

AROUND THE PARISH

February 20, 2026

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 – February 22

1st Sunday of Lent

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary

2:00-5:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Parish Hall

NOTE: Worship live streams have been transitioned to
YouTube for reliability.



Fr. Greg Peters

February 19, 2026

Today marks the 84th Anniversary of President Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066, which resulted in the incarceration and internment of 125K Americans of Japanese heritage during the Second World War. It is a blight on FDR's legacy and on our national history.

Here are three stories from that time.

The first story is from Florita Skov, a member of All Saints in Seattle's Rainier Beach neighborhood, where I served 15 years ago or so. Florita grew up in the Kent Valley among the farming communities there. Those farming communities included many Japanese American families and, at least for school aged people, the communities were well integrated. Florita told me of that time, when one day several of her friends simply were no longer there. She was too young to understand the broader political situation, but she knew the pain of friendships interrupted and lost. She recounted, too, how happy she was when, several years later, some of those friends returned. When I knew Florita, those friendships were still going strong 60 years later.

The second story is from Bainbridge Island history. Like the Kent Valley, Bainbridge Island at that time was a significant agricultural area. Many people of Asian descent farmed there, growing strawberries and other cash crops. There too the communities were well integrated and supportive. The other Islanders did not want their Japanese neighbors to be incarcerated. The story is that when federal troops took the Japanese families on the ferry to Seattle en route to the camp in Puyallup and beyond, kayakers and canoers accompanied the ferry until they could no longer keep up – a visible sign of defiance, remorse, and advocacy.

The story goes on to say that, after the war and those who had been interned came home, kayakers and canoers greeted the ferries – another visible sign of welcome, rejoicing and restored justice.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 2/21 9:00am, ELCA LMF, Annex
10:30am, Indigenous Circle Mtg, Parish Hall
- 2/25 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
6:30pm, Lenten Soup Supper & Program
- 2/27 7:00pm WECP Setup
- 2/28 8:00am-1:00pm, WECP Donuts w/parents, PH
- 3/2 1:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall
- 3/4 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
6:30pm, Lenten Soup Supper & Program
- 3/5 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall
- 3/7 9:00am-noon, LMF, Annex
10:30am-noon, ECW Coffee, Parish Hall
12:30-4:30pm, AA District 24, Setup/Mtg
- 3/11 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Parking Lot
6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
6:30pm, Lenten Soup Supper & Program
- 3/14 9:00am-noon, ECLA LLMF, Annex
9:00am-4:00pm, Vestry Retreat, PH
10:00am-2:00pm, DRIVE BY FOOD DRIVE
- 3/18 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Sanctuary/YouTube
6:30pm, Lenten Soup Supper & Program

RECURRING EVENTS

- Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall
- Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall, (1st, 3rd)
- Wed: 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, YouTube
- Thur: 7:00-9:00pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Templo Emanuel, Sanctuary
- Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, March 6

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, March 4

The third story is from St. Peter's Church in Seattle's International District and historically a Japanese congregation. When everyone knew that the internment was coming, the congregation organized and designated sections of St. Peter's gym for families to store the items that they would be unable to take with them to the camps. The storage area was well organized. Occasionally, one of the families would need something or other of what was left behind. Because of their close pastoral relationship, those in need would write the bishop, asking for the item and indicating where it could be found. The story goes that Bishop Huston would personally go to St. Peter's, locate the item, and send it to those who needed it.

It is important to remember our history – the reprehensible, the stupid, the fear-blinded, and the mean-spirited as well as the hope-filled, resilient, kind, and redemptive. Despite all the shame that EO 9066 brought to our history, these stories shine the light of hope, compassion, and faithfulness.

Parallels and corollaries to today's assault on immigrants abound. Children incarcerated, used as bait to catch other family members, or left neglected in cars watching their parents being handcuffed and taken away and often, too, beaten up. Red hatted, whistle blowing citizens following ICE agents through neighborhoods documenting the detention of their immigrant neighbors (documented or not, legal refugees and nationalized citizens alike). And the demonstrations of solidarity and support and demands for adherence to the rule of law and to the Constitution by many faith leaders (lay **and** ordained).

In a churchwide press release dated January 27, 2026, Presiding Bishop Rowe has asked that Episcopalians contribute to the work of Episcopal Migration Ministries to support vulnerable and besieged immigrant communities in our country. Here's the link to the press release [Presiding Bishop Rowe urges support for Migration Ministries](#).

We will be honoring this request. The Vestry has authorized that the offerings collected at our Lenten Evening Prayer services be designated to the Migration Ministries.

