

AROUND THE PARISH

November 24, 2021

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 ACTIVITIES

Sunday Eucharist on Facebook or YouTube, 10:30am

11/28 1st Sunday of Advent

8:00 & 10:30am, In-person, Indoor Services
for those fully vaccinated.

11/28 Adult Bible Study, 9:15am, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86545992628?pwd=d08vTmZNBmk1SW1PUXFybmdpMXNYdz09>

Meeting ID: 865 4599 2628 Passcode: SeekFirst

11/28 Templo Emanuel, 2:00-5:00pm

NOTE: If you don't have a Facebook account, you can watch the Sunday service on YouTube or later as a video on the Facebook link.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

11/26 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, PH

11/29 Boy Scouts, 7:00pm, Parish Hall

12/1 Evening Prayer 6:00pm, Facebook

12/2 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-9:00pm, Sanctuary

12/3 Templo Emanuel, 7:00-8:30pm, Annex

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

Mail check to church

- 21405-82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026
- Drop off through the slot in Greg's door.
- Bank Bill Pay – ask bank to send check to St. Alban's
- Online go to www.StAlbansEdmonds.org and click on "Donate Now."



This is an out-of-sync issue of Around the Parish ahead of Thanksgiving. The next issue will be on Friday, December 3.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

November 28, Advent 1 – 8:00/10:30am

Eucharist - Start of Year C in Lectionary Cycle

December 15 (Wednesday) – 6:00pm Evening Prayer; 6:30pm Christmas Party

December 24 (Friday), Christmas Eve -

5:00pm Carols; 5:30pm Eucharist

Coffee Hour -- donations of cookies, mulled cider, hot chocolate.

December 25 (Saturday), Christmas Day – 10:30am Eucharist

December 26, 1st Sunday after Christmas –

8:00am Eucharist; 10:30am Eucharist

December 29 (Wednesday) – 6:00pm "Blue Christmas"

January 9, Epiphany 1 – 8:00/10:30am Eucharist

Every Perfect Gift

"Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above..." James 1:17, NRSV

This year I give thanks for the following gifts:

This church!

Caring friends in time of need.

My loving family – laughter & love from my friends – my home and physical comforts – the love of my little dog – the interest and concern of my church family – the many years God has given me.

HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE

PRE-CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

Our last Drive-by Food Drive of this year will be on **Saturday, December 11, 10:00am - 2:00pm.**

We all know of the great need for food assistance by many of our neighborhood families. With the many donations from parishioners and neighbors who have joined with their contributions, we all have done an amazing job! So far in 2021, we have collected \$3,388 and 6,810 pounds.

Donations of non-perishable food items are an everyday need – canned chicken, tuna, peanut butter, spaghetti and sauce, mac and cheese, soups, canned fruits and vegetables, jam/jelly, etc. We can't ignore the "needs," but it would be joyful for families to have some treats during this holiday season – hot chocolate packs, Rice Krispie bars, holiday candies and cookies.

Lee Forsberg and his wonderful volunteers will be at the Food Drive to meet/greet all donors. Stop by with your contributions and spend some time with others bringing their gifts of food and good cheer.



ECW HOLIDAY COFFEE – DECEMBER 11

Join in the holiday fun and fellowship at the ECW Holiday Coffee on **Saturday December 11, 10:30am – noon.** We'll have our usual gift exchange, so bring a \$10 wrapped present. Bring and share your favorite Christmas ornament or card, or a piece of holiday jewelry.

Refreshments will be served. This is a wonderful time of year to spend with friends. ECW coffees are always times of fun and laughter!



Generous donations from parishioners enable Altar Guild to beautify our church for the celebration of Jesus' birth. Your contributions can be a memorial, a thanksgiving or for a special occasion.

There are flower donation envelopes in the pews for your use. Please include your dedication information

and place the envelope in the collection plate. Flower donations can also be mailed to church or dropped off. For all dedications to be published in the Christmas bulletins, we request your information by **Sunday, December 12.** We welcome donations after December 12, but they will not be in time for inclusion in the bulletin.



