

## AROUND THE PARISH

May 1, 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 – May 3

#### 5<sup>th</sup> 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=bcgNjSKTjQaV80TcwoeaNgIbbx30Er.1>

Meeting ID: 836 2506 3228      Pass Code: SeekFirst

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

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



Fr. Greg Peters

Happy May Day!

How it got to be May, I'm not entirely sure. Last I really knew it was early April. The blur of Easter followed by a whirlwind tour of Chicagoland, coming home and being sick, and then this week being away at a clergy conference have left me feeling a bit disconnected, discombobulated. Allow me a bit of catching up.

Easter was amazing, beautiful, inspiring, uplifting. Joining with St. Hilda St. Patrick's for Holy Week services and the Great Vigil was grand. I look back at the Vigil, with so many great readers – storytellers, really – leading us through salvation history, with great fondness and affection. And then Marian Hagglund's baptism on Easter Sunday; ah, what joy!

Our spring break vacation to the Midwest was a lot of fun. We were blessed to spend time with Schreder's and Peter's relatives. A kind of East (Coast) meets West (Coast) meets Great Lakes (Coast) event. We saw a beautiful Matisse exhibit at the Art Institute of Chicago. From which we learned that his vibrant and seemingly playful "Jazz Series" was actually anti-Nazi protest propaganda produced during the Vichy reign in WWII France.

We got to experience the communal joys of sheltering in place during two Tornado Warnings. (Warnings means tornados have actually been sighted.) The first was at 12:45am and rather startling for our West Coasters. The second was the next day almost at dinnertime. By then, the West Coast contingent was well seasoned so happy hour in the basement with appetizers with TV weather forecasters seemed rather mundane.

Got home. Came to church. Had a really good Vestry meeting. Got sick. Not bad, just the cold that seems to be going around. Worked at home. I was intending to visit people that week, but my body had other plans. I still need to catch up with several people.

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

- 5/2 10:30am ECW Coffee/Fellowship
- 5/9 10:00am-2:00pm, Drive By Food Drive, Park Lot
- 5/11 1:00-3:00pm, Altar Guild Meeting, Parish Hall
- 5/13 3:00pm, Food Bank Distribution, Parking Lot
- 5/14 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall
- 5/16 10:30am, Indigenous Circle, Parish Hall
- 5/20 Worship Comm Mtg, Parish Hall  
6:00pm, Evening Prayer/Soup Supper
- 5/28 1:00-3:00pm, Discussion Group, Parish Hall
- 6/6 9:00am-12:00pm, ECLA LMF, Annex  
2:00pm, Recital, Sanctuary
- 6/13 10:30am, Mens Circle, Parish Hall  
2:00pm, Recital, Sanctuary
- 6/20 5:00-7:00pm, St. Alban's Celebration,  
Wine & Appetizer Party

### RECURRING EVENTS

- Mon: 7:00pm, Boy Scouts, Parish Hall  
7:00pm, AA Meeting, Annex
- 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
- Fri: 7:00-8:30pm, Rental, Sanctuary/Parish Hall
- Sun: 6:30pm, AA Meeting, Parish Hall

Next ATP Issue: Friday, May 15

Article Deadline: Wednesday Noon, May 13



### ECW COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP

**Tomorrow, Saturday, May 2, 10:30am – noon**, is our next gathering for an ECW Coffee event orchestrated by Connie Forsberg. Come to visit with fellow parishioners and listen to another great travelogue by Jeannie Burpee and Maryellen Young as they share their recent trip called “Celtic Roots in Brittany and Gaul: A Pilgrimage to France.” They do a wonderful job with pictures and narrative, welcome questions and give us arm-chair travelers beautiful photos and enhance our historical knowledge through their presentations.

Please be sure to join us. Coffee, tea and light refreshments will be offered.



### ST. ALBAN’S FOOD DRIVE – May 9

**On Saturday May 9th from 10:00am –2:00pm**, Phil McClelland and his team will be here to collect cash and nonperishable food items for our hungry neighbors in need. As we all know, some of our neighbors depend upon our donations to feed their families, so please give generously!



### CELEBRATION OF ST. ALBAN’S

Save the date for the annual Celebration of St. Alban’s on **Saturday, June 20, from 5:00-7:00pm**, in the Parish Hall. You won’t want to miss our annual Appetizer and Wine Party. Appetizers, wine, beer and non-alcoholic beverages are being provided by the Endowment Board and the Vestry. Everyone is welcome to attend and join in the fellowship.

