

The Legate

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St. Alban's Episcopal Church



Dear Parishioners

A gigantic thank you to Julie Todd and Kate Grigal for all their hard work on Kountry Kitchen. It was a wonderful ministry and a fun time. I heard it raised about \$1600.00 for the Arlington Life Shelter. An excellent result and outreach from St. Alban's. My gratitude to all who helped make it such a success: our soup makers, kitchen helpers, dishwashers, servers, and those who cleaned tables. Each team, every day, made it a special time and rewarding time. A special thanks to Dorothy Lynn Brooks who beautifully entertained us with festive music. It greatly enriched the whole atmosphere. Thank you to all who supported and brought friends and neighbors. Without you Kountry Kitchen would not have been so successful. Thank You!

December brings a most wonderful and holy time of the year. We look forward and anticipate the coming of our Lord. We jump into the Advent season with Advent Lessons and Carols on Sunday, December 6th at 5:30 pm. This is a beautiful service filled with Scripture and Advent music. This is a wonderful time to invite friends and neighbor to St. Alban's. Invite them to join us as we hear God's Word and listen to moving anthems and hymns, preparing our hearts for our Lord. There will be a potluck dinner to which all are invited following Lessons and Carols. St. Nicholas will even be on hand for this special occasion. I remind you to listen to WRR, 101.1, as we will be advertising Advent Lessons and Carols to the public. Whose voice is that on the radio?

On Saturday, December 19th St. Alban's will be having an Open House at the home of Kathleen and Clell Harral. They are new to St.

Alban's but Lynn and I have known them since our Granbury days. They have a newly remodeled home and would like to welcome the whole parish to drop by from 2 p.m. until 5 pm. Their address is 4629 Crestline Road, Fort Worth and directions are found in this Legate. Since it is in Fort Worth it might be best to car pool from the Church. Call the Church office or sign up if you can drive or need a ride on the list in the entrance. If you can, please bring a toy with you that will be donated to a charity.

We will again be advertising on WRR for our celebration of the Incarnation of our Lord, Christmas Eve and Day. Our 5:30 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist will feature a children's sermon, our youth choirs and will be Rite II. Our 8:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharist will be Rite II also, with the Chamber Choir and will have a sermon for adults. Our 10:30 Christmas Eve Eucharist will be a Rite I Eucharist with the Chamber Choir. It will be a traditional "High Mass" with incense. Our Christmas Day will be a said Eucharist, Rite I with Dorothy Lynn Brooks providing harp music at 10:00 am. Please remember your special offering at Christmas is above and beyond your regular pledge. A generous Christmas will help us meet some of our financial obligations for 2009. Please join us as we prepare our heart, minds, and souls for the celebration of God's most generous and gracious gift of his Son, Jesus Christ.

It is hard to believe that another year has begun with the beginning of Advent. It is hard to believe another secular year is coming to an end. Some things to look forward to in 2010: January 3rd our children and youth and youth choirs will perform a Christmas pageant. Also on January 3rd we will have our pre-Epiphany celebration with a lunch following the 10:30 Eucharist. On January 24th we will have our Annual Parish Meeting. The nominations for Vestry are in this Legate and the nominations for Delegates to Diocesan Convention will be in the January Legate. We will have one Eucharist this day at 9:00 am followed by a light lunch and our Parish business meeting.

I hope everyone will have a rich and rewarding Advent Season. I look forward to seeing all our friends and family as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord. May this New Year be a blessing upon you and all your family here at St. Alban's.

God Bless and Merry Christmas everyone.

In Christ,
Fr. K+



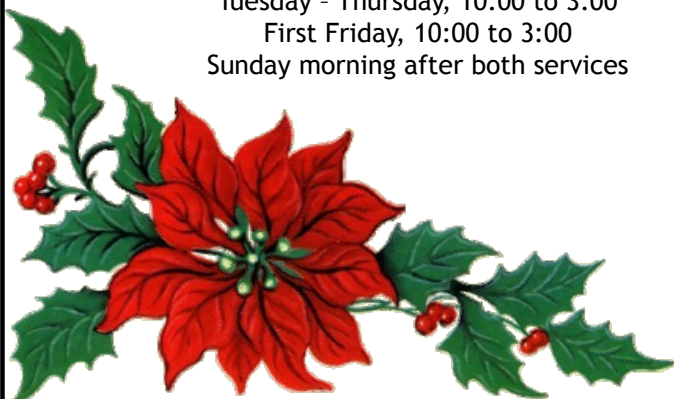
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Snowmen, reindeer, stuffed animals
Advent candles and Advent wreaths
Gift wrapping
And more

St. Alban's Bookstore and Gift Shop

Tuesday - Thursday, 10:00 to 3:00

First Friday, 10:00 to 3:00

Sunday morning after both services



Note From the Editor

Wow, this month is full of great news, events, and Christmas cheer! Be sure to check every page for important parish information!

I want to personally wish everyone a Holy Advent season, Merry Christmas, and Blessed Epiphany, not to mention a Happy New Year. May your joys be plenty this season and your Christmas dinner be delicious.

Again, suggestions and feedback via email to newsletter@saintalbans.org are always welcome. As always, the newsletter is viewable as a PDF on the St. Alban's website.

Yours in Christ,
Anna Sparkman — Editor



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- Submission Deadline is the **13th of the month** prior to publication. New submissions will not be accepted after this date.
- Deadline for corrections and updates should be submitted no later than the 20th of the month prior to publication.
- Please send all submissions in .doc (MS Word) format or in the body of the email. PDFs will not be accepted.
- Please send images as separate attachments (.jpg or .gif only).
- Please be aware that images containing text will not be included if the text is unreadable at a small size.
- Please refrain from using all caps.

