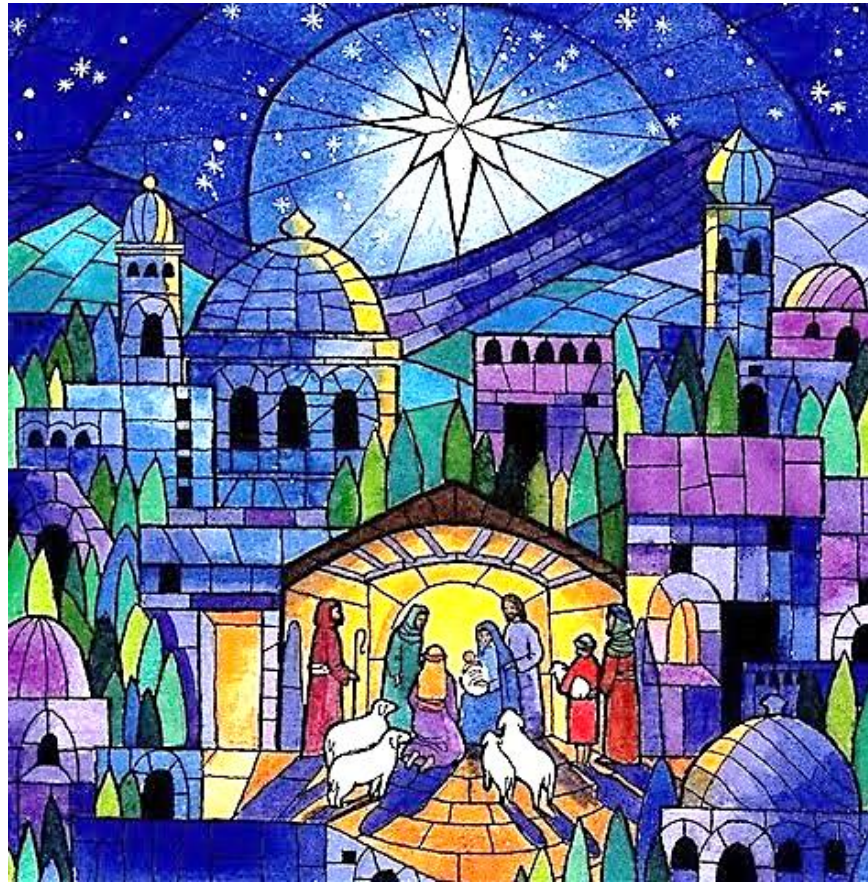


ST ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
CHRISTMAS EVE



FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2021

5:00 PM

THE REVEREND DR. DAVID L. MADSEN, RECTOR

THE REVEREND KATHERINE GORDON, DEACON

NAOMI MADSEN, MUSIC DIRECTOR

THE REVEREND DR. PAUL CARMONA, ORGANIST

HOLY EUCHARIST – RITE II

* = Please stand during the hymns as you are able.

PRELUDE: Schubert's "Ave Marie"; sung by Stephanie Richart

Choir: Call to worship – "Long ago prophets knew Christ would come"

All stand as you are able

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Thanks be to God

Jesus said: "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven" (**Matthew 5:14-16**)

* **OPENING HYMN – Hymnal 107, "Good Christian friends rejoice"**

Christmas—White Candle—Christ's Candle—"Happy birthday dear Jesus!"

Verger: Today we re-light all the previous candles and we light the center White Candle, also called the Christ Candle. "Happy birthday Jesus!" **Amen.**

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant: Blessed be God most holy glorious and undivided Trinity.

People: **And blessed be God's reign, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

"Away in a manger"; the Choir

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed, the little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head

The start in the bright sky look down where he lay

The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay

Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay close by me forever, and love me I pray

Bless all the dear children in thy tender care

And take us to heaven to live with thee there

(Please remain standing if able for the reading of the Collect)

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

O God, you have caused this holy night to shine with the brightness of the true Light: Grant that we, who have known the mystery of that Light on earth, may also enjoy him perfectly in heaven; where with you and the Holy Spirit he lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

People: **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

FIRST READING – Isaiah 9:2-7

Lector: A reading from the book of Isaiah.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness--
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied the nation,
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden,
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders;
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.
His authority shall grow continually,
 and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
 He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
 from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

Lector: The word of the Lord.