This last week was spent at clergy conference. Getting reconnected with colleagues from around the diocese was really good. The theme was “Being Church in Tumultuous Times.” Our speaker, the Rev. Dr. Stephen Shaver, led us through an examination of our liturgies and worship as embodiments of pastoral care, justice, and peace. For most of us, this is a weekly time and space where everyone finds welcome, diversity is celebrated, and multitudes are fed; each Eucharist an encapsulation of Jesus’ earthly ministry; the gathering of the church in heaven and on earth in joyous adoration.

Another thing to note is that our diocese has a delegation, led by Bishop Phil, going to South Sudan. Besides seeing things on the ground in that war-torn land, they are taking Birthing Kits and other medical supplies to under supplied medical facilities there – a mission of lifegiving mercy. Please hold our Bishop and delegation in your prayers during the next two weeks. I’m really looking forward to hearing about the travel and experiences there.

And now it’s back to a normal end of the program year schedule for us. Mothers’ Day, as one bookend, next Sunday and the Celebration of St. Alban in late June, as the other, with Memorial Day and Fathers’ Day in between. Our last couple of Third Wednesday Soup Suppers are part of the mix.

A particular treat will be the visitation of Cristi Chapman, our Canon to the Ordinary, representing the Bishop’s Office, on May 17.

We may be winding down, but we certainly aren’t slowing down! What a joy to minister in this place, with you, among these neighbors!

### PRAYER FOR THE HUMAN FAMILY

O God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your Son: Look with compassion on the whole human family; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts, break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time all nations and races may serve you in harmony around the heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

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**ST. ALBAN’S “SILENT AUCTION!”**

Linda Rowan, Vestry

St. Alban’s is facing a budget deficit this year. In an effort to raise money, the Vestry is sponsoring a Silent Auction in conjunction with our traditional Celebration of St. Alban’s. This event will be held on **Saturday, June 20, from 5:00pm to 7:00pm.** We hope you will participate by attending this event and also by considering donations of gift item(s) for the auction, and by bidding on items provided.

Please choose auction donations, such as gift certificates for your favorite restaurants, items on hand such as art or jewelry. You may have a signature dish to offer, a baked dessert, or choose to host a meal. Activities to consider are hosting a bird watching tour, a sunset cruise, or weekend getaway. With some muscle, one might offer a few hours of weeding or yardwork. Maybe you have hand crafted items to offer such as a knitted throw. Themed baskets for relaxation or a coffee are other possibilities.

So far, we have had donation offers for a dinner for four, a knitted throw made in your choice of color, a Pendleton blanket, stone bookends, and a basket with coffee. How about you? Every donation, big or small, will help to make our silent auction a success – and it should be a lot of fun!

Please advise Linda Rowan by June 14th of your donations. For more information or questions, please contact Linda on 202-714-3348 or [Sharlin@aol.com](mailto:Sharlin@aol.com).

**REV. CANON CRISTI CHAPMAN VISIT**

**Sunday, May 17th**, we will welcome Rev. Canon Cristi Chapman with us at both services. Cristi is Canon to the Ordinary, and works collaboratively with the Bishop, clergy and other diocesan leaders, and the diocesan staff to develop a culture of faithful discipleship that serves to build up the Body of Christ in the diocese.



Parishioners are invited to a Coffee Hour with Rev. Chapman after both services. We are looking for contributions of pastries, sweet breads, savory items,

fruit, etc. Please sign up in the Parish Hall if you can provide something for 8:00am and/or 10:30am Coffee Hours.

**ESPRESSO ANYONE??**

Coffee Hour on Sunday, April 19, was a special treat with espresso and latte drinks prepared to order by several of St. Alban’s coffee aficionados – namely Dan Mullene and Fr. Greg. Espresso makers, steamers and “frothers” were on overdrive as specialty coffees were served to both 8:00 and 10:30 parishioners.

This was all in celebration of Saint Drogo, Patron of Baristas. The fact that coffee had not been introduced during his lifetime is beside the point. He was a very devout recluse who became loved and revered by his fellow townspeople and somehow became linked with the quiet ritual of the morning cup of coffee.

