

The Good News!



St. Alban's Episcopal Church

Church office hours: Monday — Friday 8 am to 4 pm

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Rector's Reflections



Dear friends of St. Alban's, Holy Week and Easter 2011
Holy Week and Easter are at the very center of our life as members of the Body of Christ.

During that week, we will follow closely the Passion---and the triumph---of Jesus. We will follow Jesus as he makes his way from the Last Supper with his friends, to the Garden of Gethsemane, to the cross. At each point, we will stop and ponder the mysteries of his last week of life.

On the cross, we will see the suffering of Jesus, and also the suffering of humankind. This year, we are compelled to see the suffering of so many people in the world today ---the victims of the earthquake and tsunami in Japan; children and adults throughout the world who do not have enough to eat; those who have been wounded, grieving or who have died through the violence of warfare.

But suffering and death do not have the last word. As Martin Luther said, "The world says, in the midst of life there is death. But God says, no, my child, in the midst of death there is life." If that is all you know about the Gospel, it is sufficient.

Holy Week begins with the procession on Palm Sunday and ends with the triumph of Easter. In between are worship services and choral music designed to take us deeper into our faith. I invite you to join our community for as little, or as much, as you are able.

Also, we invite your gifts for our ministry and mission and will be grateful for your response. As in prior years, a portion of our offering will be donated to the Episcopal Relief and Development, a fund that helps the needy throughout the world.

I hope to see you at St. Alban's in the coming weeks, and I send you warm wishes for new and Resurrected life this season.

Peace and blessings, *Susan W. Klein* +

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday	April 17	8:00 and *10:00 services	* At 10 am we gather on the patio
Maundy Thursday	April 21	6:00 pm 7:00 pm 7:30 pm	Agape Meal Foot Washing Tenebrae
Good Friday	April 22	12 Noon	Good Friday Office Stations of the Cross
Vespers and Veneration		8 pm	An evening of dramatic music by Luis de Victoria, Haydn & Lottie
Holy Saturday	April 23	8:00 pm	Easter Vigil, Baptism and Holy Eucharist
EASTER DAY!	April 24 <i>note the time change</i>	8:00 am 10:30 am	Festival Choral Eucharist

Worship Services

Sundays:

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist
Parish Staff
The Rev. Susan W. Klein, Rector
The Rev. Norm Ishizaki, Rector Emeritus
The Rev. Warner Traynham, Assisting Priest
Nancy John, Administrator
Darren Motise, Minister of Music
James Vail, Organist and Choirmaster Emeritus
Gordon Toler, Sexton
Church School Attendants
Susan Agnew,
Imogen Eddington and Lisa Atmodjo
Vestry
Christine Mason, Sr. Warden
Rudy Marloth, Treasurer
Vivian Hay, Clerk

Kerygma

On Wednesdays, from 10:30 am—11:45, we pull out Bibles, commentaries, and our own beliefs and ideas to explore the scriptures in depth. Meet us on Wednesday in the library and join in a very stimulating conversation. We are studying the Psalms.

Mid-week Holy Eucharist

Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Noon-time Holy Eucharist. On Wednesday in the Chapel

Every Wed. at noon in the Chapel.

FRIDAY SMALL GROUP

SMALL GROUP Fridays, 1-2:30: brief reading concerned with spirituality and lots of discussion. All are welcome! If you have any questions, please contact John Hirning: 310. 985. 5144/ jhirning@ucla.edu.

CENTERING PRAYER

Join the Centering Prayer group (a practice of Christian meditation) on **Tuesdays** at 5:30 pm in the Church apse under the Resurrection windows.

The Book Club!

Meet with us as we discuss “The Year of Living Biblically: One Man’s Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible” by A. J. Jacobs
Sun. April 17, 7pm ; St. Alban’s in the *Library*

Lenten Quiet Day

Lenten Quiet Day **Saturday, April 16,**
 9 am – Noon
 Lenten Quiet Day: **Forgiveness, Journey from Hostility to Hospitality.**
Please, sign up on the patio!

Join us for These Weekly Services and Activities!