Migration and flights for refuges have been a part of human history since our species left Africa. Scripture is replete with calls – commandments! – to care for aliens, both resident and transitory. The history of our faith from Abraham and Sarah leaving Ur to the Jacob's family fleeing famine by relocating in Egypt to the Holy Family's flight to Egypt escaping Herod's massacre to the diaspora of the early followers of Jesus is one of migration and refuge seeking.

Refugees and migrants are among the most vulnerable in our society. How we care for them is a moral, religious, and ethical issue. One which our faith tradition is quite clear about.

The question this anniversary raises is, will we allow ourselves to repeat this story? We are not destined to. We don't have to. We can, in fact, learn from our earlier mistakes; if we choose to, if we will to, if we adhere to and honor our faith.

We have vowed to "strive for justice and peace among all people and respect the dignity of every human being." May God help us fulfill this vow.

PRAYER FOR LENT

Merciful God, you called us forth from the dust of the earth; you claimed us for Christ in the waters of baptism. Look upon us as we enter these Forty Days bearing the mark of ashes and bless the journey through the desert of Lent to the font of rebirth. As we remember our mortality and seek penitence today, we know you to be a God who is rich in forgiveness and abounding in steadfast love, love that culminates in eternal life with you. Guide our steps this Lent, so that we might find greater fulfillment in your promises and better serve others with a heart that's reflective of you. Amen.

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WELCOME TO 2026 VESTRY – THANK YOU TO 2025 LEADERS

Debby Wilson

Thank you to Shirley Clark, Jim Gilman, and Debby Wilson for saying "yes" to serve a three-year term with the other members of the 2026 St. Alban's Vestry: Brad Goergen, JL Krilevich, Phil McClelland, Linda Rowan, and Anna Sharpe, as well as our Treasurer, Nick Sharpe, and Clerk, Debby Wilson. Your presence in this ministry is a gift to our parish family and a sign of your love for God and for this community of St. Alban's in Edmonds.

Congratulations to JL Krilevich on being appointed as our Senior Warden and thanks to Shirley Clark, Linda Rowan and Phil McClelland who have agreed to

continue as our Junior Wardens in 2026. Shirley and Linda will serve as the Peoples' Wardens representing the 10:30 and 8:00am services respectively. Phil will continue as our Buildings & Grounds Junior Warden.

As vestry members, you help articulate and carry forward the mission of St. Alban's, support our shared ministry by word and deed, and tend the resources entrusted to us for the sake of the Gospel. In a season when the Church—and the world—are hungry for hope, your willingness to lead with faith, courage, and humility is a true blessing.



We also offer heartfelt thanks for the faithful service of our 2025 Vestry members who have completed their terms: Shirley Clark, Dan Mullene, and Jan Skidmore. Your prayer, presence, and steady leadership have been a blessing to St. Alban's, and we are deeply grateful for the many ways you have helped guide our common life.

We are likewise grateful for our 2025 Delegates to Convention, Eric and Susan Hanson, whose dedication and careful representation of St. Alban's in the wider Episcopal Church have strengthened our ties to the Diocese and the broader body of Christ. As they conclude this chapter of service, we joyfully welcome Ron Austin and Carrie Cone as our 2026 Delegates to Convention and extend our ongoing appreciation for John Bee and Liz Bee as alternates.

Gracious God, thank you for calling and equipping the 2026 Vestry of St. Alban's Episcopal Church to serve this parish. Bless them with wisdom in their listening, courage in their decisions, and joy in their service, that all we do together may reflect the love of Christ in this community. Amen.

MEET OUR 2026 ST. ALBAN'S VESTRY TEAM

Senior Warden: JL (Jan Lee) Krilevich
 Jr. Warden, Bldgs & Grounds: Phil McClelland
 Jr. Warden, 8:00am People's Warden: Linda Rowan
 Jr. Warden, 10:30am People's Warden: Shirley Clark
 Treasurer: Nick Sharpe
 Clerk: Debby Wilson

2026 Vestry Members/Term Expires

Shirley Clark	2028
Jim Gilman	2028
Brad Goergen	2026
Jan Lee (JL) Krilevich	2026
Phil McClelland	2027
Linda Rowan	2027

Anna Sharpe	2027
Debby Wilson	2028

2026 Liaison Representatives

Administration	Brad
Buildings & Grounds	Phil
Communications	Debby
Evangelism/Social Justice	Shirley
Faith Formation	Jim
Outreach Contributions	Anna
Parish Life	Linda
Pastoral Care	Linda
Worship	JL

Announcements from a previous Vestry meeting:

- ✓ Worship live streams will be transitioned from Facebook to YouTube for reliability.
- ✓ Lenten resources are available both in person and online, including Lenten Soup Suppers. Resources are listed in the Sunday bulletin.
- ✓ Three new committees are being formed to address (a) single-service options, (b) partnership with local food bank for facility use, and (c) budget deficit solutions.
- ✓ Vestry retreat will be in March.



INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

The next meeting session for the Indigenous Circle is **Saturday, February 21, 10:30am**, in the Parish Hall. Native Kitty Hollow will be giving a presentation on the nature and role of the Sweat Lodge.



SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES LENTEN SERIES

Wednesdays, starting February 25, 6:00pm

This coming Wednesday, we begin our annual Lenten Series. This year's series is an exploration of spiritual disciplines, based on Richard Foster's book, *Celebration of Discipline: The Path to Spiritual Growth*.

St. Alban's Lenten Program this year focuses on the nature and role of spiritual disciplines in the Christian life. What is "spiritual discipline"? What

are the disciplines? And how can I practice them? We will discuss Interior Disciplines like Meditation, Prayer, Fasting, Study, and Exterior Disciplines like Simplicity, Solitude, Service, Confession, Worship, and more. We'll also include some insights in each of the disciplines from mystics old and new.

This program of spiritual formation and growth is in conjunction with soup and salad dinner every Wednesday evening during Lent. Two meals for the price of one evening! Feed your soul as well as you feed your body.

As is our practice we begin with **Evening Prayer at 6:00pm** in the sanctuary, followed by **dinner at 6:30 pm** and **discussion is at 7:00 pm**. Please join us for this engaging series. There are sign-up sheets in the parish hall for those who can provide soup, salad, bread, dessert, drink, or help set-up and clean-up.



GIRL SCOUT COOKES ARE COMING!

Who doesn't have a favorite Girl Scout cookie? Sometimes it's hard to choose which ones to take home with you!

St. Alban's Girl Scout Troop 46254 will be offering for sale their many varieties of yummy cookies on **Sunday, March 1**, in the Parish Hall following both services. Let's help them as they raise funds to support their group's activities.



Women's Fellowship

NEXT ECW COFFEE IS MARCH 7,

Susan Hanson will be the featured presenter at our upcoming ECW Coffee on **Saturday, March 7, 10:30am to noon**, in the Parish Hall.

Susan shares her travels with us with great photos and descriptions of places she and Eric visit on their trips around the world. This presentation is called "The Cave, the Hole and the Camino" and will cover the Hansons recent trip through southern France, the Basque and Northern Spain.

Please bring paperbacks/books you have read and enjoyed for our Used Book Sale. You can pick up new reads for yourself for only \$.50.

Coffee, tea, and light refreshments will be provided.



WANTED!!

An Adventurous Apprentice Vestry Clerk

Debby Wilson, Vestry Clerk/Member

Intro -- Have you ever wondered what really happens behind the scenes at a Vestry meeting—who keeps us on track, remembers what we decided, and makes sure we can tell the same story next month that we told this month? If that sounds oddly appealing, this might be your moment.[gaepiscopal+1](#)

Invitation --We are looking for an apprentice Vestry Clerk: someone curious, organized (or willing to learn), and amused rather than alarmed by church paperwork and holy chaos. You'll shadow our current Vestry Clerk, learn how minutes are taken and kept as part of the parish's permanent record, and help prepare simple documents that support the Vestry's work.
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No prior experience is needed—just:

- A love for this parish and its people.
- Comfort with basic note-taking and email.
- The ability to keep confidences and a sense of humor when meetings run long.

We'll provide gentle training, good company, and the occasional cookie.

Time & How to Learn More --

The apprentice role would involve joining monthly Vestry meetings and a bit of follow-up time afterward, with flexibility for vacations and life events. If your heart beats a little faster at the thought of well-organized minutes—or you're just intrigued—please speak with Debby Wilson after church or contact any Vestry member.

You might discover that this **ministry** is exactly your kind of fun!

OUTREACH BALLOT

You can have a say about who receives our outreach donations for the next four quarters. Ballots are available in the Parish Hall and need to be turned in by February 22. You can vote for four organizations. The top four vote-getters will be selected. Ballots can be placed in the designated basket in the Parish Hall.



A LENTEN REFLECTION

Lent is a season of turning – turning back to God, turning away from fear, scarcity, and selfishness, and opening our hearts to be remade in love.

Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving, the Church invites us to remember that we are dust, yes, but dust that God has shaped for holy purposes.

