

## AROUND THE PARISH

April 3, 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 5

#### Easter Sunday

8:00 & 10:30am, Eucharist Services in Sanctuary  
9:30-10:15am – New Adult Bible Study begins April 19  
2:00-5:00pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall

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

NOTE: Following our Holy Week and Easter service schedule, Fr. Greg is taking a well-deserved break. He will be away from Friday, April 10 through April 17. His Around the Parish column will resume on May 1. On Sunday, April 12, we welcome Rev. Helen McPeak as our visiting priest.



### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

4/4 10:00am, Altar Guild, Parish Hall/Sanctuary  
12:00pm, Meditative Service, YouTube only  
1:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt  
8:00pm, Easter Vigil/Eucharist, In Person/YTube  
4/5 8:00/10:30am, Easter Sunday Eucharist  
4/8 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Parking Lot  
4/11 9:00am-12:00pm, ECLA LMF, Annex  
10:30am, Men's Circle, Parish Hall  
4/12 "Kirkin o' the Tartans" at Sunday Service  
4/13 AA Meeting, Annex  
4/16 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall  
4/18 9:00am-12:00pm ECLA LMF, Annex  
10:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall  
4/20 1:00pm, Altar Guild Mtg, Parish Hall  
4/30 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall

### April 3, Good Friday

12:00pm, Service at St. Alban's  
6:00pm, Service at St. Hilda St. Patrick  
12:00-5:00pm, St. Alban's Stations of the Cross,  
Labyrinth

### April 4, Holy Saturday

12:00pm, Meditative Service, YouTube only  
1:00pm, Easter Egg Hunt  
7:45pm, Easter Vigil – Gather outdoors for Fire  
Lighting; 8:00pm process to Sanctuary for  
Lessons, Renewal of Baptismal Covenant &  
Eucharist

### April 5, Easter Sunday

8:00am, Eucharist, In Person only  
10:30am, Eucharist, In Person & YouTube

### RECURRING EVENTS

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

Next ATP Issue: Friday, April 17

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, April 15

### Prayer for Spiritual Renewal

Easter reminds believers that through Christ, every heart can experience spiritual renewal. It is a time to let go of old habits, doubts, and fears, and embrace God's transforming power. By inviting the Holy Spirit into our hearts, we open ourselves to guidance, clarity, and divine inspiration. Spiritual renewal strengthens our faith, renews our commitment to living according to God's Word, and fills us with hope, joy, and purpose. This prayer encourages believers to fully surrender to God and receive His refreshing presence.  
([www.perfectprayers.com](http://www.perfectprayers.com))

*Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! – 2 Corinthians 5:17*



**On Easter Sunday, we will celebrate the Resurrection together in worship and fellowship. Our service at 8:00am is in person, and the 10:30am service is in person, livestreamed and archived on YouTube.**

**Please join us between services as we share a special Easter breakfast coffee hour at 9:15am.**

### One Day Soon

One day, justice will come running over those hills  
Like the wind chasing wildflowers.  
It will come to every person who has ever felt belittled,  
And nothing will be able to stop it.  
It will clean the ancient air like sunlight after a long  
rain

Reaching down with golden fingers  
To make the valley below shine like heaven.

One day love will race around that corner,  
Looking for you, looking for me.  
It will lift us up in its arms and swing us  
Like children pretending to fly.  
We will know joy from that day forward forever.

One day the Spirit will come down  
From the far mountains  
Trailing clouds like a shawl  
Healing the earth with every step.  
Then the forests will start to sing,  
The deserts will awaken the drum  
And our ancestral stars  
Will begin their slow and stately dance.

Peace will come to our Mother  
And freedom to all her family.  
One day, I pray, one day soon.

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### THE JOYFUL EASTER EGG HUNT IS HERE!

The great Easter Egg Hunt is tomorrow, **April 4, at 1:00pm**. Lots of hands opened the plastic eggs and jammed candy into them. That itself is a joyful and happy event as parishioners work together and enjoy

the fellowship of preparing the eggs to delight all visitors who will be searching for them. There are even special eggs prepared for children who may have particular needs.

Parishioners are invited to be on hand to enjoy the fun, help out or assist where needed. Some have signed up for tasks, but you will have fun just being present. Shannon has asked those that have signed up to arrive at 11:00am.

Thank you and much gratitude to Shannon Duggan for her time, leadership and organization in getting this event up and running. We are also grateful to Anna Sharpe and to those who provided candy, stuffed Easter eggs and supported this important event for our families and those in our neighborhood.



