

Newcomer Information

We are blessed to have you with us here at St. Alban's. Please share any or all of the following information about you and/or your family.

Date: _____

Name _____

Street Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Home Church, Location _____

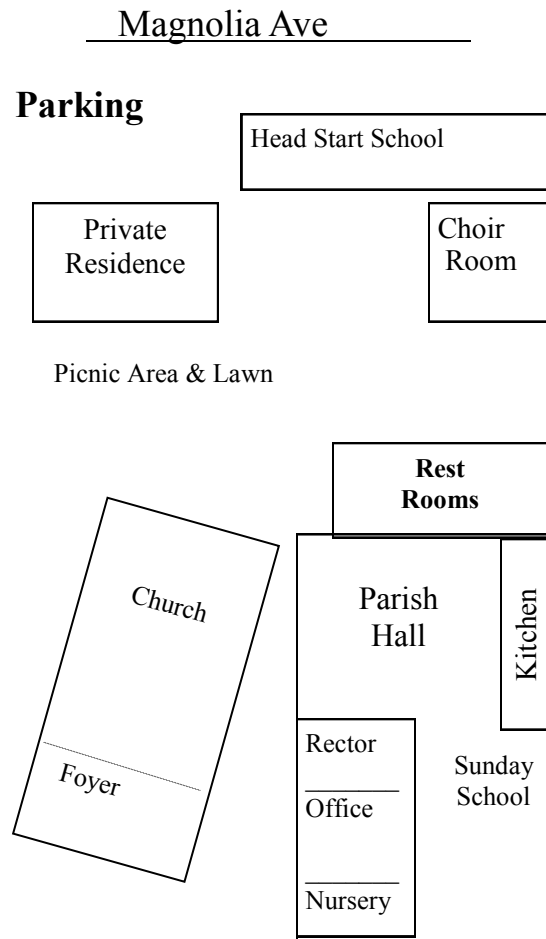
Would you like to be on our mailing list? _____

Check any or all that apply:

- ◇ *First time visitor*
- ◇ *New in community*
- ◇ *Would like to join St. Alban's*
- ◇ *Would like priest to call*
- ◇ *Have _____ children in elementary school or younger. Ages: _____*
- ◇ *Have _____ children in Jr. or Sr. High School*
- ◇ *I am a college student or young adult (20's/30's)*

Please provide any other information or comments you would like us to know.

Facilities Map



Frequently Asked Questions

So what are Episcopalians: Catholic or Protestant?

We are both. Historically we have tried to steer a middle-course between Roman Catholicism and Protestantism, acknowledging that each have much to offer. We may be best known for the comprehensiveness of our denomination, which encourages and treasures a variety of viewpoints.

Who is invited to take Communion?

Communion is open to all baptized Christians, regardless of denomination or background. If you have never been baptized, you are invited to come forward for a blessing during Communion and to speak with the priest about being baptized.

Why do you have a female priest? I thought priests could only be male!

Like most mainline Christian denominations, the Episcopal Church has been ordaining women since the 1970's. It is our belief that Christ is reflected in all people, regardless of gender, class, or race, and that extends to the ministry of the priesthood.

Why do you worship the way that you do?

Our order of service, called the "liturgy," dates back to the earliest centuries of the Christian church. Like the early Christians, our services focus on both the Word of God, as expressed through Scripture readings and a sermon, and the Sacrament of Communion, also called "the Lord's Supper," "the Mass," or "the Eucharist."

Why do young children take Communion here?

We believe in the full participation of children in the life of the church. That means that children, having been baptized, are invited to receive Communion at the discretion of their parents. We also like children to worship with us during the service (noises included!).

How old is St. Alban's?

Founded in 1889 as St. John's in Bostonia and later moved to its present location in El Cajon and renamed St. Alban's, we are one of the oldest churches in the area. The original church building, built in 1900, now houses our Sunday School Room and church offices. Our current church building was dedicated in 1956 and renovated in the late 1970's when the artist, James Hubbell, created most of the original artwork now in the church. The "old altar" from the first church building is now located in St. John's Chapel.

Welcome Newcomers!



Equipping Everyone
to Celebrate and Share
God's Love

We are blessed to have you
with us today...

