

This Sunday, April 2, 2023, is Palm Sunday.

Fr. Greg will be at the church each morning during Holy Week. It's a good time to visit, chat, contemplate.

Ladies Luncheon - Noon, April 3 - Reservations have been for lunch at Napolinos on Monday, April 3, 2023, at noon. Please let me know ASAP if you will attend. My e-mail address is jstevec@aol.com and my phone number is 301-997-8828.

The address for Napolinos is 9811 US 301, Wildwood, Fl.

Sunday School on Saturday resumes on April 22 at 10 am on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month at the church. Call Fr. Greg for details 352-205-8567

Other dates you need to know:

Plan ahead! Put these on your calendars now while you are thinking about it.

Palm Sunday 9:30 am on April 2

Good Friday - 10 am - April 7

EASTER - 9:30 am - April 9

(Please plan to attend)

Sunday Communion Service will be held at 9:30 am.

The Service Bulletin for Palm Sunday is attached.

Please note: The Church makes changes to the Mass to reflect the liturgical seasons, and during the season of Lent it undergoes some major changes. What's different in the Mass during Lent? The most notable changes are the colors of the priest's vestments (to purple, symbolizing repentance) and the absence of the Gloria and the Alleluia.

Coffee and sweets will be served after the service.

Website: **StAlbans.Church is active.** It may be necessary to enter StAlbansAnglicanChurch.org or stalbansanglicanchurch.com on some computers.

SYNOD - Tuesday, May 23rd through Friday, May 26.th The Diocese of Atlantic States (DAS) Synod will be held at the Hampton Inn, Calera, Alabama, 93 Metro Dr, Calera, AL 35040, and the Church of the Holy Comforter, 135 Ashville Cir, Montevallo, AL 35115, from the afternoon of Tuesday, May 23rd through the afternoon of Friday, May 26th. Reservations must be made by 04/17/2023. For more information contact Fr. Greg or see the attachment to this e-letter.

Send us your news to let others in St. Alban's know what is going on with you these days. Thanks.

If you need a ride to church please call one of the Vestry Members listed on the back of the service bulletin. They will be gratified that you asked and pleased to give you a ride or arrange for one. Contact me, or Fr. Greg, at 352-205-8567.

Fr. Greg's Discretionary Fund - *If you would like to donate to this fund please write a check to St. Alban's Anglican Church with the notation that it is for this fund.*

Prayer List on Service Bulletins - Each week a prayer list is published in the bulletin. Changes to the list should be sent to Fr. Greg Koon. The prayer list includes: Bill, Megan, Kevin, Dale, Tony, Landis, Barbara, Kathy, Nick, Bob, Joan, Laura, Andrew, Sarah, and Jeanna.

Deacon Steven Holley is no longer with St. Albans. He is moving to Lakeland and another church.

The Church's coordinates include:

St. Alban's Anglican Church

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Lady Lake, FL 32159

Telephone: 352-205-8567.

When no one is there, it forwards to Fr. Greg Koon.

Note: Lady Lake Blvd is now paved all the way from Rolling Acres Road through to Lady Lake and Rt. 27/441. If you are coming to church from south of 466 on 27/441 turn left on Lady Lake Blvd. which goes right to our parking lot.

Altar Flowers - If you would like to dedicate flowers to some one or some event, donate to the Altar Flower fund. Please contact Mitzi Hennessey a few weeks in advance so the flowers can be ordered. Call Mitzi at 352-633-9926 or email mitzi2201965@gmail.com.

Commemorations from the Ordo Kalendar

Unless noted otherwise most information is from <http://www.wikipedia.org>

Please note the use of the term "(Comm. Feria)" beginning in March 2022 in the Ordo Kalendar.

- Feria is a day other than the sabbath day. In the liturgy of the Catholic Church, a feria is a day of the week other than Sunday.
- In more recent official liturgical texts in English, the term weekday is used instead of feria.
- If the feast day of a saint falls on such a day, the liturgy celebrated may be that of the saint, not that of the feria (the weekday liturgy).
- Accordingly, in actual liturgical practice a feria or ferial day is "a weekday on which no special ecclesiastical feast is to be celebrated."

March 27 - St. John Damascene or John of Damascus - C. D.

was a Christian monk, priest, hymnographer, and apologist. Born and raised in Damascus c. 675 or 676; the precise date and place of his death is not known, though tradition places it at his monastery, Mar Saba, near Jerusalem on 4 December 749.

A polymath whose fields of interest and contribution included law, theology, philosophy, and music, he was given the by-name of

"streaming with gold" (i.e. "the golden speaker"). He wrote works expounding the Christian faith, and composed hymns which are still used both liturgically in Eastern Christian practice throughout the world as well as in western Lutheranism at Easter.

He is one of the Fathers of the Eastern Orthodox Church and is best known for his strong defence of icons. The Catholic Church regards him as a Doctor of the Church, often referred to as the Doctor of the Assumption due to his writings on the Assumption of Mary.