### TARTAN SUNDAY COMING – APRIL 12

Mark your calendar and dust off your kilt. It's time to celebrate Scottish heritage with Kirkin' o' the Tartans, Blessing of the Tartans.

This celebration grew out of the time when the Scots were being persecuted by the English and were not allowed to wear kilts and tartans. As a form of resistance, the Scots would carry a small patch of tartan hidden in their clothes. Once a year, they would have it blessed in church.



### ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Robin McClelland will be leading our Adult Sunday School, beginning with an introductory session on April 19. 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 the 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 will join us! If you have any questions, just contact Robin at [philrobinmcclelland@yahoo.com](mailto:philrobinmcclelland@yahoo.com); cell 425-446-2355.

Zoom Link: 9:30-10:15am  
Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228  
Pass Code: SeekFirst

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



### SPRING CLEANUP AROUND ST. ALBAN'S

Various volunteers and Boy Scout Troop 300 worked their magic on St. Alban's grounds this past week. On Saturday, March 28, the Boy Scouts along with parents cleaned the winter weather mess of branches, twigs and long grass that always manages to grow profusely where it is not wanted! The volunteer workers picked up, raked and then hauled away the debris. Phil McClelland's Buildings and Grounds' crew also had a hand in the cleanup.

Parishioners John and Liz Bee donated four yards of bark which was spread over the front grass-free areas. Volunteers Jeannie Burpee and Denise Robertson, with help from some Scout mothers, weeded, trimmed and cleaned up the large bed in front of the church.

The labyrinth needed some refreshment after the winter rains and that was done also. This task was done in time for the Good Friday Stations of the Cross walk used by not only parishioners, but also by neighbors and other visitors who visit the Labyrinth periodically.

Another volunteer who is frequently around cleaning/dusting, washing windows and tackling spots on the Sanctuary carpet and who remains unseen is JL Krilevich.

We are very grateful to those who bless St. Alban's with their commitment and dedication. Your efforts and care are appreciated by all. Thank you!



### SUNDAY FLOWER DONATION

Sharon Joy, Altar Guild Directress

Thank you for your donations of spring flowers to beautify our altar for The Feast of the Resurrection. Altar Guild's flower budget depends solely on the contributions received during the year and especially at Christmas and Easter. Flowers and altar decorations are not a budgeted item by the church.

Now that flowerless Lent has passed, you are encouraged to consult the Flower Chart on the wall to the left of the entryway and sign up for a future Sunday—there are open slots throughout the year. Please sign up and indicate on the form provided your flower preferences. All dedications for flowers are to be sent to Parish Administrator Jeannie Wells ([jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com](mailto:jeannie.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)) at least ten days prior to your chosen Sunday.

Along with a everything else, the cost of flowers has risen. A single plant or a single arrangement is sufficient for our altar area. Also, one or two people can share a Sunday with both doing their own dedication while splitting the cost of the flowers.

If you have questions, please contact Sharon Joy by phone at 425-478-6844.

We extend sympathy to former long-time member Verne Giddings on the death of his wife Helen, and to daughter Kati Johnson, (Ben) and their children Cameron and Morgan. Cards can be sent to 10409 NE 202<sup>nd</sup> Pl, Bothell WA 98011



## **AN EASTER REFLECTION**

Easter morning begins with an empty tomb and the proclamation that death has been defeated. Christ is risen, and with him rises a hope that cannot be contained, a joy that spills over every boundary, a love that fills every corner of creation.

The resurrection reveals God's ultimate declaration of abundance: not even death can limit the life God offers. When the women come to the tomb, when the disciples run to see, when Thomas doubts and then believes, each encounter widens the circle. No one is left out of the invitation to new life. Easter shouts what the spiritual Plenty Good Room sings: there is space for all at God's table; choose your seat and sit down.

Scarcity says death has the final word, but Easter proclaims life abundant. Scarcity says we must cling tightly to what we have, but resurrection invites us to share freely, knowing that love multiplies. Easter is not only a promise for what comes after death, but also a call to live generously now – in our communities, in our relationships, in our stewardship.

Every gift we offer, every pledge we make, every act of generosity becomes a witness to resurrection hope. We become bearers of life when we invest in the mission of the Church, feeding the hungry, sheltering the lost, welcoming the stranger, proclaiming the Good News. The resurrection does not shrink the table – it expands it beyond imagination. There is plenty good room in the Kingdom of God, and the risen Christ is the host.