All: **Amen.**



RESPONSE – Psalm 96**BCP pg. 725-726**

<p>1 Sing to the LORD a new song; * sing to the LORD, all the whole earth.</p> <p>2 Sing to the LORD and bless his Name; * proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.</p> <p>3 Declare his glory among the nations * and his wonders among all peoples.</p> <p>4 For great is the LORD and greatly to be praised; * he is more to be feared than all gods.</p> <p>5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; * but it is the LORD who made the heavens.</p> <p>6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! * Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!</p> <p>7 Ascribe to the LORD, you families of the peoples; * ascribe to the LORD honor and power.</p>	<p>8 Ascribe to the LORD the honor due his Name; * bring offerings and come into his courts.</p> <p>9 Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness; * let the whole earth tremble before him.</p> <p>10 Tell it out among the nations: "The LORD is King! * he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."</p> <p>11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it; * let the field be joyful and all that is therein.</p> <p>12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the LORD when he comes, * when he comes to judge the earth.</p> <p>13 He will judge the world with righteousness * and the peoples with his truth.</p>
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THE NEW TESTAMENT – Titus 2:11-14**Lector:** A reading from the book of Titus.

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Lector: The word of the Lord.**All:** **Thanks be to God.***A period of silence is kept.***SEQUENCE HYMN – Hymnal 82, "Of the Father's love begotten"**

*Of the Father's love begotten, ere the worlds began to be
He is Alpha and Omega, he the source, the ending he
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see
Evermore and evermore*

THE GOSPEL – Luke 2:1-20**Deacon:** The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.**All:** **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. All went to their own towns to be registered. Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for see-- I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

"Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!"

[When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us." So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.]

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SEQUENCE HYMN – *Hymnal 82, "Of the Father's love begotten"*

*Oh that birth forever blessed, when the virgin, full of grace, by the Holy Ghost receiving,
Bore the savior of our race; And the babe, the world's redeemer, first revealed his sacred face
Evermore and evermore. Amen*

HOMILY – **The Reverend Dr David Madsen**

(Please sit in silent prayer after the sermon)

Deacon: Let us stand together and say the Nicene Creed.

The Nicene Creed

All say together:

We believe in one God,

**the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,**

**God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

**he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE - (Please stand or kneel if you are able)

Intercessor: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you**

Intercessor: Let us pray.

Intercessor: We pray for those around us as they live their lives.

People: **For those close, for those far away, and for those who have no one else to pray for them.**

Intercessor: For our communities, especially El Cajon.

People: **For friends, strangers, and the ties that keep them together.**

Intercessor: For our nation – we pray for wisdom for its leaders, particularly our President, and for the health and safety for those serving in the military. Especially Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Clarence, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Christopher and Joshua Ibanez, Brandon, Madison, and for our veterans.

People: **May it shine forth as a beacon of nobility and compassion.**

Intercessor: We pray for this earth, your creation;

People: **That we may be faithful stewards of its bounty.**

Intercessor: We lift up all those impacted by this pandemic, and their families.

People: **Jesus, Lord of life, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We pray for unity in the Church, and peace for all its members;

People: **For those who spread your Gospel by word or by action.**

People: **We pray for the leaders of our church; for Michael our presiding bishop, Susan our bishop, Dave our rector, Katherine our deacon, and for all bishops, priests and deacons.**

Intercessor: We pray for people in our world. Most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: We lift up to you our concerns, praying especially for: all who are refugees, Hilda Ro & family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Lillian, Bill Bishop, Jean K, Arlene F and family, Georgina L, Marc T, Christine W, Summer & family, Don W, Terri, Bella Z, Vicenta & Tommy C, Amal E, Clementine, George Elia, Sarah R, Carol, Pam F, and Callee H. From our Facebook friends: Michael S, Geri A, Ma Dani, Dorn H, Dana D, Bruce M, Donna & Scott L, and Arianna H.

(Please take a few moments to express thanks to God either vocally or silently.)

Intercessor: We pray for those who have died.

People: **Grant rest to their souls and comfort to those they have left behind.**

Celebrant: Lord hear the prayers of your people; and what we have asked faithfully, grant that we may obtain effectually, to the glory of your name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: Amen.

