

AROUND THE PARISH

October 17, 2025

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 – October 19

Pentecost 19

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

9:30am, 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

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



Fr. Greg Peters

A Letter to the Editor entitled “A Vigil Against Violence” in today’s New York Times caught my eye. In it, Russel Honore’ noted our nation’s long history of political and civil violence – the Revolution, the Civil War, Reconstruction, the Civil Rights Era. He laments the resurgence of violence in today’s political arena. “Now, men too young to recall our darkest days are celebrating violence, hatred, and racism.”

Noting the divisions in our society, he calls for a nationwide candlelight vigil to “reaffirm our commitment to resolving our differences through dialogue, compromise, and respect for one another’s humanity.” Such a vigil would, he says, demonstrate an overt rejection of political violence and a recommitment of “ourselves to the principles of democracy, tolerance, and peace.”

The idea of a candlelight vigil appeals to me.

I have been to innumerable protests; protests for peace, against wars, for justice, for human rights; they are generally loud, boisterous affairs. As they should be. We are fortunate to live in a nation where voicing our political descent is not only among our Constitutional Rights, it is honored, respected, and even expected, at least historically. Maybe not welcomed by those in power, but expected. Protest is an integral part of the American enterprise.

At the same time, all the noise and vitriol eventually leave me weary. Sloganizing, repetitive chants, and appeals to emotion, become uninspiring. That line from the Who’s *Don’t Get Fooled Again*, “Meet the new boss, same as the old boss,” often come to mind.

I have envisioned what a silent, candlelit, protest march would be. In my imagination, profound, moving, disconcerting.

But what struck me most about this letter to the Editor came at the very end, his credentials. Russel Honore’ *U.S. Army Lieutenant General, Retired* [emphasis mine].

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

10/18 10:30am, Indigenous Circle, PH

10/19 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

10/25 Diocesan Convention

11/2 8:00/10:30am, Stewardship Ingathering

11/8 Boy Scouts Grounds Cleanup

10:30am, Mens Circle, Parish Hall

11/9 12:30pm, Vestry Meeting, Annex

11/12 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Park Lot

11/19 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Soup Supper

11/26 6:00pm, Evening Prayer/Pre T’giving Feast

RECURRING EVENTS

Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall

Tues: 4:00-6:00pm, Girl Scouts, Parish Hall, (1st, 3rd)
6:00-9:00pm, Girl Scout Comm. Camp, PH (3rd)
7:00pm, Cub Scouts, Sunday Sch. Wing-*Pending*

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, November 7

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, November 5



Here is a general, a man trained in warfare. Now retired, of an age that has likely seen one war, possibly two. Someone who actually knows the violence of physical and emotional wounds. Someone accustomed to receiving, giving, and acting upon orders. From that place, he calls for peace.

General Honore' ends his letter with this, "In the face of darkness, let our candles shine bright. Together, we can overcome the shadows of division and build a more inclusive and peaceful society for all."

Here is deep faith, profound hope, and powerful transformation; all grounded in reality and lived experience.

As we enter the darkest time of year, I, for one, will be lighting candles.

A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

Loving Creator,

You have blessed us with so many gifts—our time, talents, and treasures. Help us to recognize these blessings as opportunities to serve You and others. Teach us to be wise and faithful stewards, using what we have been given to bring hope, love, and kindness to the world.

May we give generously, not out of obligation, but with joyful hearts, knowing that all we have comes from You. Guide us to share our gifts in ways that honor You and uplift those in need.

Send Your Spirit to inspire us, so that our stewardship reflects the love of Christ in all we do. May our actions bear witness to Your grace and bring glory to Your name.

We pray this with gratitude and trust.

Amen.



TELL OUT MY SOUL

The Language of Song is Universal

An Interview by the Very Rev. Julia McCray Goldsmith

I'm classically trained in opera and in church music, so when I think of "tell out my soul," I am reminded that music is a universal language. I only speak English fluently, but I sing in other languages. I can do this because I've learned to interpret the universal feelings in the music – love or loss or longing – that the

composer intended. When I sing, I'm telling out on their behalf.

Last Saturday I was singing Andrew Lloyd Webber's "Pie Jesu." One way to translate these words, in the context of a requiem, is "Lord, give them rest." It left me thinking of trans people and immigrants and others whose identity is currently under attack, and I find myself praying for their rest in Jesus.

I was not raised in The Episcopal Church, so I'm relatively new to the hymnody. But I convened our cathedral's young adult ministry and now I am on the vestry. I seem to get called to leadership roles even when I'm not looking for them. Maybe because I stand up for others? I was raised as a girl and taught to be more quiet and passive, but as a non-binary adult I lead out loud and assertively. It's a common understanding in music circles that the skill of your choir is only as good as the worst voice. Everyone is diminished if we don't support each other's voices.