This Easter, may we live as resurrection people: fearless in hope, generous in love, steadfast in proclaiming that God's abundance is for all. For Christ is risen indeed, and in him we are raised to a new life of generosity and joy.

*"I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly." — John 10:10*

### **Questions for Reflection:**

What most often stands in your way of 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.*

All Episcopalians are invited to create origami cranes (tsuru) and mail them to the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia (1551 10th Ave. E, Seattle, WA 98102) to arrive **by April 10**. The cranes will be strung together and displayed outside the DHS detention center in Tacoma, Washington. Instructions for making an origami crane can be found [HERE](#) and [HERE](#).

The project is part of the Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander leaders' retreat this April in Tacoma, Washington. All are welcome to attend a vigil during the retreat on Thursday, April 16, at 6:30pm at Christ Episcopal Church Tacoma. The Rev. Jo Ann Lagman, missioner for Asiamerica Ministries, will lead the vigil, and the Rt. Rev. Allen Shin will preach.

The retreat, based in the Episcopal Diocese of Olympia in cooperation with the church's Asiamerica Ministries, offers a sacred space for clergy and lay leaders of Asian, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander heritage to explore AANHPI history, worship together, and translate collective stories into advocacy for migrant communities.

For more information, contact Adrienne Elliott, canon missioner for creation care and environmental justice, [frontdesk@ecww.org](mailto:frontdesk@ecww.org).



## **BASKET DONATIONS FOR APRIL**

1st Week—[Food Banks](#) for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks.

2nd Week—[Discretionary Fund](#) to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

3rd Week—[Washington Kids in Transition](#) is committed to providing basic needs to homeless children residing in Washington State, including food, emergency closets, motel vouchers, transportation vouchers.

4th Week—[World Vision](#) is a global leader in improving and transforming the lives of children, their families, and their communities.

5th Week—[Indigenous Women: WomenSpirit](#)

Coalition. We had a 5th week on March 29. Our next 5th week is May 31.

Donations can be made at any time by placing your donation in an envelope and designating the category for your donation.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

### APRIL 4 – THE EASTER VIGIL

The stories told at the Easter Vigil repeat time after time, the many ways in which God has entered the lives of His people in saving and grace-filled manifestations. And He has promised to live in us and through us, too, as we allow Him to undergird our daily lives of discipleship. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### APRIL 5 – FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Psalm 118 ends, *“On this day the Lord has acted; we will rejoice and be glad in it.”* May we strive to be rejoicing stewards, not only in the Easter season, but the whole year through – always thankful and grateful for our many blessings. Alleluia! Alleluia!

### APRIL 12 – EASTER 2

How often are we like Thomas the doubter? What does it take for us to say, *“My Lord and my God”*? Part of the steward’s life is consciously taking time to read the stories in scripture being actively part of a faith community and through prayer creating a one-on-one relationship with our Savior. Hopefully, then, we will be thankful to call ourselves part of the faithful who *“have not seen yet believe.”*

### 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.”*

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

### APRIL 5 – EASTER DAY

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6  
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24  
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43  
John 20:1-18

### Collect for Easter Day

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by His glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: Grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

### APRIL 12 – 2 EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16  
1 Peter 1:3-9  
John 20:19-31

### Collect for 2 Easter

Almighty and Everlasting God, who in the Paschal mystery established the new covenant of reconciliation: Grant that all who have been reborn into the fellowship of Christ’s Body may show forth in their lives what they profess by their faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### APRIL 19 – 3 EASTER

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-3, 10-17  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

### Collect for 3 Easter

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

### 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](mailto: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.

### **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](http://www.StAlbansEdmonds.org),  
and click on "Donate Now- or use  
pictured QR code



### **WEEKLY SUNDAY BASKET OFFERINGS**

- 1st week—Food Bank
- 2nd week—Discretionary Fund
- 3rd week—Outreach
- 4th week—International Relief
- 5<sup>th</sup> Week—Indigenous

### **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](mailto:gwpeters.stalbansedmonds@gmail.com)

Cell: 206-778-1506

SUNDAYS--after church coffee hour until 2:00pm

(Available by appointment)

**NOTE: Fr. Greg will be away from the office from  
Friday, April 10, to Friday, April 17.**

### **PRAYER MINISTRIES**

Contact Sheilah Reidburn at [sheilahreidburn@comcast.net](mailto: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.