THE PEACE

Celebrant: The Peace of the Lord be always with you!

All: And also with you.

Because of the coronavirus, please do not touch hug or leave your area of worship. Please remember that Passing the Peace is part of our liturgy. It is a time to welcome each other and to share a phrase like: "The peace of the Lord be with you", and to hear a response in kind like "And also with you". It is not intended to be a time for discussion.

OFFERING PRAYER

We will not be passing the offering plate until a future time. If you have an offering with you please put it in the collection box as you come forward for communion, or on your way out, there is another collection box near the door in the back of the nave by the door to the narthex.

Celebrant: Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

Celebrant: All things come from you O Lord.

People: And of your own we have given you.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Sursum Corda *(Please stand, as you are able)*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God, one Lord, in Trinity of Persons.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

The Sanctus – LEV 256

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Then the Celebrant continues:

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Maker of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

The Lord's Prayer

Officiant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Officiant: As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now sing:

A musical score for the Lord's Prayer in G major, 3/4 time. The score consists of eight staves of music with lyrics underneath. Chord symbols are placed above the notes. The lyrics are: "Our Fa-ther who art in heav - en, hal-low-ed be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heav - en. Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pass-es as we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us. And lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from all that is e - vil. For thine is the king-dom, and the pow-er, and the glo - ry for - ev - er. A - men. A - men. A - - - - - men."

THE HOLY COMMUNION

A moment of reverence is kept.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem – LEV 25 “That boy-child of Mary”

*That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable, a manger his cradle in Bethlehem
What shall we call him, child of the manger? What name is given in Bethlehem?*

*That boy-child of Mary was born in a stable, a manger his cradle in Bethlehem
One with the Father, He is our savior, Heaven-sent helper in Bethlehem*

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem – – “Holy is His Name”

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord, and my spirit has rejoiced in God my savior
For he has looked with mercy on my lowliness, and his name shall be forever exalted
For the mighty God has done great things for me, and his mercy shall reach from age to age
And holy, holy, holy is his name.*

If there are shut-ins who will be receiving Communion from one of our Lay Eucharistic Visitors, the following prayer is offered following Communion:

Celebrant: We send you out to bring the Eucharist today to (name) and our prayers and thoughts go with you.

All: **May you carry the prayers of us all as you take this sacrament of Christ’s presence.**

Celebrant: May those who receive the body and blood of our Lord be strengthened and encouraged, and truly be a part of the community which we share together in our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The people stand as they are able.

Post Communion Prayer

Celebrant and People:

**Loving God,
we give you thanks
for restoring us in your image
and nourishing us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.
Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;
that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Blessing

May the grace of God uphold you, the peace of God surround you,
the love of God flow from you, and the strength of God protect
and bring you safely through this day.

In the name of the Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Recessional Hymn – Hymnal 100, “Joy to the world!”

Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PRAYERS



Please remember in your prayers, praying especially for: all who are refugees, Hilda Ro & family, Christine Peters, Judith Taylor, Victoria, Penny, Ralph McMillen, Lillian, Bill Bishop, Jean K, Arlene F and family, Georgina L, Marc T, Christine W, Summer & family, Don W, Terri, Bella Z, Vicenta & Tommy C, Amal E, Clementine, George Elia, Sarah R, Carol, Pam F, and Callee H. From our Facebook friends: Michael S, Geri A, Ma Dani, Dorn H, Dana D, Bruce M, Donna & Scott L, and Arianna H.

Pray for those serving in the military especially, Kendall, Lindzy, Denny, Cris, Ben, Bryan, Matt, Clarence, David Nye, Kristyn, Eric, Stephanie, Donovan, Christopher and Joshua Ibanez, Brandon, Madison, and for our veterans.

We pray for peace in the Holy Land most especially for our Christian brothers and sisters in Myanmar (known as Burma), Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India, Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Egypt, Pakistan, Tunisia, Eritrea, Yemen, Nigeria, Somalia, Israel and Palestine, and all places on the earth where people are in danger and treated unfairly, who are suffering deprivation, torture, and death for confessing Christ as their Lord.

We pray for all people in our country who are suffering from poverty, injustices, brutality, racial and sexual discrimination; for those that are sexually, physically, and verbally abused or bullied; for the unemployed and the underemployed; for the uninsured and the under insured.