As you can see by the photo below, St. Alban’s baristas had lots of support from other coffee lovers!



Left to right: Kinnon McPeak, Ron Austin, Dan Mullene, Brad Goergen, Jim Gilman, Fr. Greg.

Photo from Susan Hanson

**COMPLETION OF EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT**



Pictured left to right, COR John Bee, Eagle Candidate Jonah Woeck, Asst. Scoutmaster Dale Marshel and Scoutmaster Tim Hecox.

Another Eagle Scout project for the benefit of St. Alban’s has been completed. **Jonah Woeck of Troop**

**300** designed and completed a wall at the back of the church. Not only is it very professional and an asset to the appearance of the area, but it keeps the dirt and debris from drifting down onto the walkway.

An Eagle Scout project is a leadership task for candidates. Jonah proposed and designed his proposal, received approval and acceptance from the Eagle Scout Coordinator and also from St. Alban's Vestry. It is then Jonah's project to run – raising finances or donations and supervising the work to completion.

The wall area needed to be dug out, leveled, backfilled, and then cement blocks laid on top. It has improved the appearance of the back bank area greatly and has solved the issue of rain washing down dirt on the cement walk.

We are very grateful to Jonah, his troop helpers and all those who contributed to the project. He is one of many Eagle Scouts and members of Troop 300 who have added to and improved the grounds of our church property. Thank you, Jonah, and congratulations for achieving this high rank of Eagle Scout.



### **BASKET DONATIONS FOR MAY**

**1<sup>st</sup> week—Food Banks** for Edmonds, Lynnwood and Mountlake Terrace Food Banks.

**2<sup>nd</sup> week—Discretionary Fund** to help people who contact the church for assistance with gas cards, utility bills, rent and other emergency aid requests.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**4<sup>th</sup> Week—World Vision** is a global leader in improving and transforming the lives of children, their families, and their communities.

**5<sup>th</sup> week—Indigenous Women:** WomenSpirit Coalition. Our next 5<sup>th</sup> week is May 31.

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



### **DAY BY DAY REFLECTIONS**

The following reflection is written by Katie Nakamura, an Episcopal priest in the Diocese of Alabama who has served in a variety of church contexts, most recently as the Presiding Bishop's Staff Officer for Church Planting. She loves group running, playing the flute and singing, and spending time with her husband and their two daughters.

*1 Peter 4:9-10 – Be hospitable to one another without complaining. Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.*

If I'm to be perfectly honest, I'm often hospitable with complaining. Like Martha, Jesus's friend, I tend to sign up for a lot of things and then complain when no one seems to be helping me. I gripe about having to prep and bring a hot dish for Dinner Church. I am irritated when I get stuck lugging the heaviest item (bottled water) to our breakfast ministry. I am annoyed that I have to clean my house to host my husband's friends for dinner.

And, also, after ninety-five percent of these ordeals, I leave feeling inspired and happy that my gift of hospitality was used for the sake of friendship, community, and love of neighbor. I have learned that hospitality does not need to be perfect to be felt by the recipient, only offered in joy. In Peter's advice, I hear encouragement, "Cut out your complaining and offer your gift. You know you'll wind up really enjoying this."



### **STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS**

#### **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?

### **MAY 10 – EASTER 6**

“...that we, loving you in all things, above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire...” Laying our lives in God’s hands and trusting His plans for us will provide blessings far above anything the world or other people can offer. But laying our lives in His hands is not passive. We need to study, pray, give and be an active Christian community participant and servant to others to fully obtain those promises.

### **MAY 17 – EASTER 7**

From Psalm 6: “...let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them be merry and joyful. Sing to God, sing praises to his name...” Being a faithful steward does not mean we need always to be serious and bowed down with the weight of our own or the world’s problems. God loves music, and joy, and all those things that create full and thankful hearts in the children so dear to Him. Make it part of your daily discipline to find at least one thing in which you can truly rejoice.

## **SCRIPTURE READINGS**

### **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

### **MAY 10 – EASTER 6**

Acts 17:22-31  
Psalm 66:7-18  
1 Peter 3:13-22  
John 14:15-21

### **Collect for Easter 6**

O God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as surpass our understanding: Pour into our hearts such love towards you, that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen

### **MAY 17 – EASTER 7**

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

### **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 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](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.

### **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)

### **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



