

I, JIM HOLMES, by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Waco, Texas, do hereby proclaim:

June 21, 2026

as

Saint Alban's Episcopal Church 80th Anniversary

in the City of Waco, and urge all citizens to join the City Council, City staff, and me in recognizing and celebrating the 80th Anniversary of St. Alban's Episcopal Church, and extend our sincere congratulations and best wishes to its clergy, congregation, and all those who have contributed to its rich legacy of faithful service and community leadership.

St. Alban's Episcopal Church was founded in 1946 as a church plant of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, with the Reverend Charles A. Higgins, a former missionary, musician, and World War II prisoner of war, serving as its first rector. The first service was held in 1946 on Palm Sunday, in the Hamilton House on Austin Avenue in Waco. The parish became self-supporting in 1951 and included St. Alban's School. The parish continued to grow, and in 2006, St. Alban's School became the St. Alban's Outreach Center, now home to organizations and ministries serving the Waco community by supporting families, youth, fostering artistic development, and providing meaningful assistance to people throughout the community.

Over the last twenty years, the congregation has grown from 150 people in Sunday attendance to more than 550, ranking St. Alban's among the thirty largest parishes in the United States by Average Sunday Attendance.

St. Alban's has cultivated enduring partnerships with organizations throughout Waco and the surrounding communities and maintains ministries that serve families and children in need, assist those facing hunger, homelessness, and poverty, and support individuals in recovery from substance use disorders. For eighty years, St. Alban's Episcopal Church has faithfully served as a place of worship, fellowship, spiritual formation, and outreach, sustained by the vision, sacrifice, and dedication of its founders, clergy, members, and community partners.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and the Seal of the City of Waco, this 21st day of June, A.D., 2026.