I am especially thankful for the voices and the teachers that have supported me along the way. My first church music director believed in and encouraged me when I was only nine or ten. I had great college music professors and church music directors at St. Bartholomew's in Poway and at Trinity Cathedral in San Jose. These people told me that I have a gift to share, and I believed them.

Trinity "Trin" Hall (they/them) is a 24 year old freelance soprano and pastry artist, president of the Trinity Episcopal Cathedral San Jose Young Adult Ministry

Question for Reflection:

How do you tell our story while empowering others to tell theirs?

2026 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Annual Stewardship Campaign Has Begun

You may have noticed the colorful hearts displayed around the Parish Hall. We invite you to reflect on how you feel called to live generously and faithfully as stewards of all that has been entrusted to you. Please write your thoughts on a heart and post it on the easel in the Parish Hall. Together, these hearts will create a beautiful visual reminder of the caring, love, and faithfulness that define our congregation. If you have questions, please call our Stewardship Chair Debby Wilson --dgzrus@gmail.com



I take this opportunity to sincerely thank my church family for the support and kindness you extended to me after the recent loss of my son.

I always have a lot to be thankful for at St. Alban's, and your generous spirit has once again shone through. With my blessings, thank you.

Mary Fowler

FULFILLING STEWFEST

It was a fulfilling evening, spiritually, one full of good fellowship, as well as the guests being treated to a wonderful dinner. There were several varieties of stews and salads, baked salmon (baked by Greg and donated fish from Shen Warner), breads and desserts to choose from. Wine, beer, soft drinks and water were also included.

October 15 is the celebration of Theresa of Avila, a Spanish Carmelite nun and mystic who lived in the 1500s. During the program part of the evening, Fr. Greg shared some thoughts from St. Theresa's life and teachings and opened up discussion for how those ideas relate to our current church life.

Thanks to the Stewardship Committee and the food contributors for a great dinner and evening!!



UNITED WE STAND

An Interreligious Prayer Vigil in Troubled Times will be held on Wednesday, November 5, 2025, 7:00-8:00pm at Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, 1245 10th Ave. E., Seattle, or via livestream at [Live Streams - Saint Mark's Episcopal Cathedral](#).

In this time of trial and struggle, as we confront challenges to our civil society and our body politic, we are at a crossroads of conscience. And though the voices of vitriol and extremism often resound loudly, it is the judicious wisdom of resilient and courageous peacemakers who will lead us through this crisis.

Prayerful reflection stands as a hopeful response to the static of cynicism. Join local religious leaders and fellow citizens who will gather in Seattle's Saint Mark's Cathedral at this critical juncture of our nation's history.

In times of crisis, we come together. All are invited

to join in this brief non-partisan interfaith service of hope, either in-person or via livestream. We ask you to embrace this moment of contemplation and connection, as we affirm the principles that transcend our differences, and the common cause that will bind the wounds of this great nation.



Photo thanks to JL Krilevich

DOG POOP CLEANUP STATION

St. Alban's extends hospitality to our neighboring four-footed friends. And, we have already received a favorable word from a close-by dog owner whose pet loves to run around our property. He even volunteered to check periodically on the station's need to be emptied!

The poop station project was a result of the September 14 Vestry meeting. The members voted to purchase two Dog Poop Cleanup Stations to be installed – one in the front yard at the back of the parking area and the second in back of the property by the Annex. We welcome the use of our property for neighboring pets and hope the stations will help facilitate the owners cleaning up after their pets.

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER

Nick Sharpe, Treasurer

Comparison of Total Operating Income vs. Total Budgeted Fund Expenses:

- Total Operating Income: \$12,778.41
- Total Budgeted Fund Expenses: \$16,606.09

Analysis: The total operating income for September 2025 was \$12,778.41, which is **\$3,827.68 less** than the total budgeted fund expenses of \$16,606.09. Pledges and Facility Use were much lower than expected for September. Expenses were higher than budgeted for September pretty much across the board.

SUPPORT MISSION TO SEAFARERS

One of St. Alban's ministries is the support of the Mission to Seafarers in support of the many seamen who are at port in Seattle.

We can all help by donating items to help fill up the "ditty bags" given to the visiting seamen and seawomen. Items needed are wrapped toothbrushes, tooth paste, bars of soap, deodorant, shampoo, shaving cream, razors, feminine products, decks of playing cards, etc. Small New Testament copies of John's Gospel are a great contribution.



You are invited to join in the day of assembling the ditty bags on Saturday, November 22, 10:00am to noon, St. John the Baptist Episcopal Church, 3050 California Ave SW, Seattle.