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Guess Who's Coming to Bethlehem?

It's Christmas Pageant time!

Come one and all...Parents, take advantage of this great opportunity for your children to participate in our annual Christmas pageant under the direction of our very talented Children's Choir Director, Vicki Keller! We need *all children*!

It is sure to be a wonderful experience and an opportunity for ministry for your child. There will be speaking parts, non-speaking parts, and singing opportunities. NOTE: Students need not be part of the regular choir program to participate.

Come and see...simply arrive in Room 3 at the following dates/times:

Rehearsal Schedule:

Wednesday, December 2nd – 5:45pm-6:45pm – Rehearsals begin

Wednesday, December 9th - 5:45pm-6:45pm – Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 16th – 5:45pm – 6:45pm – Rehearsal

Wednesday, December 23rd – 5:45pm – 6:45pm – Rehearsal
if students are available

Saturday, January 2nd 10:00am – NOON – Dress Rehearsal

Sunday, January 3rd- Arrive in Room 3 by 9:45am, dressed and ready for the 10:30am presentation during the service

Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:

5:30pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II –
Children's Choir

8:00pm Holy Eucharist, Rite II –
Chamber Choir

10:30pm Holy Eucharist, Rite I with incense –
Chamber Choir

Christmas Day:

10:00am Holy Eucharist (said), Rite I –
Dorothy Lynn Brooks on the Harp

45th Annual **Kountry Kitchen**

The 45th Annual Kountry Kitchen is now behind us, but we want to give a big “Thank You” to so many that made this year’s event a huge success! The final tally is not yet in, but we’ll be able to make a very generous donation to Arlington Life Shelter.

Our community donations include: M&M Events for the beautiful linen tablecloths; Atlanta Bread Company, The Red Oven, Tony’s Pizza, Corner Bakery for the fabulous variety of breads that were served each day; as well as Kroger & Walmart for their food discounts.

There is no way to name each individual that helped with the daily volunteer duties. Considering your two co-chairs are new to Saint Alban’s and had never attended a previous Kountry Kitchen, it was so wonderful to see everyone step up and handle the little details that we hadn’t thought of. Our cashiers were the perfect “first faces” for every customer to see; hostesses had each place setting ready and always served each person quickly and most importantly, with a smile; bussers got the tables cleared and were always willing to do the heavy lifting necessary; soup, salad, bread & plate servers offered friendly greetings and paid careful attention to what each person wanted; the dozens of you that made the most amazing selections of cobbler; and of course the beautiful music that we were so lucky to have again this year rounded out a perfect ambiance for everyone’s dining pleasure. Thanks also to our daily cleaning crew that made sure we were ready with spotless floors and empty trash cans each day.

If you’ve never been in the heat of the kitchen during one of these events, you wouldn’t believe how much work is done in the background, but with such a spirit of fun and camaraderie. The dishwashers clean hundreds of plates, glasses, silverware, pots, pans -- and more -- always with a smile. Our expert kitchen helpers who handle more potatoes, carrots, celery, tomatoes, cucumbers & mushrooms than most of us see in a whole year, making sure we have all that is necessary to make the next day possible. And we are

so lucky to have soup makers that bring the whole event together with incredibly tasty soups that our customers come back for year after year. For those that came on Saturday and helped with the final clean-up and got everything put away and ready for next year - thank you. With the speedy teamwork, we were finished in record time!

And we haven't forgotten all of you that came to support us and brought your family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. It wouldn't have been such a success without customers!

Again -- a HUGE "Thank You" to everyone. It was such a great week and we are happy to be part of such a wonderful tradition at Saint Alban's.



Your Kountry Kitchen Co-chairs:
Kate Grigal & Julie Todd

You Are Invited To:

A Christmas Open House

For the families of St. Alban's

Saturday, December 19, 2:00pm – 5:00pm

At the home of Clell & Kathleen Harral

4629 Crestline Road, Fort Worth

If you can, please bring a toy to be donated to a charity

Directions: West on I-30 to Hulen Street (which is just past University Blvd and Montgomery). When you exit at Hulen, you will need to go to the second traffic signal, and turn right (north) on Hulen, continue on Hulen for 1 mile until it ends at Crestline Road and the River Crest Country Club golf course, then turn left there to the fifth house on the left, 4629 Crestline Road, which is the last house in the block. From the church, it is normally a 25- to 30-minute drive.

If you would like to car pool, please sign the sheet in the narthex or call the church office.

Coloring Contest!

Attention children and parents! The Legate is holding a few coloring contests over the holiday season. This month the drawing to be colored will be that of the Nativity. Christmas is the season that celebrates the birth of our Risen Lord, Jesus Christ, and the Nativity is a much loved scene of the blessed event.



The rules of the coloring contest are as follows:

- Only children aged 0-12 can enter
- Drawing can be colored in by any material suitable for paper (ie: markers, crayons, colored pencil, glitter, etc. Use your imagination!)
- Prizes will be awarded in three age categories:
 - Littlest ones (0-4)
 - Not so little ones (5-8)
 - Big kids (9-12)
- Entry forms will be available in the Narthex
- Entry forms must be filled out with the child's name, age, and telephone number
- Entry forms must be turned in to the Church Office or Newsletter Editor mailbox (next to the choir loft stairs) no later than Sunday, December 20, 2009. Late entries will be ineligible for prize consideration
- All entries will be available for viewing in the Narthex after the contest has ended

*The drawing above is not the contest drawing.

