set it up! We also keep a birthday list and post it monthly.

Ushers/Greeters are the first St. Alban’s-ites who meet and greet visitors and are responsible for our reputation of being a "friendly church." Everyone is made to feel welcome. If they are visitors, they are asked to sign the guest book. Ushers help with seating, location of restrooms, water fountain, and introduce visitors to clergy or parishioners who can help them during the service.

RED BOX SUGGESTIONS

Jan Skidmore, People’s Warden

1. “Please list our crucifer’s name in the bulletin.”

Reply: I contacted Jeannie Wells, and she explained his name had been listed, but recently she had used another template for the listings (one from

when he was not included). She will make sure his name will be included in future bulletins.

2. “Is it possible to hold piano music during the actual serving of communion? It’s loud and makes it difficult to concentrate on prayers, and also to hear the Chalice Bearers’ words.”

Reply: Fr Greg determines all worship related instruction. This type of decision would need to be considered by him when he returns in August.



MEANINGFUL MOVIES PROJECT

“Covenant of the Salmon People”

(Co-sponsored by the Diocese of Olympia’s Faith Formation & Multicultural and Community Transformation Ministries)

You are invited to view the documentary “Covenant of the Salmon People” on your own any time between **Wednesday, May 8, and Tuesday, May 14**, when there will be a virtual panel discussion and community conversation on efforts to protect salmon by the Nez Perce tribe and locally in Washington.

The follow-up panel discussion and community conversation will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, **May 14, from 6:30-8:00pm.**

The Covenant of the Salmon People is a documentary portrait of the Nez Perce Tribe as they continue to carry out their ancient promise to protect Chinook salmon, cornerstone species, and first food their people have subsisted on for tens of thousands of years.

Register for the film screening and panel at the link below.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

SAINT MONNICA (d. 387)

Mother of Augustine of Hippo

Monnica, the mother of Augustine (*Bishop of Hippo in North Africa*), has long been regarded as a paragon of Christian motherhood. She was certainly a very loving and loyal wife and mother. The portrait we have of her

in Augustine's writing is of an extraordinary Christian mother.

In more recent times, some other aspects of her character have come into focus. Thanks primarily to the insights of modern psychology, we can now view her in a new light. Considering Augustine's strong personality and virile interests, she appears to have been at least an "adequate" mother. She had to struggle with a drinking problem of her own as well as with her husband's infidelity and violent temper. She was a very active participant in the "revolutionary" Christian movement.

She was, of course, very much dedicated to her role as wife and mother, but she could hardly be called a "passive domestic." She was a most positive influence in her son's life, perhaps because she led a life of her own. If one seeks in motherhood constancy, affection, unselfishness, patience, wisdom, and integrity, then Monnica is a good example.

(Forward Movement publication, Calendar of Saints)

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

MAY 12 – EASTER 7

Part of Acts:1 talks about the naming of a new apostle to replace Judas. The Disciples named two men who "went in and out among us," and asked God, who knows all hearts, to assist them in their choice. Suppose you were in that situation today. What in your heart would tell God about your love and giving and service to Him?

MAY 19 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Psalm 104 says in part, "*All of them look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it to them ... you open your hand, and they are filled with good things.*" How's that for a faithful steward's reason to always and everywhere give thanks? God gives us everything we have – how can we thank Him adequately except by returning a faithful share of all those gifts to Him and to others in His name.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

MAY 12 – EASTER 7

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

Psalm 1

1 John 5:9-13

John 17:6-19

Collect for Easter 7

O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen

MAY 19 – DAY OF PENTECOST

Ezekiel 37:1-14

Psalm 104:25-35, 37

Acts 2:1-21

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

NOTE: Fr. Greg is currently on Sabbatical Leave. For emergency or other inquiries, please contact:

Administrative/Business: Liz Bee, Senior Warden,
eabee@juno.com, 206-795-5594

Pastoral Care: Jim Gilman

Discretionary Fund: Dan Mullene, Jim Gilman

Church Office: stalbansedmonds@gmail.com or
425-778-0371

Sabbatical Pastor: Pastor David Hahn

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 Liz Bee at 206-795-5594.



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.