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS ST. FRANCIS FEAST DAY

On Sunday, October 5, we observed St. Francis Feast Day with a blessing of the animals by Fr. Greg. Cats, dogs, bunnies and pet memorabilia were included. It's one of our favorite celebration days.

Thanks to Debby Wilson and JL Krilevich for all the great photos!



PARISH DIRECTORY ADDITION

A warm welcome to:

Kinnon McPeak & Anne Underwood
12121 Admiralty Way, Apt T205
Everett, WA 98204
702-374-8542
kinnon@mcpeak.org



"HUGGING IS HEALTHY"

The following clip from one of the "Chicken Soup" books is contributed by Barbara Halterman.

Hugging is healthy. It helps the body's immune system, it keeps you healthier, it cures depression, it reduces stress, it induces sleep, it's invigorating, it's rejuvenating, it has no unpleasant side effects, and hugging is nothing less than a miracle drug.

Hugging is all natural. It is organic naturally sweet, no pesticides, no preservatives, no artificial ingredients and 100 percent wholesome.

Hugging is practically perfect. There are no movable parts, no batteries to wear out, no periodic checkups, low energy consumption, high energy yield, inflation proof, nonfattening, no monthly payments, no insurance requirements, theft-proof, nontaxable, nonpolluting and, of course, fully returnable.

DONATIONS THANK YOU

Dear St. Alban's Church,

During these challenging times, "thank you" seems somewhat inadequate as a response to your donation of \$450 on August 8, 2025. Now more than ever, each thoughtful gift is a reflection of the extent to which our community is willing to help support those who have experienced the trauma of domestic violence.

Since the following of the agency in 1976, community members like you have joined with us to

offer support, encouragement and hope to those less fortunate. Donations have allowed us to serve more and more adults and children through emergency shelter, transitional housing, legal advocacy and individualized personal advocacy.

We truly "thank you" for your donation. Your generosity does make a difference in the lives of many of your neighbors!

Lauren Stiger, Development & Volunteer Mgr.
On behalf of DVS Clients, Staff and Board

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

OCTOBER 19 – PENTECOST 19

The final verse of Psalm 121 says "...*The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.*" How can we possibly respond to such a boundless promise with anything less than expansive and whole-hearted gratitude, generosity and service.

OCTOBER 26 – PENTECOST 20

We pray that God may "...*increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity...*" Cultivating the Holy Habits of prayer, study, being part of a worshipping community and generous giving can be important steps on the path of our daily journey to grow nearer to God.

NOVEMBER 1 – ALL SAINTS DAY

A favorite hymn, often used at All Saints Day celebrations is #287, "*For all the Saints...*" Who are the saints now on the "Godward" side of your life who encourage you to give thanks, not only for their lives by your examples of loving discipleship, but also by your willingness to be ever grateful for all they know (and you know) God has given you? This is our particular day to remember all the blessed saints – especially those who have gone before us here, having served God faithfully in this parish. They were good and diligent stewards – quietly and continually supporting His work in many ways while living lives of integrity and courage. May it be yet another of God's gifts for us to join them at the banquet when our days here are done. *Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

NOVEMBER 2 – PENTECOST 21

Jesus says, "*For the Son of man came to seek out and to save the lost.*" We are reminded that all of us could at one time or another be counted among the lost. And we cannot be "found" by our own merit. God looks for

us always. As some of the parables tell us, he will search far and long to bring us into a renewed relationship. If God seems far away, perhaps we need to assist the search by intentionally responding to that continual, loving call.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OCTOBER 19 – PENTECOST 19

Genesis 32:22-31

Psalms 121

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5

Luke 18:1-8

Collect for Pentecost 19

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations: Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

OCTOBER 26 – PENTECOST 20

Joel 2:23-32

Psalms 65

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

Collect for Pentecost 20

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

NOVEMBER 2 – Pentecost 21

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4

Psalms 119:137-144

2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12

Luke 19:1-10

Collect for Pentecost 21

Almighty and merciful God, it is only by your gift that your faithful people offer you true and laudable service: Grant that we may run without stumbling to obtain your heavenly promises; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

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 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Wednesday 2:00 - 4:00pm

Friday 2:00 – 4:00pm

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

Tuesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30 pm

Wednesday Church Office 10:00am – 2:30pm

Thursday Home 10:00am – 2:00pm

(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.

CHURCH PLEDGES & DONATIONS

Please continue donations and pledges by:

*Collection plates and baskets on Sunday.

*Mail check – 21405 82nd Pl W, Edmonds, WA 98026

*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- or use

pictured QR code