Christian Education Calendar

Dec. 6	Classes Meet
Dec. 13	Classes Meet
Dec. 20	Classes Meet
Dec. 27	No Class
Jan. 3	Classes abbreviated - Christmas Pageant –arrive by 9:45am-Room 3

Note: All are welcome anytime, bring a friend! Early worshippers, please fill your coffee cups then come and join us for our CE hour.

Spotlight on Christian Education

*Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!
Shout in triumph, O daughter of Jerusalem.
Behold, your king is coming to you.
Zechariah 9:9a*

The season of Advent has arrived; the Christian year begins anew. May the ‘demands of the season’ be far from our minds. Instead, may the coming of Christ stir our spirit as we ponder the readings and hymns of Advent, preparing a manger for Him in our hearts.

“Hark! the glad sound! The Savior comes, the Savior promised long; Let every heart prepare a throne, and every voice a song.” (Hymn 72)

“Then cleansed be every breast from sin; make straight the way for God within, And let each heart prepare a home where such a mighty guest may come.” (Hymn 76)

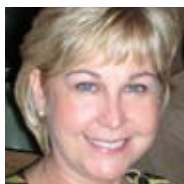
Look no further for family advent meditations for this season; just read and sing the hymns of Advent! In addition to their weekly lessons, our children have the opportunity to learn through participation in our Christmas pageant in the music and story presented. NOTE: Your child need not be part of the regular choir program to participate in the pageant. See rehearsal dates and contact information elsewhere in this edition of the Legate.

Our Teen, Adult and Children’s classes will meet each week in December, except the 27th. We need YOUR students on Sunday mornings! Volunteers are well prepared and look forward to seeing an increase in participation from our Parish for all ages. Don’t miss this small window of time as a parent to enrich the Christian

formation of your youth through the ministry of Sunday morning CE; a blessed opportunity.

We give thanks for each of you who teach. It's been a great semester! A blessed Advent to each of you.

Warmly yours in Christ,
Susie Wheaton
Christian Education Coordinator



A Few Notes From the Music Ministry

Tales From The Loft:

We now have both organ cases *completely* finished! Ross has returned from working on a historic organ in Michigan and is voicing the pipes that have been put in place and tuned. I have asked that a contract be sent for the Tremulant, the last item that completed the Swell case. The reed rank on the original 1960 organ is being revoiced and along with some new pipes will be our new Oboe rank. That rank and the Ensemble Trumpet rank, which is at Ross's shop, will sit on the same toe board. All the other ranks are in place. We also have the funds for some items that play on the Pedal board. I have asked for contracts for three couplers that play on the Pedal: Gedeckt 16', Gedeckt 8', and Trumpet 8'. All these ranks are housed in the Swell case, but with these couplers, they will also sound on the Pedal. We now are collecting the funds for the Pedal Principal rank that will sit in front of the black Swell shutters. The rank of pipes that can be seen in the Great case is also a Principal rank that sounds on the Great (lower keyboard) manual. The Pedal Principal rank costs \$12,494.25 and at this writing we have \$964.99 toward this amount. After the Pedal Principal is funded we will only need \$32,110.09 to complete The Plan.

This time of year is a great time to remember our loved ones who are no longer with us. To give a contribution in memory of someone, make out a check to St. Alban's and write Organ Fund in the memory of (name that person) in the memo section of your check. I keep a list and periodically, I have another plaque engraved and mounted on the Great organ case. We are almost there!

Charlene Polivka Dorsey
Organist Emerita



Tuneful Musings:

I think many of you have noticed that we have several new faces in the choir loft. Last year we received several donations to set-up a Choral Scholars ministry. The funds were given to be used as a scholarship for University Music students who would join the St. Alban's choir providing musical leadership for our choir and exposing the students to the deep tradition of Anglican Choral music. I am thrilled to introduce you to our three current Choral Scholars, all from the UTA Department of Music. Please introduce yourself and welcome them to St. Alban's! If this is a ministry that you feel called to support your donations are greatly appreciated. We currently have funds to sustain us through the current academic year but will need to continue raising funds as we look ahead to the next year. Please contact Thomas Rinn, Director of Music for more information.



Annaliese Stelzer, soprano, is a junior at the University of Texas at Arlington, pursuing her degree in vocal performance under the direction of Dr. Soo-Hong Kim. She is particularly interested in studying opera and has appeared in operas such as Bizet's *Carmen*, Mozart's *The Magic Flute*, and Dan Shore's *A Beautiful Bridegroom* with the UTA Opera Workshop. She has also performed with the Regal Opera

Company and is a member of the Ft. Worth Opera Chorus. Annaliese is a private voice teacher at Legacy High School in Mansfield. She is very happy to have the opportunity to sing with the choir at St. Alban's and is thankful to have been welcomed so openly by the church.



Eric Gonzales, baritone, has had a passion for music all of his life, studying piano since the age of 6 and singing since he could learn to talk. Eric attended Juan Seguin High School for all 4 years of high school, participating in choir all 4 years, and graduating Summa Cum Laude in 2007. He spent his freshman year of college at the University of North Texas, where he sang in the ensembles Grand Chorus and Canticum Novum. Eric currently attends the University of Texas at Arlington, and is in his 3rd year of college. After graduating, his plans are to attend medical school.

Jared Arnold is a Vocal Performance major student at the University of Texas at Arlington. Jared has been into music and the rest of the arts since middle school, and throughout high school decided that he wanted to sing and took somewhat of an interest in musical theatre and Broadway. Jared is a freshman at UTA and hopes to better his voice in any way possible.