In our Diocesan cycle of prayer, we pray and give thanks today for the Clergy and people of St Michael's by-the-sea, in Carlsbad. And for the Diocese of Western Mexico and our companion relationship.

In the Anglican cycle of prayer, we give thanks today for Christians in other denominations and the work of the ecumenical movement.

Participants in Today's In-Person and Online Worship

Celebrant: The Reverend Dr David Madsen

Deacon: The Reverend Katherine Gordon

Reader(s): TBD

Prayers: Judy Brown

Music Director: Naomi Madsen

Organist: The Reverend Dr Paul Carmona

Streaming Tech: Hsa Blu Moo, Hser Tha Law, Sa Nay Kyaw

Altar Assistant: Sa Nay Kyaw

Vergers: Judy Brown

Gospel Readers – Arabic / Karin: Nawal Yousif, Mary Zori, Ibtisam Bashee, Angelynn Than

Worship on the campus of St. Alban's has begun reconvening in person under the guidelines as set by San Diego County, the State of CA, and the Episcopal Diocese. Please read through them. Please call the St Alban's office at 619-444-8212 with any questions. Thank you for your help in continuing to keep our campus safe!



Thank You for Your Support
During these challenging times, we
encourage you to support your home church.
If you have no home church and like what you see here
you may support St Alban's Ministries by going to:
<https://st-albans-church.org/giving>

Announcements for the week of 12/27/2021

In Person Coffee Hour is Back!

St. Albans is starting coffee hour again! If you would like to help by doing coffee hour the same Sunday every month, please contact Kathi Mills at 619-277-0683, or Sharon Hathaway at 619-562-7598. When we start coffee hour depends on when St. Albans has someone volunteering for each Sunday. It will be a simpler coffee hour, with coffee, water, and wrapped cookies, wrapped brownies, etc. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School Lessons via ZOOM

The Sunday School is using Zoom as an innovative way to have Sunday School lessons for those families not able to have their children meet in person. This is the hybrid format so that there is a choice offered of meeting in person OR on Zoom. Our Sunday School director, Caroline Hurd, has created a group named "St Alban's Sunday School". **Please send a text to 619-820-0674 if your children would like to join in the ZOOM lesson** and Caroline will add your cell phone number to the Sunday School families who have access to join this weekly group. Lessons will run about 20 min and begin at **9:30am** (New Time!), so families can enjoy the St Alban's live stream of the Holy Eucharist worship services also at 9:30am.

Also please note: St. Alban's Sunday School has an email address: stalbandsundayschool@gmail.com please use this as well with any questions about Sunday School or attending the Zoom Sunday School meetings.

Sunday School Zoom info: <https://zoom.us/j/93662640101>

Meeting code: 71927243001 Password: Di38xF

One tap mobile: +16699009128,,93662640101# US (San Jose)

Where to Find Other St Alban's Weekly Meetings on ZOOM

The Monthly Vestry meeting -

Vestry meeting is 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 AM

Meeting ID - 235 055 010 Password – 688794

Coffee Hour - Sundays at 11 AM

Meeting ID - 850 7170 9773 Password – 329523

Sunday Worship Service at 9:30am, We are now meeting in the sanctuary, and also this service can be found on the St Alban's Facebook page each Sunday morning if you prefer to attend from your home.

Please note that this info remains the same each week. The Meeting ID's and the Passwords do not change.

Regular Notices

Prayer Requests: To make a request for the prayer chain or bulletin or to update requests, please call the St Alban's office: 619-444-8212, or email: generalbusiness@stalbandschurch.info. You are also invited to add a prayer request to be read in our Sunday public prayers. Names added will be listed for three weeks only, unless otherwise requested. We can also now receive prayer requests through our website: www.st-albans-church.org

Parking: If you are able-bodied, please park in the lot on Camden or the side streets, saving the prime spots for those who require a closer parking space. Thank you!

Report Misconduct: As part of our ongoing commitment to creating a safe haven for everyone, our diocese trains people in the prevention of misconduct and encourages all to report misconduct. All reported incidences are taken seriously and investigated thoroughly and confidentially. If you believe you have experienced misconduct of any kind, please contact Mr. John Seitman, jseitman@pacbell.net, 858-793-4555 or the Rev. Janet Wheelock, jwheelock@edsd.org, 952-240-8067.

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