

Saint Alban's

 **MESSAGE**

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The Fourth Sunday of Advent

This Week's Readings

[2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16](#)

[Canticle 15](#)

[Romans 16:25-27](#)

[Luke 1:26-38](#)

Purify our conscience, Almighty God, by your daily visitation, that your Son Jesus Christ, at his coming, may find in us a mansion prepared for himself; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Find out about this week's events:
[Go to the Calendar.](#)

[**Please click here for our Christmas service schedule.**](#)



Because 2020 has had enough bad news, here's something good: CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING IS BACK!

[Contact Kate Wettstein](#) or [click here for more details!](#)

Have you sent in your pledge for 2021?
Every pledge, no matter the amount, helps us plan our ministries for the coming year. [If you haven't pledged, you can do so here.](#)

Please park only along the fence on the right side of the parking lot as you enter. This will keep your vehicle out of the path of construction equipment entering and leaving our grounds.



St. Alban's Online Sunday School

Advent Lesson Four: To Choose Love

This Sunday, we will learn what it means to choose love. We experience the moment that Mary's baby is born! We learn that when we open our hearts to the unexpected, love transforms us from the inside out. With that type of love, we can transform the world!

Look for the 5-to-7 Sunday School video this Sunday morning!

Accompanying materials (Coloring Sheets, Activities, and a Family Devotional Guide) will be mailed to families each week so that kids **and families** can learn and experience the meaning of Advent together.

If you are interested in learning more about this series or would like to be added to the mailing list, please email Adam Hutson. For more information regarding the curriculum, please click [here](#).

Coming to St. Alban's this Saturday" Lebanese Taverna!

Order and pay for your meal from Lebanese Taverna and pick it up in the church parking lot on Saturday, Dec. 19 at 4:30 pm.

[Here is the link to order.](#)

Deadline on Saturday for ordering is noon.

They have something for everyone, plus a great deal on a 6-pack of wine (\$16.00) and BAKLAVA!

[Email me](#) if you have questions, or if you see this on Nextdoor.com, and have a question, you can private message me.

Enjoy!

Capital Campaign Reminder

For Annual, Semi-Annual and Quarterly pledgers, please remember to submit the full 2020 balance of Capital Campaign pledges by December 31. The Kitchen Restoration line-of-credit allows St. Alban's to pay construction costs with cash-on-hand before drawing funds from the bank. Less money borrowed means less interest paid so every dollar received on-time is important. For questions, please email [Bill Calvert](#) and [Linda Cummings](#).

ACCA's "Family Emergency" Ministry needs volunteers to serve as Money Captains. This is a VERY busy area of ACCA! [Click here for more information.](#)



Merry Christmas from Chatting Fingers! We will take our last orders this Sunday, December 20, to allow us to fill your orders before Christmas. [Email me](#) if you still need a catalogue. As we approach the Nativity, we are grateful to all the makers, buyers, and browsers who supported this effort. We have made at least \$4200 to support St. Alban's outreach and joyfully present this gift to our newborn King.

Barbara Hallman is offering her recent pressed flower art for sale in support of St. Alban's 2020 "non-bazaar!" Framed and unframed art 5x7 frame-able cards, print cards and resin pendant necklaces and more are available. All are made from God's precious "art materials"-flowers, leaves, ferns, grasses, barks. All sales benefit St. Alban's. Free local delivery. Please [email Barbara](#) for the most recent catalog.



Sunday Worship

Holy Eucharist with Spiritual Communion
10 am on YouTube

Join us! [WeAreStAlbans.org/live](https://www.wearestalbans.org/live).
[Order of service here.](#)



Kitchen Update

What a difference a week makes! Outside, the addition was painted white to match the existing building. The area for the new sidewalk has been prepped and is awaiting the concrete pour (weather permitting). The mowers will be happy to know that the area between the playground and Parish Hall has been regraded and the outdoor staircase removed.

Inside, the framing was installed for the drywall in the kitchen, bathrooms, and new shower/laundry room. Also, the plumbing has been roughed in. Check out the pictures from this week on the SA website and FB page!

FREE TESTING FOR COVID19
Click [here](#) for details.

