

Saint Alban's

 MESSAGE

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LAST SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

This Week's Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12

Psalms 50:1-6

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Mark 9:2-9

O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory upon the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his countenance, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Find out about this week's events:

[Go to the Calendar.](#)

2021 Pledge Envelopes are now available and can be picked up in the Narthex

This Sunday, February 14th we will be holding an online Adult Forum on the topic of Lenten disciplines. Join our Pre-Lent Adult Forum at 9:00am to find out what Lent is all about, and ways you can observe the season of Lent that are challenging and spiritually fulfilling. (The link for the online Adult Forum will be the same link used to access Sunday morning "Coffee with the Clergy" - **<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86103281779>**, or call 301-715-8592 and enter meeting ID 861 0328 1779.)

Walking the Walk While Talking the Talk:

LENT WITH THE LETTER TO THE HEBREWS

with Fr. Tony Lewis · Professor Emeritus, Virginia Theological Seminary

Wednesdays in Lent · 6:30 pm

February 24 · March 3, 10, 17, 24

Compline following at 8:00 pm · Both events on Zoom

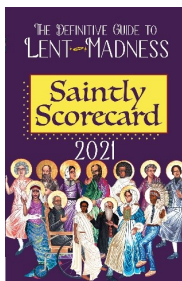
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Lenten Program 2021 Wednesday evenings in Lent

The powerful words of Hebrews were written to encourage an early Christian congregation which had lost sight of its direction and its purpose. In this Lenten presentation, we will listen to what the author of Hebrews teaches us about Jesus, and learn how these words can encourage us in our own life of faith. [Click here for more information.](#)

Ash Wednesday February 17th

Our Ash Wednesday video will be available starting at noon on Wednesday. [The video can be accessed here, at our usual Sunday video link.](#)



It's back with a vengeance! It's Lent Madness!

Lent Madness score cards will be available in the narthex starting next Monday (2/1).

[Click here to find out more about this great way to learn about the saints of the Church in a "fun but Christianly-competitive" way.](#)

Capital Campaign Update

The numbers are in and the results for the 2020 gifts to St. Albans were spectacular. Thanks to the many generous pledgers and one-time donors, some of whom submitted pledges early or above their pledged amount, the St. Albans Capital Campaign smashed the 2020 goal of collecting \$240K by more than \$30K. As of late January

2021, St. Alban's has received \$907K towards the campaign. The goal for scheduled collections in 2021 is \$230K of which \$22K has already been received since the start of the year. For questions regarding your campaign pledge or to learn how to complete a one-time donation, contact **Bill Calvert** or **Linda Cummings** ."

Lost - Button Box

Button, button, who's got our button? Our handmades group has lost our button box. Approximately 20" x 10" x 10". Clear plastic with light green lid. If you've been crafty during this time and have borrowed it, please let us know. **Email Nancy Harrell.**

Flower Guild?

We are exploring the idea of forming a flower guild at St Albans. If you are eager to share your flower-arranging talents on Sundays (after Lent), please **e-mail Delores Baisden.**

Caregivers' Session February 14 at 11am

Join with other caregivers to share resources, concerns, and ideas on February 14 at 11am. Anyone providing physical, emotional, financial, or spiritual support for a loved one is welcome. RSVP to **Deacon Theresa** to receive the link for the session.

Kitchen Update

Work continues on the new space as we near the finish line. The hood for the new stove was installed as were the fixtures for the new bathroom. The kitchen appliances are expected to be delivered tomorrow, February 12th. The substantial completion date remains a moving target as we await work on the gas line. Check back next week for more updates!

FRIDAY SOCIAL HOUR

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

In the Torah, the Book of Deuteronomy is known as *Devarim*, meaning "Words." Where does that title come from?

Do you know the answer? Click here to submit your answer and win fantastic prizes & notoriety!

There was an interesting tie in last week's question, which was "Legend has it that this is the last day that blackberries can be picked, because on this day, when the devil was expelled from heaven, he fell from the skies and landed in a prickly blackberry bush. The devil cursed the fruit so that they would be unfit for eating. What is this special date?" Steve and Bob sent in their answers at exactly the same time, and their answers were correct, but... different. The correct answer is the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels, September 29 (according to Steve), unless you are using the date of "Old Michaelmas", October 11., according to Bob. The change in date was the result of the English calendar reform of 1752 when England moved from the Julian Calendar to the Gregorian Calendar.



January 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.

PRAYERS

For the Sick and the Suffering in our Parish: Gail Allison, Laura Barker, Nancy Calvert, Ava Campbell, Evangeline Clark-Wiles, John Clements, Don Craver, Casey Cummings, Mary Ann Daymont, David Hamnett, Bob Fones, Nancy Harrell, Adam Hutson, Ralph Kelley, Margaret Pendley, Ginny Peters, Jerry Sare, Sally Sare, Debbie Schrag, Ginger Shea, Dottye Stacy, Bari St. Cyr, Camille Stern, 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, The Berry family, Chris, Bill Comiski, Dennis & Barbara Conklin, 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, Jenny Kelley, Heidi Kharbanda, Frank Korff, Lee Sr. and Lee Jr., Liz Lybrand, Sue Marshall, Donell Mathews, Janet and Earnest McFall, Maryanne Moyers, Wilmot O'Loughlin, Priscilla, Harry Rees, Karen Rhett, Mark Roosma, Anne Sibert, Richard Stearman, Brooks Travis, Tyler Walinsky, Dick Youngblood.

New on the prayer list: Nancy Calvert, Camille Stern.

Prayers for the departed: Peter Church (uncle of Robyn Leersnyder).

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, Susan Matthews, Annie Robinson, and Matthew Trollinger.

Birthday Prayers: Bill Calvert 2/16; Stephanie Farley 2/17; Ann Gamber 2/17; Jinny Jennings 2/18; Sarah Rutherford 2/18; Henry Clune 2/20.

In the Parish Cycle of Prayer: Please pray for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison, and pray for our nation and its leaders in this time of crisis.

The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: The North Richmond Region churches: All Souls, Atlee, Mechanicsville; Calvary, Hanover; Church of Our Saviour, Montpelier; Church of the Creator, Mechanicsville; Church of the Epiphany, Henrico; Emmanuel, Brook Hill, Henrico; Immanuel Church, Old Church, Mechanicsville; St. James the Less, Ashland; St. Paul's, Hanover; The Fork Church, Doswell.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer: Pray for The Anglican Church of Canada.

*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.