The spiritual Plenty Good Room reminds us that God's kingdom is wide and welcoming: "plenty good room in my Father's kingdom, just choose your seat and sit down." Lent asks us: what keeps us from taking our place at God's table? What burdens, anxieties, or false stories of scarcity do we need to lay down in order to sit freely in God's grace?

We live in a world that tells us constantly there is not enough. Not enough money to go around. Not enough time to spare. Not enough compassion to share. Lent unmasks this lie and offers a radical truth: with God, there is always enough. The discipline of Lent – simplifying, giving, praying – is not meant to reduce us, but to remind us that abundance flows from God, not from hoarding or fear.

Each act of generosity we make – whether giving to the poor, serving our neighbor, or pledging support for the mission of the church – becomes a way of dismantling the systems of scarcity. Generosity begets generosity. When we share what we have, no matter how small it may seem, God multiplies it for the sake of the kingdom.

During Lent, we journey with Christ into the wilderness, where he resists the temptation to grasp for power and instead embraces trust in God's abundance. We walk the road to the cross, where Jesus gives everything for the sake of love. And in that sacrifice, we discover once again that God has already made plenty good room for each of us.

This Lent, may we give generously, pray fervently, and live boldly into the abundance of God's kingdom.

There is plenty good room – for repentance, for transformation, for new life.

"And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work." — 2 Corinthians 9:8

Questions for Reflection:

What most often stands in your way to sharing your gifts more freely and abundantly?

J. Davey Gerhard is the Executive Director of TENS and believes in God's all-inclusive invitation to find Love when we are gathered together. He lives, works, and worships in San Francisco, California.

*Melt ICE Hats. You remember Pink Pussy hats at the Women's Marches, well now, Midwest Knitters have come up with Red Melt ICE hats to denounce how ICE and Customs and Border Control are aggressively conducting their business. Click the link for an article from the Episcopal News Service about it (with a link to a pattern). [Melt ICE hats](#) Let the knitting begin!
NOTE: The next No Kings Day is March 28 – a great place to wear the hat!*

PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF INDIGENOUS EVENTS BY Martin Walters

Jim Gilman

Last Saturday, February 14, St. Alban's own Martin Walters presented a personal and provocative account of two recent indigenous events.

In 1999 Martin traveled to the Makah Nation to experience and record its Treaty Rights to hunt whales. Martin showed not only original news video of the event, but some of his own photos.

Secondly, in 2016 Martin traveled on his own to the Standing Rock Reservation of the Sioux Nation, to participate in the indigenous protests against the construction of the Dakota Access Pipeline. This Pipeline from the Bakken oil fields was scheduled to pass beneath the Missouri and Mississippi and part of Lake Oahe. The proximity of this oil threatened the safety of these vital water sources for the Standing Rock Nation as well as for surrounding communities.

Again, Martin presented a personal account of these protests, in photos and videos. Thank you, Martin.

DISABILITY DAY OF MOURNING VIGIL

Saturday, February 28, 2:00pm

St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

111 NE 80th St, Seattle.

Every year, the disability community gathers across the nation to remember disabled victims of filicide – disabled people murdered by their family members or caregivers. We gather to mourn those losses, bring awareness to these tragedies, and demand justice and equal protection under the law for all people with disabilities.

ASL interpretation in-person
LIVESTREAM AVAILABLE
Contact us for further information.
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

FEBRUARY 22 – 1ST LENT

Jesus responds to Satan's first temptation to take power unto himself (to be in control, as it were) by making bread from stones with the words, "*One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.*" Does our own personal need for power affect a loving and strengthening relationship with our Creator?

MARCH 1 – 2ND LENT

Psalm 121 says in part: "*The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.*" Who or what in this world can save or protect us for all time? The promise is not that we will not have times of trial, maybe many of them, but rather that God will be with us as we go through them, always ready with love and support of the kind no human or object can provide. Praise God for such a gift!

MARCH 8 – 3RD LENT

Water is essential for human physical survival, but Jesus says the water He gives provides an even longer-lasting gift...eternal life. This promise gives new meaning to the water of baptism and the phrase "marked as Christ's own forever." How does our "mark" influence the way we live from day to day? Do our holy habits of study, worship, service and giving strengthen our life in Christ?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

FEBRUARY 22 – 1ST LENT

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Collect for 1st Lent

Almighty God whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

MARCH 1 – 2ND LENT

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Collect for 2nd Lent

O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

MARCH 8 – 3RD LENT

Exodus 17:1-7

Psalm 95

Romans 5:1-11

John 4:5-42

Collect for 3rd Lent

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