

AROUND THE PARISH

April 17, 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 – April 19

3rd Sunday of Easter

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

9:30-10:15am, Adult Bible Study, Annex & Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228 Passcode: SeekFirst

2:00-5:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall

NOTE: Watch the Sunday service on YouTube either live or later.

Post-Easter Prayer

Risen Lord,

On this side of the empty tomb,
we stand in awe of Your victory over death.
Let the light of Your resurrection
chase away the shadows of fear and doubt
in our hearts.

Fill us with the courage to live as Easter people—
people of hope, joy, and unshakable faith.
May Your love flow through us
to heal the broken, lift the weary,
and bring peace to a restless world.

Keep our eyes fixed on the promise of eternal life,
and our hands ready to serve in Your name.

Amen.

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 4/18 9:00am-12:00pm ECLA LMF, Annex
10:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 4/20 1:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall
- 4/22 6:00pm, Evening Prayer, Soup Supper
- 4/30 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall
- 5/2 10:30am ECW Coffee/Fellowship
9:00-noon, ECLA LMF, Annex
- 5/9 10:00am-2:00pm, Drive By Food Drive, Park Lot
- 5/13 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Parking Lot
- 5/14 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall

RECURRING EVENTS

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

Next ATP Issue: Friday, May 1

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, April 29

NOTES:

Fr. Greg returns from his family vacation to the Midwest on April 17 and will preside at services on Sunday, April 19. His ATP column will return on May 1.

Be sure to open the attachment to the ATP email to see some photos of the Easter Egg Hunt held on April 4.



Photo by Jeannie Wells

BAPTISM OF MARIAN HAGGLUND

On Easter Sunday, April 5, we had the honor and blessing of witnessing the baptism of parishioner Marian Hagglund. She had expressed the desire of baptism to Fr. Greg and attended instructional classes with him.

Standing with Marian at her baptism were her husband Martin Walter and her sister Kristi, and the congregation joined in for the renewal of Baptismal Vows. Assisting in the ceremony were Jim Gilman and Logan (grandson of Jeannie Burpee).



WEDNESDAY EVENING SOUP SUPPER

We continue with our **Wednesday Evening Prayer at 6:00pm in the Sanctuary on Wednesday, April 22.** Following the service, there is a fellowship soup supper and program beginning at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall. Please note this month's date is a different Wednesday due to Easter celebrations.

If you would like to contribute to the meal, please bring soup, salad, bread or dessert. This is a great opportunity to share a meal and get to know other parishioners better.



NEW SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY CLASS

Robin McClelland will be leading our Adult Sunday School, beginning with **an introductory session on April 19th.** We'll start by reviewing scriptures from the Easter season — many of which we've recently read together.

Robin brings her steadfast faith and previous experience leading Bible studies. She will also be able to draw on the guidance of Eric Hanson, Jim Gilman, and Fr. Greg as she leads our group. After our opening sessions, the group will work together to choose books of the Bible to study going forward. Classes will meet each **Sunday from 9:30-10:15am in the Annex and will also be available via Zoom.**

We hope you'll join us! If you have any questions, just contact Robin at philrobin_mcclelland@yahoo.com; cell: 425-446-2356 Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228 Passcode: SeekFirst <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83625063228?pwd=bcgNjSKTjQaV8OTcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE

New Address:

Shirley Clark
Crown2 Adult Family Home
14702 47th Ave W
Lynnwood, WA 98087
Cell: 425-239-8079 (unchanged)
Email: shirleysee51@gmail.com (unchanged)



SAINT DROGO, PATRON OF BARISTAS

On **Sunday, April 19,** we will celebrate Saint Drogo, Patron of Baristas. A few years ago, we celebrated this most blessed and caffeinated feast day. We're reviving the celebration by offering espresso drinks during both coffee hours.

If you have an espresso maker or a moka pot, bring it to church on April 19. We'll provide perfectly ground black and sticky beans, milk, and dairy alternatives. Together we will celebrate the life and ministry of that poor shepherd, whose faith brings so much joy, inspiration, and alertness.

A Little History (via the internet)

The Mysterious Patron of Coffee, Saint Drogo was born into wealth and gave up his birthright at age 20. For much of his life, he walked across the countryside taking on humble jobs - most notably a shepherd. He detached himself from the world and lived in a confined space for 45 years that was attached to a church wall. Through a small window, Saint Drogo could hear Mass and receive the Eucharist. His holiness was visible even from within his cell. The townspeople loved him and came to revere him as a spiritual father. He endured a disfiguring illness; as a result, Saint Drogo declined visits, further deepening his solitude.

Saint Drogo lived centuries before coffee was introduced to Europe, and there is no record of his every drinking it. So, how did this silent mystic of Northern France become known as the patron of coffee? There is no official papal decree or liturgical title. His patronage over coffee is a devotional attribution, most likely arising in later centuries as coffee became part of European monastic life and Christian Culture.

Symbolic connections:

- +His life of contemplation and night vigils mirrored the wakefulness coffee can bring.
- +His image – solitary and disciplined, at prayer – feels monastic, and coffee has long held a place in monastic hospitality and routine.
- +In a world seeking saints for every human moment, it seems fitting that the silent saint of

simplicity and solitude became linked with the quiet ritual of the morning cup of coffee.

