

The Good News!

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2010



Sanctus Albanus

St. Alban's Episcopal Church

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

Rector's Reflections



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

September in Pentecost, 2010

Without gifts a parish would not exist.

We are here at all because of the gift of God's Son, the gift of his life, death and resurrection. This gift did not supplant the gift of God's covenant to the Jewish people, it supplemented it. It grafted new people onto the vine.

We are here because the gift of faith has been shared, taught, lived for generations. We are here because our ancestors thought it important to give their resources for the building of churches, that everyone might experience new life in Christ.

At St. Alban's we have been blessed for nearly 80 years by men and women who have made this community their spiritual home. New occasions, as the hymn goes, teach new duties. Each generation has had to figure out how to create and sustain such a spiritual community within a changing culture.

This summer, as the congregation ebbed and flowed with vacations, many people gave of themselves in worship and outreach. Our whole team on Sundays is consistently faithful. In addition, we put together hygiene bags for the homeless and collected school supplies for children. Also, we received an extraordinary gift from Lorie Secor, a donation to cover the whole cost of restoring the the Aeolian-Skinner organ.

Each gift we give helps us to draw closer to the love of God, a love that dwells within each soul. Such love, built up within us, helps us see new possibilities for sharing that love throughout the world. There are so many opportunities to care and we are equipped for that work by our community in Christ's love. Thank you for every gift you give for the building up of this body of Christ at St. Alban's. You are helping us become who God means us to become.

You are helping us all dwell more fully in God's love.

In Christ's Love,
Susan +

Preparing for Pilgrimage!

Next April, we are planning to make a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. This will be a unique chance to explore the roots of our faith during a most important time of the Church Year. We plan to be there during the last 10 days of Lent, up to and including Palm Sunday. We are working out the details now, and we will have an informational meeting in September; to be included on our first mailing, please let Susan know. Join Susan Klein, Claudia Rapp, and others as we take this journey together.

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Worship Services

Sundays:

8 am Holy Eucharist
10 am Holy Eucharist

Parish Staff

The Rev. Susan W. Klein, Rector
The Rev. Warner Traynham,
Assisting Priest
Darren Motise, Minister of Music
Nancy John, Administrator
Gordon Toler, Sexton
The Rev. Norm Ishizaki,
Rector Emeritus
James Vail, Organist and
Choirmaster Emeritus

Church School Attendant
Lisa Atmodjo

Vestry

Christine Mason, Sr. Warden
Rudy Marloth, Treasurer
Vivian Hay, Clerk

Mid-week Holy Eucharist

Take a mid-week moment and refresh yourself spiritually by joining us for our Noon-time Holy Eucharist. **Every Wed. at noon** in the Chapel. Bring a friend!

Pilgrim's Way (Small Group)

Join us Fridays at 1:00pm in the Library.



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Lectio Divina (New Day!)

The Lectio group is resuming in September: we will meet after the 10:30 service on September 12th (we decided to change from Saturday to Sunday). Lectio Divina is a form of prayerful meditation on Scripture--although it goes by a fancy Latin name, it is a way of encountering the Bible that is more about the responses of the heart than about the responses of the head. Join us!

It's All About the Psalms...

On Wednesday mornings from 10:30 --11:45, we are looking at the ways people use the Psalms now in prayer, the ways that people have thought about them over the last 3000 years, different translations of them, and anything else that strikes our fancy. We started with the best-known psalm of all, Psalm 23, and will move on to other psalms that interest us. All are welcome!

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

*See usher or website for
Sunday Parking permits

Wednesday

10:30 am Study of Psalms

12:00 Noon Holy Eucharist
(Chapel)

Thursday

5:30 pm Centering Prayer
(church apse)

Friday

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

September Activities

**Sep. 9
Thur.
7:30 pm** Choir Resumes!
Choir room-- All are
welcome

**Sep. 22
Wed.
12:30 pm** Lunch Bunch!
Join us for a \$5 lunch &
million-dollar fellowship!

**Sep. 19
Sun.
7:00 pm** Book Club
St. Alban's Library

**Sep. 20
Mon.
6:00 pm** Finance Cmte. Mtg
(Library)

7:00 pm Vestry Meeting
(Library)

Monthly Outreach Opportunity

Reach out with us on the Second Sunday of September, (9/12)!