Friday Social Hour will be tomorrow at 4:30pm- another reminder with log in details will go out tomorrow morning. Hope you can be there!

Trivia

This Feast Day commemorates a horrific event narrated in Matthew's Gospel, 2:16-18. When, and what, is the Feast Day?

Do you know the answer? **[Click here to submit your answer and win fantastic prizes & notoriety!](#)**

Congratulations to Barbara for giving the first correct answer to last week's trivia question: "many Christians around the world celebrate this Feast on December 8th. What is the event?" Barbara's answer, The Feast of the Immaculate Conception, a Roman Catholic feast day which celebrates what Catholics believe to be the sinless conception, and sinless life, of the Virgin Mary.



[December edition of The Word available now!](#)
[Previous issues available here.](#)

FREE HEALTHY MEALS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES
[Click here for details](#)

Socially Distanced but not Distant

Let us know what you're up to during these strange times.

[Email us](#) we'll share your story in our Saturday update.



When shopping online, go to **smile.amazon.com** and a portion of your sale will go to St. Alban's.
Thanks for your support!

PRAYERS

For the Sick and the Suffering in our Parish: Laura Barker, Ava Campbell, Evangeline Clark-Wiles, Don Craver, Casey Cummings, David Hamnett, Nancy Harrell, Mary Ann Daymont, Mary Daymont, Bob Fones, Anne Monahan, Ginny Peters, Jerry Sare, Sally Sare, Debbie Schrag, Ginger Shea, Dottye Stacy, Bari St. Cyr, Evie Tanner, Trudy Van Balen, Kenneth Youngert.

For the Sick and the Suffering — Family and Friends: Bud Alligood, Ruth Anderson, Michael Arnold, Larry and Jean Babb, Aly Bailey, Gladys Baugham, The Berry family, Chris, Andi Coleman, Barbara Cook, Jean Cothran, Jean & Greg Cox, MerriBeth Cully, Dan Daddario, Grace Davidson, Tom Davidson,

Elizabeth Durning, Don Garner, Barbara Gilbert, Lisa Groulx, Daniel Hamnett, Lee Helfrich, Rev. Jackie Holcomb, Dwight & Lydia Hutchinson, Heidi Kharbanda, Frank Korff, Lee Sr. and Lee Jr., Norman Lesko, Liz Lybrand, Sue Marshall, Pat Matthes, Donell Mathews, Maryanne Moyers, Wilmot O'Loughlin, Priscilla, Harry Rees, Mark Roosma, Anne Sibert, The Rev. Lauren Stanley, Brooks Travis, Tyler Walinsky, David Williamson, Dick Youngblood.

New on the prayer list:

Prayers for the departed: Martha Almeling (Ann's Aunt).

Prayers for those who are travelling and for our military and civilians who serve their nation working for peace: Jed Andrews, Cory Curran, Bobby Dubas, Mike Fitzpatrick, Matthew Hanson, Ian Jarvis, Mason Lybrand, Susan Matthews, Annie Robinson, and Matthew Trollinger.

Birthday Prayers: Salome Metzger 12/21; Jack Lesko 12/22; Michael Sinsabaugh 12/23; Mary Daymont 12/24; Barbara Chatelain 12/26.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for people in danger everywhere; for those suffering the loss of home and family; and for safety of those in the path of fires or hurricanes. Pray for the people of Nicaragua and Honduras, in the aftermath of Hurricane Theta, as the people work to recover from another devastating storm. Pray that the hungry are fed, that the sick and injured are healed, that the homeless are fed, that the grief-stricken are comforted, and that compassion will move our hearts and hands to help. Pray for victims of natural disaster in Central America, and throughout the world.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Asaph's, Bowling Green; St. James, Montross.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for mission agencies and their ministry throughout the Anglican Communion, including the Mothers' Union around the world.

*To place a name on the prayer list contact the parish office at
703-256-2966 or email **Tammy Thomas**
Updates regarding those on this list are greatly appreciated.
For pastoral emergencies please call (571) 383-6096.*

Deadline for submitting announcements for SAM is every Tuesday at 5pm.