Please sign the registration card enclosed and place it in the offering plate. You're invited to introduce yourself to the clergy after the service so that we can better welcome you. Please join us for coffee and snacks following the service in the Parish Hall, across from the courtyard.

**Restrooms are located in the Parish
Hall across the courtyard.**

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Becoming a Member

You are encouraged to talk to the priest if you are interested in membership at St. Alban's. There are two types of membership in our church.

The first is that of an informal member, where one simply affiliates with the parish through regular attendance, participation, and giving, but does not make a formal commitment to the parish.

The second way to become a member of St. Alban's is through formal affiliation and membership in the Episcopal Church through St. Alban's. If you are new to the Episcopal Church and have never been baptized, baptism is your first step and you are invited to meet with the priest to prepare for the Sacrament of Baptism. If you have been baptized but have never been confirmed or received as an Episcopalian or Anglican, you are invited to study with the priest to cover the following areas: Church history, Bible, spirituality, ministry, and theology from an Anglican perspective. If you are already an Episcopalian with membership elsewhere, you can request that your membership be transferred to St. Alban's.

How can my children get involved?

Sunday School

For ages 4-10 we have Sunday School every Sunday at 9:30am in the Sunday School Room. Afterward children return to the church service for a children's sermon and to receive Communion with their families.

Nursery Care

For ages 0-3 we have Nursery Care available every Sunday during the 9:30am service in our Child Care area with a licensed childcare specialist. Childcare is available during midweek or special programs by request.

Vacation Bible School

Every summer we hold a week long VBS for children ages 6-10, usually in the last week of July. All children are welcome.

Youth Acolytes

Youth, ages 6-18 are trained to become acolytes and encouraged to assist in our weekly worship services.

Youth Catechism

We confirm youth beginning at age 12 & older. Our youth study with the priest in order to prepare them to make a mature confession of faith and be confirmed by the Bishop as adult Christians in the Episcopal Church.

There are many ministry opportunities at

St. Alban's, here are a few:

Acolytes – Those who serve at the altar as leaders in our worship services.

Adult Christian Education—Educational programs are offered throughout the year.

Altar Guild – Those who care for the altar and prepare for each worship service.

Children's Ministries - Sunday School, Nursery Care, and Vacation Bible School for all ages.

Choir—The Adult Choir sings at our 9:30am service Fall through Spring. Practice is Thursday evening at 7:15pm.

Cursillo – Retreat weekends for spiritual renewal are held annually through the Diocese.

Episcopal Church Women (ECW) - An organization for all women of the church to plan events and fundraisers. It meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month.

Lay Eucharistic Ministers & Visitors - Lay persons licensed to serve Communion to those in church and/or to take Communion to those ill or unable to participate in regular worship.

Layreaders / Lectors - Lay persons who assist in the worship service by reading Scripture Lessons.

Outreach Ministries—Seeks to serve and support those in need in our community through our Home-less Meal Program, the Kenya Kids Ministry, and by supporting other ministries locally and internationally.

Prayer Chain – A group that prays daily for all those requesting prayers in our community.

Pastoral Care Group – Serves those in need in our community who are ill, in the hospital, homebound, or in any kind of crisis. This group include clergy and lay volunteers.

Sewing Sisters- A ministry of knitting prayer quilts to give to those in need, the ill, or those in the hospital.

Ushers/Greeters - Those who assist with seating, greetings, and the offering at worship.

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<http://www.elcainepiscopal.org>

for more information and to view our announcements and newsletter called

“The Almanac”

Complete this card if you would like prayer for yourself or for someone else (from whom you have permission). List only one name per card.

Place the card in the offering plate.

Prayer Request Card

Date:

During the next month please pray for:

Name:

Offer Prayers for:

Delivery/Birth _____

Guidance _____

Faith _____

Thanksgiving _____

Healing _____

Travel _____

For the Departed _____

Peace _____

Marriage _____

Relationship/Family _____

General _____

Grief/Loss _____

Military service _____

Other:

_____I would like this request to be added to the Prayers of the People in the service.

_____I would like this request to be given to the weekly Prayer Chain.

Please update this request after one month by phone or e-mail. If you desire clergy follow-up, provide a phone number:

E-Mail: _____