Sunday

8:00 am Holy Eucharist
 (*Chapel*)

9:00 am Adult Forum
 (*Library*)

10:00 am *Choral Eucharist
 (*main Church*)

*Nursery and Church school available

12:00 pm Christian Covenant Class (April 3, 10)

Tuesday

5:00 pm UCLA Student Fellowship
 Episcopal and Methodist Chaplaincy to host
 (*St. Alban’s-main church*)

3:00 pm Book Discussion
 (*Susan’s office*)

5:30 pm Centering Prayer
 (*Church apse*)

Wednesday

10:30 am Kerygma Bible Study
 (*Library*)

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
 (*Chapel*)

6:30pm -8 pm Journey to God Supper & Discussion (*Library*)

Thursday

7:30 pm Adult Choir Reh.
 (*choir room*)

Friday

1:00 pm Pilgrim’s Way Small Group
 (*Library*)

April Activities

Apr. 3, 10 Sun. 11:15 *Special Sunday Class: Christian Covenant Class (Library)*

Apr. 10 Sun. 9-10 am *Lectio Divina Prayer/fellowship (all are invited.)*

April 16 Sat. 9am-Noon *Lenten Quiet Day St. Alban’s*

April 17 Sun. 7 pm *Book Club St. Alban’s (Library)*

April 18 Mon. 6pm/7pm *Finance / VestryMtg. (Library)*

Apr. 27 Wed. 12:30 pm *Lunch Bunch! Join us for a \$5 lunch and million-dollar fellowship!*

See P. 1 for Easter Schedule

NOTE: EASTER SUN. SERVICE TIMES

Remember Your Loved Ones This Easter

Easter Gifts

(please print)

Provided to the Glory of God

In memory of

Name: _____

In Thanksgiving For

Phone: _____

Enclosed is a check for \$ _____

Please mail in your form or drop it in the offering on Sunday.

Parish Community News Board

April Prayer List Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Miranda Reem, Jill Baldauf, Bob Oppelt, Jack and Joan Hay, Carol Cummings, Anne Hibler, Doug Laidlaw, Kerstin Stempel,

Andrew Pinkham, Ed Gauld, Kathryn McDonald, Aaron McGarvia and Julie Jenkins; for those in the military: Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich.

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch"

(pray and stay) Last month's Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship. Please join us for our second lunch of 2010! The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation. We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on **Wed., April 27, starting with the Noon Eucha-**

rist and finishing with lunch from 12:30 —1:30 p.m. A sign-up sheet will be on the patio for you to indicate whether you can join us. Please do!

Christian Covenant Class:

after the 10:00 am service. If you are new to us—or if you're coming back to Church after a hiatus, then this is the class for you! Join us in the Library. It will also prepare those who wish to be confirmed or received into the Episcopal Church.

Tuesdays at 3 PM (April 5, 12): The Stature of Waiting:

"In this classic of spiritual writing, W.H. Vanstone transforms our understanding of waiting," says the back-of-the-book blurb, and while this is true, it doesn't entirely ex-

plain its appeal. It is a dense little book, not all that promising at the start. But both Susan and Bisbee love it, and will be reading and discussing it this Lent. Others are welcome to join us!

Wednesday Evenings (April 6, 13) 6:30–8:00 PM: Journey to God

We will meet for a simple supper, followed by discussion. Sessions will be self-contained, and can be attended independently of one another.

E-Donations... If you are interested in making contributions via the internet, go to Stalbanswestwood.com and go to the link "e-donations" and follow the easy directions! This is a small step to becoming more "green" as a church.

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Baptism

St. Joseph's Communal Table Huge Success!

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism will be offered at the Easter Vigil on Saturday night, April 23rd at 8 p.m. Please call the church office to register yourself or someone in your family to receive this sacrament of new life.



Based on Sicilian tradition, St. Joseph's Tables are meant to feed the poor, to practice hospitality, and to welcome the stranger. Check out the photos from this year's Communal Table effort in Watts, (see St. Alban's Facebook page) which took place March 18-20 under the direction of St. Alban's Luisa Del Giudice. Many families in the community were blessed! St. Alban's accepted food and monetary donations on behalf of the event.