We enter into to the season of Advent be sure you have marked your calendars for Advent Lessons & Carols on December 6 at 5:30. For the second year we are able to welcome a woodwind ensemble to St. Alban's for this service. Last year there were so many who said afterwards they "wished they would have invited everyone they knew as the service was wonderful." This year will continue to build on what we began last Advent. I hope that you will attend and consider inviting others to this special service. I am confident that you will be touched by the scriptures and music. This service is the perfect way to start your holiday season!



Yours in Christ,
Thomas J. Rinn
Director of Music

Getting Involved in OSL

What is OSL?

OSL (Order of St. Luke the Physician International) is an ecumenical organization dedicated to the Christian healing ministry with members throughout North America and the world. It was founded in 1932 by the Reverend John Gayner Banks and his wife Ethel at St. Luke's Church in San Diego, California. Today OSL has over 7500 members in North America alone, including lay people, clergy and medical professionals.

What do they believe?

We believe that Christian Healing and competent medical practices aren't in opposition but complementary to each other. The Order of St. Luke seeks to promote the continuing healing ministry of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

"Jesus went through all the towns and villages teaching, preaching the Good News of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness among the people." -Matthew 9:35

"He sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal the sick. So they set out and went from village to village, preaching the gospel and healing people everywhere." -Luke 9:2,6

We believe that Jesus heals today just as He did when He walked on the earth and that His ministry of healing should be a part of every Christian Church.

We believe that God's will for us is health. Each of us are the creation of a loving God whose will is for us to have wholeness and health of our total person: body, spirit, mind and relationships.

All sickness and brokenness are against the will of God and our primary purpose in the healing ministry is to see God's will fulfilled in the restoration of wholeness. When we pray for healing, we ask God to answer our requests "According to Your will"; not "If it is Your will." God's will is always for our healing and wellness. The goal is to see the total person restored to wholeness in all areas of life. The Lord calls each of us to see healing as part of our continuing pilgrimage toward wholeness.

How can I get involved?

1. Come to our meetings: We meet on the third Saturday of every month at 9 am in the church parlor. We study Scripture, especially the Biblical stories of Jesus' healing miracles, as well as other books on Christian healing. We pray together and, when possible, attend area healing conferences and services.

2. Subscribe to Sharing magazine: Sharing: A Journal of Christian Healing is the official monthly publication of OSL. It was

first published in 1937 and has been in publication ever since. It is not necessary to join OSL to subscribe.

3. Attend Holy Eucharist with Healing: The Wednesday morning service in the Chapel at 9:30 includes a Litany for Healing and an opportunity for anointing with Holy Oil and Laying-on-of-Hands with prayer by one of our parish priests.

4. Individual prayers with a member of OSL: During the 10:30 Eucharist on the first and third Sundays of each month, you have the opportunity to come to the Chapel immediately after receiving Communion and being quietly prayed for by an OSL member for a few minutes before returning to your pew (if you are unable to come to the Chapel, a member of OSL is available after the service at the Baptismal Font.) Your request will also be added to the OSL Prayer List.

“The intercessory act is never done alone. We are always in God’s presence with Jesus as the Holy Spirit intercedes through us. We simply offer ourselves and our prayers as the channels through which God’s will may be done. It is because our Lord Jesus is there that we can be there. He remains in the presence of God always. He is there when we come, and He abides when we leave. We must center our attention and confidence in Him, and seek to communicate this confidence to the one for whom prayer is made.

The work of intercession is good work because Jesus Himself makes it His work. He is in God’s presence to make intercession for us (Romans 8:34). We are called to be His Body on earth. That is why we intercede in Jesus’ name.” -Order of St. Luke website

Why should I get involved?

Jesus commissioned His followers to “Go into all the world and preach the Good News of the Kingdom of God, and heal the sick.” Our world is torn with sickness and brokenness of bodies, souls and relationships. God’s commission to us is clear. Each one of us has some special healing gift to offer. The Order of St. Luke is here to help us serve God in this way. So please pray about how God wants you to get involved.

For more information contact:
Alison Coombs
Convener, St. Alban’s Chapter OSL
817-496-5602
alicoombs@yahoo.com

When I Was Sick, You Visited Me

Jesus said: "I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me"

Matthew 25:34-40

Are you a little "ray of sunshine on a cloudy day" as the TV character House says? If you are interested in becoming a "ray of sunshine" *please* volunteer to be a hospital visitor. All it requires is a call to the Church office to see if anyone is in the hospital and a 30 minute visit just once every other week. You will find this a most rewarding ministry. Please call Keith Higham (817 460-0579) for more information.

If you have someone in the hospital or know of a parishioner that has been hospitalized, please call Sharon in the Church office at 817 274--7826.



Thanksgivings

The Legate now includes a special section for answered prayers and thanksgivings. Please email thanksgivings to newsletter@saintalbans.org and we will be happy to publish them.

"We are thankful for your fervent prayers on behalf of Susie's mother and our family, and for your loving support in our loss and always. She appreciated how much you mean to us." Susie and Don Wheaton

Thank you to both our Kountry Kitchen and Bookstore leaders and volunteers for your wonderful ministry to our St. Alban's family and community. Lovely shopping and meals!

Thank you to our Youth for your participation and service on Youth Sunday this fall! We love you!

You are cordially invited to Advent Lessons & Carols



On Sunday, December 6 at 5:30pm

"Matin Responsory" - Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

"Adam Lay Ybouden" - Peter Warlock

"People, Look East" - Besancon carol

"Comfort, Comfort Ye My People" - Claude Goudimel

Angelus ad Virginem - Medieval carol

There will be a potluck dinner following in the parish hall. Please bring your favorite side dish or dessert – enough to feed 6-8 people – and the meat will be provided by the church. St. Nicholas will be here!