He was also a prominent exponent of perichoresis, and employed the concept as a technical term to describe both the interpenetration of the divine and human natures of Christ and the relationship between the hypostases of the Trinity. John is at the end of the Patristic period of dogmatic development, and his contribution less that of theological innovation than that of a summary of the developments of the centuries before him. In Catholic theology, he is therefore known as the "last of the Greek Fathers."

The main source of information for the life of John of Damascus is a work attributed to one John of Jerusalem, identified therein as the Patriarch of Jerusalem. This is an excerpted translation into Greek of an earlier Arabic text. The Arabic original contains a prologue not found in most other translations, and was written by an Arab monk, Michael, who explained that he decided to write his biography in 1084 because none was available in his day. However, the main Arabic text seems to have been written by an unknown earlier author sometime between the early 9th and late 10th century. Written from a hagiographical point of view and prone to exaggeration and some legendary details, it is not the best historical source for his life, but is widely reproduced and considered to contain elements of some value. The hagiographic novel Barlaam and Josaphat, is a work of the 10th century attributed to a monk named John. It was only considerably later that the tradition arose that this was John of Damascus, but most scholars no longer accept this attribution. Instead much evidence points to Euthymius of Athos, a Georgian who died in 1028.

John died in 749 as a revered Father of the Church, and is recognized as a Saint. Sometimes called the last of the Church Fathers by the Roman Catholic Church, in 1890 he was declared a Doctor of the church by Pope Leo XIII. When John's name was added to the General Roman Calendar in 1890, his feast day was assigned to March 27. This was moved in 1969 to the day of the Saint's death, 4 December, the day on which his feast day is also celebrated in the Anglican Communion and other commemorations.

March 29 - John Keble Confessor - (1792–1866) was an English Anglican priest and poet who was one of the leaders of the Oxford Movement. Keble College, Oxford, was named after him.

Keble was born on 25 April 1792 in Fairford, Gloucestershire, where his father, also named John Keble, was vicar of Coln St. Aldwyns. He and his brother Thomas were educated at home by their father until each went to Oxford. In 1806, Keble won a scholarship to Corpus Christi College, Oxford. He excelled in his studies and in 1810 achieved double first-class honours in both Latin and mathematics. In 1811, he won the university prizes for both the English and Latin essays and became a fellow of Oriel College. He was for some years a tutor and examiner at the University of Oxford.

While still at Oxford, he was ordained in 1816, becoming a curate to his father and then curate of St Michael and St Martin's Church, Eastleach Martin, in Gloucestershire while still residing at Oxford. On the death of his mother in 1823, he left Oxford and returned to live with his father and two surviving sisters at Fairford.

Between 1824 and 1835, he was three times offered a position and each time declined on the grounds that he ought not separate himself from his father and only surviving sister. In 1828, he was nominated as provost of Oriel College but not elected.

In 1835, his father died, and Keble and his sister retired from Fairford to Coln. In the same year he married Charlotte Clarke, and the vicarage of Hursley in Hampshire, becoming vacant, was offered

to him; he accepted. In 1836, he settled in Hursley and remained for the rest of his life as a parish priest at All Saints' Church

Keble died in Bournemouth on 29 March 1866 at the Hermitage Hotel, after visiting the area to try and recover from a long-term illness as he believed the sea air had therapeutic qualities. He is buried in All Saints' churchyard, Hursley.

March 31 - The Friday of Sorrows (also Compassion of the Blessed Virgin Mary) is a solemn pious remembrance of the sorrowful Blessed Virgin Mary on the Friday before Palm Sunday held in the fifth week of Lent (formerly called "Passion Week"). In the Anglican Ordinariate's Divine Worship: The Missal it is called Saint Mary in Passiontide and sometimes it is traditionally known as Our Lady in Passiontide.

In certain Catholic countries, especially in Mexico, Guatemala, Italy, Peru, Brazil, Spain, Malta, and the Philippines, it is the beginning of the Holy Week celebrations and termed as Viernes de Dolores (Friday of Sorrows). It takes place exactly one week before Good Friday, and concentrates on the emotional pain that the Passion of Jesus Christ caused to his mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary, who is venerated under the title Our Lady of Sorrows.

In certain Spanish-speaking countries, the day is also referred to as Council Friday, because of the choice of John 11:47–54 as the Gospel passage read in the Tridentine Mass on that day (which is now read in slightly expanded form on Saturday of the fifth week of Lent), which recounts the conciliar meeting of the Sanhedrin priests to discuss what to do with Jesus.

Like all Fridays in Lent, this Friday is a day of abstinence from meat, unless the national episcopal conference has indicated alternative forms of penance.

A similar commemoration in sympathy with the Virgin Mary under the title of Our Lady of Solitude is held on Black Saturday.

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Thank you.

Keeping the Faith,

Ed Williams
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