Saint Drogo remains the patron for shepherds, the sick, those suffering ridicule for their appearance – and increasingly in the modern age for coffee lovers.



SMALL CHANGE BIG BLESSING FOR ST. ALBAN'S

Debby Wilson, Vestry

Most of us have a little loose change rattling around in pockets, purses, and car consoles. Beginning this month, St. Alban's is turning that "holy clutter" into holy possibility. Each Sunday at coffee hour, you'll find a clearly marked jar on the refreshment table, ready to receive any coins or small bills you feel moved to share.

While a single coin may not seem like much, together our small, steady gifts can help close St. Alban's ongoing budget gap and sustain the ministries we cherish—our worship, music, pastoral care. The change collected will benefit St. Alban's by helping to reduce the \$30,000 budget deficit. This is not a new pledge drive, just a gentle, ongoing way to say "yes" to the life and work of this parish.

Please consider dropping in your spare change whenever you stop by for coffee. Your presence is already a gift; your **generosity** in any amount helps keep the lights on, the doors open, and the welcome of Christ alive at St. Alban's.



COMING UP: ECW COFFEE, MAY 2

Connie Forsberg

Be sure to join us **on Saturday, May 2, 10:30-12:00pm**, for the next ECW Coffee. Jeannie Burpee and Maryellen Young will be our featured speakers as

they talk about their recent trip called "Celtic Roots in Brittany and Gaul: A pilgrimage to France." Come and learn something about their trip and Celtic Christianity.

Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be offered. You don't want to miss this presentation!



THE BLESSINGS OF EASTER WEEK

Easter week brought us together for services, worship, peaceful times, fellowship and some fun – including the baptism of Marian Hagglund. Many hands were involved in all the planning, preparation and celebration – those who contributed candies; stuffed Easter Eggs and the Girl Scouts who hid them for the Egg Hunt on April 4. Lots of children and families flocked to St. Alban's for this annual treat.

Many parishioners did readings and assisted with services – no easy task for Debby Wilson to coordinate the many times and readers! Thanks to your many donations, Altar Guild was able to bring spring flowers to the Sanctuary for Easter services. The between-services breakfast was enjoyed by many. The labyrinth particularly attracts parishioners and visitors to our Good Friday Stations of the Cross.

Thanks to all who contributed, celebrated and blessed each other during this holy time of the year. Fr. Greg was able to have a week off following his hectic schedule. Jim Gilman and musician Jon Breitenbach-Patch contributed greatly to our worship and services.

See attachment for pictures of Easter Egg Hunt by JL Krilevich and Maryellen Young.



A moment of peace and quiet in the labyrinth!

LETTER OF THANKS

Thank you for your generosity and commitment to the well-being of older adults and people with disabilities in our community. Your gift will provide nutritious meals, mental health services, transportation assistance, and more to our most vulnerable neighbors.

Thank you for your support!

Jean Li, Philanthropy Assistant, Homage

(Note: St. Alban's donated \$390 for 1st quarter.)

1st QUARTER BASKET DONATIONS RESULTS

3rd Week Outreach

Homage received \$390 in donations for the 1st quarter. Homage provides services for older adults and people with disabilities in Snohomish County.

4th Week International Relief

Doctors Without Borders/Médecins Sans Frontières (MSF) received \$375 in donations for the 1st quarter. MSF provide urgent medical care to hundreds of thousands of people affected by war, starvation, and disease in more than 70 countries around the world each year.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

APRIL 19 – EASTER 3

In the Road to Emmaus story Jesus appeared and walked with the disciples, but they did not recognize Him. How often is God with us, and we fail to recognize His hand in our lives? Their recognition came later when He blessed and broke the bread. Our faithful attendance at the Eucharist can be an “eye opener” for us too. As Hymn 343 says, *“Be known to us in breaking bread.”*

APRIL 26 – EASTER 4

“(They) devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” Sound familiar? Faithful stewards try to live those words, more often heard now in the Baptismal Covenant. Review that covenant (Prayer Book, p. 304) frequently. Better still, copy it, and put it where you’ll often be reminded of the commitment you have made to live a God-centered life.

MAY 3 – EASTER 5

Christ is described as the head and cornerstone, and we are urged to come to Him as living stones to be built into a spiritual house. How solid is your spiritual

house? As a steward, do your holy habits create a haven for God to inhabit and work through? Is Christ the cornerstone reflected to others through the mirror of your life?

SCRIPTURE READINGS

APRIL 19 – EASTER 3

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17

1 Peter 1:17-23

Luke 24:13-35

Collect for Easter 3

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread: Open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

APRIL 26 – EASTER 4

Acts 2:42-47

Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25

John 10:1-10

Collect for Easter 4

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear His voice we may know Him who calls us each by name, and follow where He leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God for ever and ever. Amen

MAY 3 – EASTER 5

Acts 7:55-60

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10

John 14:1-14

Collect for Easter 5

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow His steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

GREG'S OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
Wednesday, Church Office 10:00am – 3:00pm
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)

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.

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