Christmas Greenery and Flowers

If you would like to make a donation for the Christmas greenery and flowers in memory of or in thanksgiving for a loved one, please fill out this form and return it to the church office or place in the alms basin along with your check no later than December 20 in order for names to be printed in the Christmas service bulletins.

By: _____

Phone: _____

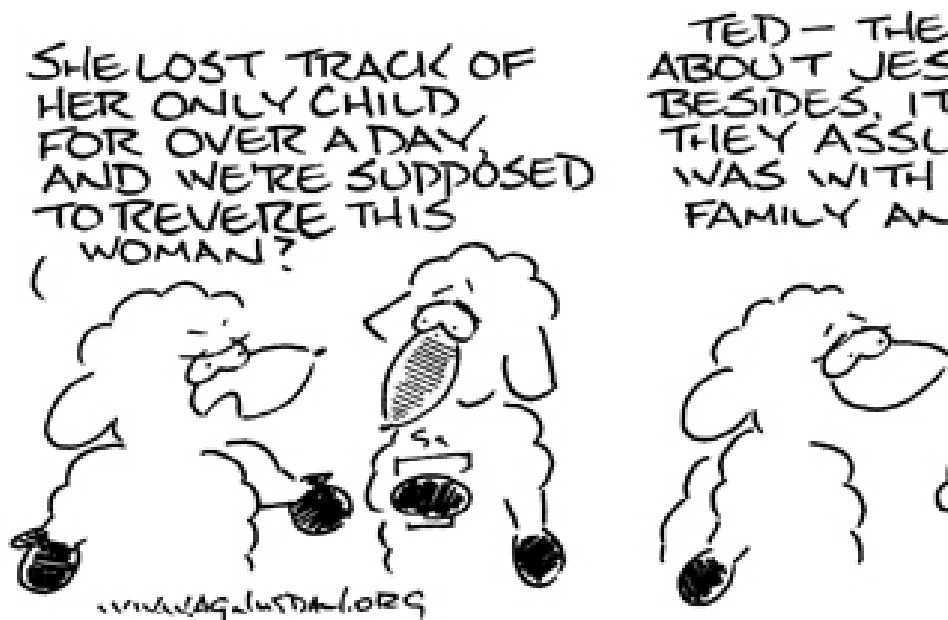
In Memory of: (Please Print)

In Thanksgiving for: (Please Print)

Saints for December

- 1 Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637
- 2 Channing Moore Williams, Missionary Bishop in China and Japan, 1910
- 4 John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760
- 5 Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
- 6 Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342
- 7 Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397
- 21 Saint Thomas the Apostle
- 25 The Nativity of Our Lord Jesus Christ**
- 26 Saint Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
- 27 Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist
- 28 The Holy Innocents

Agnus Day



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Sunday Scripture Readings for December

Dec. 6 — The Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5:1-9

Philippians 1:1-11

Psalms 126

Luke 3:1-6

Dec. 13 — The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3:14-20

Philippians 4:4-7

Psalms 85:7-13

Luke 3:7-18

Dec. 20 — The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:2-4

Hebrews 10:5-10

Psalms 80:1-7

Luke 1:39-49(50-56)

Dec. 27 — The First Sunday after Christmas

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

Galatians 3:23-25;4:4-7

Psalms 147:13-21

John 1:1-18

STORY IS
US IDENTITY.
SAYS THAT
OMED HE
THEIR
ID FRIENDS.

BLESSED VIRGIN
MOTHER INDEED!



LUKE 2:41-52

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Youth and Young Adults

20's & 30's:

Caritas, our 20s and 30s ministry, had a wonderful Thanksgiving Potluck this year. I was glad we could spend some time together as a small St. Alban's family, before we dispersed to celebrate Thanksgiving with our own families. This month, instead of doing an Advent Party our group decided in October that we will be meeting to volunteer our time at the Arlington Life Shelter on Wednesday, December 16th. Keep your ears open for more details about that evening.



UTA - Canterbury House:

In November Canterbury House began a new morning book study. We meet on Thursday mornings, beginning at 8:30am. We gather for breakfast and study a chapter of Scott Hahn's book *The Lamb's Supper*, ending with Morning Prayer. Canterbury will not meet on December 24th or 31st due to the Holidays. This month Canterbury will have an Advent Party on December 2nd at 7pm.

Youth Groups:

Teenage Youth Group:

Last month our Teenage Youth Group had a great bowling night on Sunday, November 15th at Alley Cats. We were also blessed that night to have two visitors with our group.

This month our Teenage Youth Group will be taking a short-term mission trip down to Holy Comforter Church, in Cleburne. We will leave on Friday afternoon, December 18th and return on

Monday evening, December 21st. We'll be staying at the Church itself and doing various jobs around the building. While we're there we'll also do some fun activities in the evenings and get a chance to worship with people of Holy Comforter on Sunday morning. If your teen is interested in joining us please contact me as soon as possible.

Our Teenage Youth Group continues to meet on Sunday evenings for "Your Questions, God's Answers." This series gives us an opportunity to have some good discussion on various topics. We begin at 6:30pm with snacks, and usually games, then a time with discussion, ending with candlelit Compline in the Chapel. This month the Teenage Youth Group will not have its regular meeting on December 20th or 27th. We will resume Youth Group on Sunday, January 3rd at 6:30pm.

Junior Youth Group:

Thanks to everyone who brought in hygiene products into our donation boxes. If you didn't have the opportunity to donate, though, don't worry, since these boxes will reappear after Christmas. On Sunday, December 13th the Junior Youth Group will meet at 12:15pm. Instead of our usual meeting, that Sunday we will carpool over to the Arlington Life Shelter to deliver our collection of hygiene products and get a tour of their facility.