GIFT CARDS FOR CHASE LAKE FAMILIES

Your contributions of gift cards to **Winco, Fred Meyer or Walmart** can make a big difference to the students and families of Chase Lake Community School. It can mean food on the table or even gifts for each other.

Your generous donation of \$25 gift cards can be purchased at one of the three stores, placed in an envelope marked "Chase Lake" and put in the collection plate on Sunday. If getting out to buy cards is not possible, donations of cash or check can be made and the church will write a check to Chase Lake PTSA so they can purchase needed items.

Please have your donations to church by Sunday, November 28. Thank You!



ADVENT REFLECTIONS

Gathering a worldwide community, **#AdventWord** provides a daily meditation, visual image, and invites your personal reflections via social media to share your own Advent journey.

The **#AdventWord** images and meditations can be experienced through AdventWord.org or by signing up for daily emails at AdventWord.org. Below are the words for the first week of Advent:

November 28	Promise
November 29	Strength
November 30	Soul
December 1	Path
December 2	Justice
December 3	Fulfill
December 4	Heart

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS



Photo of cross adorned with parishioners' flowers for November 21 Eucharist celebration in memory of those church family members who departed this earth during COVID time when we were unable to gather together.

Also on the altar are prayer shawls made by our Knitting Ladies group. These are knit with love and prayers and given to friends and parishioners as a reminder of God's love and the caring thoughts of St. Alban's.

WE THANK THEE

For flowers that bloom about our feet,
Father, thank Thee.

For tender grass so fresh, so sweet,
Father, we thank Thee.

For the song of bird and hum of bee,
For all things fair we hear or see,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For blue of stream and blue of sky,
Father, we thank Thee.
For pleasant shade of branches high,
Father, we thank Thee.

For fragrant air and cooling breeze,
For beauty of the blooming trees,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

For this new morning with its light,
Father, we thank Thee.
For rest and shelter of the night,
Father, we thank Thee.
For health and food, for love and friends,
For everything Thy goodness sends,
Father in heaven, we thank Thee.

Ralph Waldo Emerson

NOVEMBER 28 – FIRST ADVENT (Year C)

As we begin a new Church year, the words of the Psalmist are good advice for a steward who wants to “grow in the Lord” – “*Show me your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths. Lead me in your truth and teach me.*” Maybe these are verses to keep where we will see them daily – in our Bible or Prayer Book, on the bathroom mirror, or in any often-viewed spot, where we can read them often and engrave them on our heart.

DECEMBER 5 – SECOND ADVENT

Paul talks about “*producing a harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*” As disciples and stewards, how does our daily life, and our gratitude to God for all His gifts reflect for others “the glory and praise of God”? How can we best work at being good “harvesters”?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

NOVEMBER 28 – FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-9

1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

Luke 21:25-36

Collect for First Sunday of Advent

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armor of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

DECEMBER 5 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4

Canticle 4 or Canticle 16

Philippians 1:3-11

Luke 3:1-6

WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS

1st week—Food Bank
2nd week—Discretionary Fund
3rd week—Outreach – Everett Gospel Mission
4th week—Capital Improvements
5th Week—One Thousand Days of Light (ERD)

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

To maintain social distancing and minimize any possible exposures to Covid-19, please observe the following:

- Please contact the Office, (425) 778-0371 or stalbansedmonds@gmail.com to make appointment.
- Wear a mask.

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)



YouTube LINK ON WEBSITE

Because of confusion about how to access YouTube on our website, the appearance of the link has been changed. The link is still located in the middle of the front page of our website, just above the link for the Sunday service bulletin. Below is how it now appears on our website. You can either click on the link or copy and paste the link into your browser

Services are also available on our **YouTube Channel**—
Please Click Here:

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_YOIqfoSZfrOP7o_7d7zLw