Join us as we work together on a variety of projects to help our community.

we meet after the 10 am service and put together care-packages for homeless shelters— or any other pressing project that can be done in one Sunday!

It is a tremendous time of fellowship, fun, and good will.

You can call the office for more information: 310.208.6516.

Or you may e:mail Katy Palfrey < k.palfrey@foundanimals.org >

Parish Community News Board

September Prayer List

Betty Jones, Ann Shannon, Courtney Williams, Miranda Reem, Katherine Wright, Josephine Donor, Gene



Woods, Fr. Norm Ishizaki and Velda, John MacLaurin, Chuck Doak, Jill Baldauf, John Murray, Irene Reem, Jack Bright and family,

and Mnsgr. John Sheridan. For our Military personnel, Lt. Ryan Klint, Sgt. Jeremy Aldrich,

St. Alban's "Lunch Bunch" (pray and stay)

Each month's Lunch Bunch gathering continues to be a blessed time of fellowship as we get to know our fellow parishioners. The lunch is open to anyone in the congregation., We will have our next lunch (\$5 per person) on Wed., **September 22, starting with the Noon Eucharist 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!

Small Group

Each Friday, we are looking at one of the upcoming Scripture readings for Sunday.

We've enjoyed doing this in the past and comparing our discussion results with the content of the sermon. Will the preacher visit some of the same ideas that the Friday discussion group has discussed, or will she take the sermon in an entirely different direction? All are welcome! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact John Hirning for more information: 310.985.5144/ jhiring@ucla.edu

Centering Prayer

Create some quiet time in the middle of the week to refresh your spirit with fellow parishioners by joining the Centering Prayer group on Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. Centering Prayer is a practice of Christian meditation. Join us in the Church Apse.

Praying the Psalms:

We are studying the Psalms on Wednesday mornings from 10:30 --11:45. We are looking at the ways people use them now in prayer, the ways that people have thought about them over the last 3000 years, different translations of them, and anything else that strikes our fancy.

Book Club

Looking for a little summer reading? How about a Pulitzer Prize-winning novel that's sold over 30 million copies worldwide, spawned a motion picture worthy of three Academy Awards and labeled one of the most inspirational books of all time! You guessed it! Dust off your copy of "To Kill A Mockingbird", by Harper Lee and join us as we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the book by reading and discussing it on **Sunday, September 19 at 7:00 p.m.** at St. Alban's in the Library.

Enjoy the Convenience of Electronic Giving...

We'd like to remind you that we offer electronic giving as a way to automate your regular weekly offering. Electronic giving offers convenience for our members and much-needed donation consistency for our congregation.

It is so easy to set up electronic donations. Just follow the instructions on our website: www.stalbanswestwood.com. It's simple! If you'd rather, you can fill out a form we have here in the office, and we'll set it up for you.

As you contemplate future contributions, please consider electronic giving!

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Welcome!

Meet our New Chaplain to U.C.L.A.

The Rev. Glenn M. Libby, Ph.D., has served fourteen years as Episcopal Chaplain at USC after one year as Associate Chaplain. In addition to his pastoral experience with teenagers and young adults, he holds an M.B.A in management and brings to the ministry sixteen years of high-level corporate experience in project and budget management. In May 1995 he was awarded a Master of Divinity degree (summa cum laude) from Yale University. In 2001, he completed a Ph.D. degree in Religion and Social Ethics at USC, and for 2002-2004, he held a faculty appointment in USC's School of Religion. He serves on the diocesan Program Group on Ministry in Higher Education. Since April 2005 he has served Province VIII of the Episcopal Church as Provincial Coordinator for Campus Ministry. Email Glenn at glibby@usc.edu or find him on Facebook.

New Name for Student Café!!

NEW NAME for Café...

The Koinonia Cafe, is now called the **580 Cafe!** It will be opening in September! Currently, access to the U.C.L.A student lounge of St. Alban's is limited. We'll keep you posted as to when we'll be up and running in full force. Please keep the students in prayer who were the recipients of your generosity that they will continue to grow in their walk with God. Celebrating God's grace and abundance, Glenn + and Jeanne +