Also, mark your calendars for the Junior Youth Group's Caroling and Christmas Lights trip on Tuesday, December 22nd. We'll gather at the church at 5:30pm and then go over to Arlington Villa to sing carols to the residents. After that we'll have some hot chocolate and take a drive through the area to see local Christmas Lights.

Fr. Duncan+



Vestry/Delegate Candidate Nominations

It's that time of year again, time to consider your vote for Vestry and Delegates. Listed below in alphabetical order are the candidates nominated for this year's election.

There will be no nominations from the floor at the Annual Parish Meeting.

Vestry Nominees

Name: Pete Haagan

Member since: 1974

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Ultreya/Cursillo
Lector/Eucharistic Minister
Children's Chapel
Acolyte
Sound System
Sowing Seeds

(former) Vestry
Jr. Warden

Occupation: Retired

Family: Wife, Beverly. 4 children



Name: Marilyn Huff

Member since: 2006

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Flower Guild
Usher
Kountry Kitchen Volunteer
St. Alban's Angels
Prayers & Squares

Occupation: Retired

Family: Husband, Nick. 1 child, 1 grandchild



Name: Rae Huffstetter

Member since: 2006

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Shepherd Ministry Team Leader

Greeter for Newcomers

(former) VBS

Hospital Visitation

Occupation: Substitute Teacher

Family: Husband, Ron. 2 children



Name: Edward Maneikis

Member since: 2005

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Chalice Bearer

Acolyte

Lay Reader

Usher

Occupation: Assistant Principal

Family: Wife, Caren



Name: Grant Mathews

Member since: 2001

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Usher

Occupation: Sales Vice President

Family: Wife, Michelle. 1 child



Name: Glenda Morgan

Member since: 1984

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Sunday School Teacher
Ultreya

(former) Vestry
Children's Liturgy Leader
Altar Guild
Folk Mass Choir

Occupation: Computer consultant

No
Picture
Available

Name: Deborah Nelson

Member since: 1989

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Bible Study Leader
Ultreya

(former) Youth Leader

Occupation: Nursing

Family: Husband, Paul. 3 children,
2 grandchildren



Name: Randy Sparks

Member since: 1972-1975, 1986

Ministries & Organization Involvement:

(current) Chalice Bearer
Acolyte

(former) Acolyte Master
St. Alban's School Board
Stewardship

Occupation: Automation specialist

Family: Wife, Pat. 1 child, 1 grandchild



Delegate Nominees

Biographies will be listed in January's issue

Rilla Altman
Randy Sparks
Don Wheaton
Paul Nelson
Sue Yarger
Joe Lundy
Ben Doerge
Esther Stolley
Robert White
Waller Poage
Chad Chisholm





Seasons Of The Christian Year

The Church Year begins with the First Sunday of Advent and ends with the Feast of Christ the King on the last Sunday after Pentecost. The first part of the year follows the life of Christ from His foretelling and Incarnation through His ministry, His death, resurrection, and ascension, and the coming of the Holy Ghost at Pentecost. After Pentecost the Church Year enters an extended time of teaching. The seasons of the Church Year are as follows:

Advent - the four Sundays before Christmas, foretelling and anticipating the Incarnation; this season is more preparatory than penitential.

Christmas(tide) - the days from Christmas through Epiphany (January 6) inclusive, celebrating Christ's birth and His manifestation to the Gentiles.

Ordinary Time after Epiphany - the weeks between the Sunday after Epiphany and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday, one of the two periods in the church calendar (the other being Ordinary Time after Pentecost) in which the lessons focus on growth in Christian life rather than a particular period or event in the life of Christ.

Lent - from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday, a period of penitence and self-discipline to prepare for the great feast of Easter; liturgical features include the omission of "Alleluia" and readings that emphasize man's fallen nature.

Holy Week - from Palm Sunday through Holy Saturday, commemorating Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem, His Passion and Crucifixion.

The Triduum - the "Great Three Days" of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday:

Maundy Thursday commemorates the Last Supper and Christ's washing of His disciples' feet (the "Maundy", from Latin *mandatum*, a commandment: "a new commandment I give to you, that ye love one another").

Good Friday observes Christ's Crucifixion, death and burial with solemn prayers, the Passion according to St. John, and the Veneration of the Cross.

Holy Saturday leads into the Easter Vigil, the great service in which the church scattered after the Crucifixion is gathered together and reconstituted, with the blessing of the New Fire, administration of Holy Baptism, and the first Mass of Easter.

Easter tide - the seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost, a sustained celebration of the Resurrection.

Ascension - the feast commemorating Christ's Ascension into Heaven, 40 days after Easter and 10 days before Pentecost.

Pentecost - the feast celebrating the promised descent of the Holy Spirit upon the Apostles. Although red vestments are worn, a traditional name for this feast day is Whitsunday - "White Sunday" - a name derived from the white robes given to persons baptized on this day.

Trinity Sunday - the Sunday after Pentecost, given over to a celebration of the mystery that is the Holy Trinity.

Corpus Christi - usually observed on the Thursday after Trinity Sunday; a celebration of the mystery of the Eucharist, traditionally including a procession with the Blessed Sacrament.

Ordinary Time after Pentecost - the period between Trinity Sunday and the first Sunday in Advent, an extended time of teaching and growth.

Clarifying Year End Contributions

As we prepare to enter into the New Year, it is an opportune time to clarify year end contribution giving rules. The last Saturday service in 2009 is December 26th and the last Sunday services in

2009 are on December 27th. Money given at these services will be reflected in your 2009 year end contribution statements. Money given at services after December 31st will be recorded in your 2010 year end contribution statements. Money sent through the mail will be recorded utilizing the postmark year. Please refer to the following for more details:

Checks written in December 2009 and given in the church offering in January 2010 will be reported as a 2010 contribution.

Checks written and given in the church offering in January 2010 but dated December 2009 will be reported as a 2010 contribution.

Checks written in December 2009 and dropped in the mail and postmarked in December 2009 but not received by the church until January 2010 will be reported as a 2009 contribution.

Checks written December 2009 and dropped in the mail in December 2009 but not postmarked until January 2010 and not received by the church until January 2010 will be reported as a 2010 contribution.

If you have any questions, please contact Pat Sparks in the church office at 817 274-7826. Thank you.

Monday Book Club: “Go to hell!”

The Monday Book Club continues with the study of the *Inferno*, the first in Dantes Alighieri’s three part work, *The Divine Comedy*. Come join us as we study one of the greatest works of Western Civilization, and follow Dante’s journey through the circles of Hell. In each circle of Hell Dante gives us a picture of the true nature of sin in our lives. Our study is in Room 10, immediately following the 10:00am Monday Mass. If you are interested in joining us there will be copies of the *Inferno* available in the Book Store.

Fr. Duncan +



Sowing Seeds Schedule

Our team for 2009-2010 has been assembled, although we will always look forward to welcome new participants. Please reference work schedule below for your information. You may either e-mail your particular task request to “Sowing-Seeds@saintalbans.org” or simply call the Church office and request to be contacted by sowing seeds.

Please make sure to include:

Your name.

Home address.

Home phone #.

Cell phone # (if any).

Brief description of task(s) you need help with.

A member of our team will contact you to obtain more information regarding your request.

2009

Dec. 5 Scheduled

2010

Jan 9 Open

Feb 6 Open

Mar 6 Scheduled

Apr 3 Open

May 1 Open

Jun 5 Open

Jul 10 Open



A Guide for Giving

Annual Income	Weekly Income	Tithe	Upper Range of Giving				Middle Range of Giving			Lower Range of Giving		
		10%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%	
\$25,000	\$481	\$48	\$43	\$38	\$34	\$29	\$24	\$19	\$14	\$10	\$5	
\$30,000	\$577	\$58	\$52	\$46	\$40	\$35	\$29	\$23	\$17	\$12	\$6	
\$40,000	\$769	\$77	\$69	\$62	\$54	\$46	\$38	\$31	\$23	\$15	\$8	
\$50,000	\$962	\$96	\$87	\$77	\$67	\$58	\$48	\$38	\$29	\$19	\$10	
\$60,000	\$1,154	\$115	\$104	\$92	\$81	\$69	\$58	\$46	\$35	\$23	\$12	
\$70,000	\$1,346	\$135	\$121	\$108	\$94	\$81	\$67	\$54	\$40	\$27	\$13	
\$80,000	\$1,538	\$154	\$138	\$123	\$108	\$92	\$77	\$62	\$46	\$31	\$15	
\$90,000	\$1,731	\$173	\$156	\$138	\$121	\$104	\$87	\$69	\$52	\$35	\$17	
\$100,000	\$1,923	\$192	\$173	\$154	\$135	\$115	\$96	\$77	\$58	\$38	\$19	
\$110,000	\$2,115	\$212	\$190	\$169	\$148	\$127	\$106	\$85	\$63	\$42	\$21	
\$120,000	\$2,308	\$231	\$208	\$185	\$162	\$138	\$115	\$92	\$69	\$46	\$23	
\$140,000	\$2,692	\$269	\$242	\$215	\$188	\$162	\$135	\$108	\$81	\$54	\$27	

Participation Statistics in our Parish

		<u>Aug.</u>	<u>Sept.</u>	<u>Oct.</u>
Average Sunday	2008	300	271	266
Attendance	2009	231	235	232

		<u>Budgeted Receipts</u>	<u>Actual Receipts</u>
Financial	Aug.	\$38,330	\$43,907
Giving for	Sept.	\$33,478	\$38,926
2009	Oct.	\$27,462	\$37,342



Your STAR Business could Be listed here!

The Legate now includes a special advertising section for parishioner and non-parishioner businesses. Whether you have a couple of lines of text or an interesting graphic or logo, we would love to advertise it! Donations are welcomed but not required and will be used to offset the cost of print and postage for The Legate. Please contact newsletter@saintalbans.org for more information. Submissions for advertisements follow the same deadlines as article submissions.

Brooke Wagoner
817.676.8331

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December Birthdays

1 Rebecca Hillery	12 Diane Cawthron	24 Sarah Schoening
3 Mary Jane Fausneacht	13 Gaither Hartley	26 Bill Rickett
3 Amy Wagoner	14 Jonine Countess	26 Carol Shunk
5 Barbara Cox	15 Valerie Johnson	28 Nancy Smith
5 Casey Cagle	17 Trace Hailey	28 Robert White
6 Crystal Greenleaf	17 Glenda Wittich	29 Sara Beall
6 Reagan Hosea	18 Mike Kennemer	29 Cynthia Irene Short
8 Jeanne Gorman	18 Phil Jarvis	29 Sarita Stewart
8 Jerry Milhime	18 Gene Brock	29 Carl Robinson
9 Abi Eigbobo	19 Donna Post	30 Emily Head
10 Beth Price	23 Jacob Brooks	30 Fr Jonathan Duncan
11 Chelsea Chapman	23 Haylee Kino	31 Fr Edward Kresowaty

December Anniversaries

4 Pete & Nancy Stankosky	17 Raymond & Priscilla Bommer
5 Jack & Jeanne Gorman	23 Bob & Carol Norwood
5 Sol & Susan Gieser	30 James & Judith Ray
6 Chad & Emily Chisholm	30 Gary & Debbie Williams
11 Paul & Staci Kino	31 Robert & Lorette Whitebread
14 Jerry & Martha Milhime	31 Rick & Sharon Lauridia

Intercessions

First names will be listed for a three month period and then automatically dropped off. In order to continue prayers for everyone who needs them, you will need to fill out the yellow card in the pews.

Jim	Graciela	Patty
Scott	Jade	Marilyn
Jane	Joseph	Barbara
Robert	Phil	Cynthia
Victoria	Shirley	Ethan
Evelyn	Jeff	Daniel
Hedy	Stephani	Susan
Jack & Jeanne	Melanie	Danny
Frank	James	Theresa
John & Gina	Bonnie	Mary Joyce
Philip	Lillian	Tucker
Renato	Judy	Mike & Kim
Sandra & Don	Dillin	William
Everitt	Ann	Betty
Deborah	Helen	Jessica & Curt
Paul	Gaither	Mary
Jean	Jessica	Lorraine
Dan	Carol	Charles
Julio	Esther	Glenn & Family
C.W.	Georgann	Emily
William	Annie & Eric	Nick
Michael	Leigh	Brandy & Jeremy
Mark	Rachel & John	Rachelle
Matthew	Faye	Martha
Diane	Connie	Ralph
Carl	Doug	Lance
Richard	Julie	Sue
Steve	Christopher	Kevin
Donald	Scott	Ben & Family
Kim	Janet	Gail & Elizabeth
Linda	Sandy	Elvire

Rachel	Jose'	Larry
Trace & Theresa	Amanda	Becky
Eric	Patricia	Joan
Samantha	Sharon	Ken & Family
Mason	Audrey & Amery	Charles
Dick	Wesley	George & Julia
Bob & Patti	Laura	John & Linda
Cynda & Rich	Annabelle	Justin
Smythe & Andrew	Stevie	Jana
Alex	Olen	Andy
Terri & Family	Alysa	Joan & Dan
Allen	Hank	Ellie
Glenda	Cheryl	Paul
Lawrence	Tommy	Jean
Steve	Justin	Bryan
Gene	Jane	Fr. Jacob Fles &
Jennifer, Reese &	Darlyne	Family
Family	John	Joe
Denise	Phyllis	Linda
Kynan	Mike	Cole
Stefani	David	Christina
LuAnn	Steve & Diane	Laster Family
Klay	Nikki	April
Janene	Alice	Lou
Betty	Nicole	Dick
Mary	Jeff & Mgr	

Our Military

Pray for the Military of the United States, especially those listed below:

Michael Root USArmy	Charles Reed USArmy
Aaron Haggard USArmy	Hank Skorija USAR
Joe Douglass USMC	Brett Meadows USAF
Cole Hatton USNavy	Dr. Shawn Garcia US Navy
Jeremiah Johnson USArmy	Tim Hartman USAF
Dustin Hanson USAF	Geoffrey Miera USArmy
Chris Lamb USMC	Randy Tindale USAF
Justin Grimes USMC	David Bowers USArmy
Bruce Holland USArmy	Cory Smith USAF
Robert Lundy USAF	Arild Doerge USMC
Chris La Valley USArmy	Burgess Lindsay USArmy
Chris Naler USMC	Kevin Shaffer USNavy
Josh Pierce USArmy	Clay Larimer USArmy
Michael Hetrick USArmy	Lee Moore USArmy
Jordan Granberry USMC	

Greeter Schedule

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Dec 6	R. Fausneaucht/B. Ferbend	M. & S. Franke
Dec 13	M. Mathis/S. Romero	D. & K. Jones
Dec 20	C. Patton/J. Wills	S. & R. Altman
Dec 27	K. Higham/D. Dorsey	A. Hagan



Usher Schedule

	<u>8:00 a.m.</u>	<u>10:30 a.m.</u>
Dec 6	Ray Fausneaucht Bob Ferbend	Bryan O'Hara John Berry Steve Altman Mike Altman
Dec 13	Mel Mathis Steve Romero	Darrell Glidewell Ron Huffstetter Sam Long Bob Yarger
Dec 20	Charles Patton, Sr. Jerry Wills	Jim Swann Darin Cyphers Samuel Andrews Marilyn Huff
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Services 5:30 pm, 8 pm, 10:30 pm	As of this printing the ushers have not been scheduled.
Dec 27	Keith Higham Don Dorsey	Jessica Geoo Meggan Geoo Rick Coombs Trace Hailey

Parish Register

Deaths: Stephen Craig Hillery, 10-27-09, husband of Rebecca Hillery,
Virginia Stanford, 10-28-09

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Sunday Worship

Morning Prayer and the Holy Eucharist (said)	8:00 a.m.
The Holy Eucharist (sung)	10:30 a.m.
Evening Prayer and the Holy Eucharist (said)	5:30 p.m.

Weekday Liturgies

Mon - Fri	Morning Prayer	9:00 a.m.
Monday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	10:00 a.m.
Wednesday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	9:30 a.m.
	Holy Hour, third Wednesday, Sept—May (Church)	6:00 p.m.
Thursday	Holy Eucharist (Chapel)	6:30 a.m.
Saturday	Reconciliation (Confessional)	9:15 a.m.
	Holy Eucharist (Church)	10:00 a.m.
	Holy Rosary (Church)	11:00 a.m.

Office Hours

8:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

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