



# The Orb

Weekly Announcements of

## Church of the Advent of Christ the King

*An inclusive parish of the Episcopal Church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition*

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### THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

**Welcome to all our visitors & newcomers.**

Please sign our guest book and join us after Mass for refreshments in Lathrop Hall and Hardcastle Garden. If you are new, please make yourself known to the clergy and the greeters.

### Ordo ~

#### Sunday, 31 December

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY  
Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)  
Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Paul Allick)  
High Mass, 11am

#### Monday, 1 January

MOST HOLY NAME OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Tuesday, 2 January

Weekday in Christmastide  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Wednesday, 3 January

Weekday in Christmastide  
Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm  
Evening Prayer, 6pm

#### Thursday, 4 January

Weekday in Christmastide  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Friday, 5 January

*Abstinence dispensed*  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Saturday, 6 January

THE EPIPHANY or THE MANIFESTATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST TO THE GENTILES  
Procession & High Mass, 11am  
Latin Mass, 5pm

### *Gospel Based Discipleship*~ Fr. Paul Allick

Soon after my ordination I was introduced to Gospel Based Discipleship. It was developed within the Native Ministries of the Diocese of Minnesota. It was born out of a desire to stop doing institutional maintenance, and all of the drama that comes with it, and refocus on the Gospel and God's mission found therein.

Gospel Based Discipleship is not a Bible Study or a Program. It is a manner of gathering in community to listen to Jesus, to ask questions, and to listen to each other. It is not an intellectual pursuit. It is experiential.

While this method is similar to practices like *Lectio Divina* and African Bible Study it differs in two ways. First, we only engage the Gospels. We do not select the reading; it selects us as we take the Gospel of the Day from the Daily Office or from the Sunday Eucharist. Secondly, we engage Guiding Principles and a Rule of Life.

What I have discovered in this process is a genuine transformation of my *seeing*. I see my Christian vocation differently. I can see the meaning of our doctrine and liturgies more clearly. I have learned to listen more effectively to others.

Gospel Based Discipleship is not a magic potion to all of the questions we face as Christians living within an institution. It is a way to frame those questions. It is also a way to find out that some questions are not ultimately important.

Gospel Based Discipleship is about getting us back to the central questions, "How do we live as disciples of Christ?" and "How is that living going to transform us?"

Gospel Based Discipleship is the way we take a break from fretting over the institutional chores and sit with Jesus for a while. We can go back to our other concerns and deal with them responsibly. But, ultimately, if we spend enough time in the circle of Gospel Based Discipleship, those other concerns will not seem as daunting or as important as they once did.

Several years ago now, I was asked if I could provide a matrix for preparing to celebrate privately the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**. Since then, I have been searching and finally found something that seem appropriate and helpful. There are two booklets, both by the then Father Superior SSJE (Cowley Fathers). One is a way to think about and approach the sacrament and the other is a direct preparation. One I edited fairly heavily, the other is a private reprint for our parochial use. For those of you who asked about this and for any was wishing to make a perhaps more thorough preparation, I sincerely hope these will be helpful to you. ~ Fr John Porter

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**Hospitality requested for The Feast of the Epiphany.** There will be a coffee hour after High Mass, which takes place at 11am on Saturday, January 6. Please donate sweets or savories and feel free to bring your favorite beverage. If you are unable to contribute food or drink, please donate your time for setup and cleanup; we always appreciate and welcome your assistance. Please contact Bonnie Barberini at [bonniebarberini@comcast.net](mailto:bonniebarberini@comcast.net) and let her know what you will be bringing and if you can donate your time.

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**Epiphany Lessons & Carols, Sunday, January 7,** 5:30pm, The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA. Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys. John Renke, Pastoral Associate for Divine Worship.

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**Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:**

4 Jan .....Bob Kossler (birthday)

*Note: If you think we don't have your anniversary information (birth, baptism, marriage, confirmation, reception or ordination), or if corrections need to be made, please send all information to [news@advent-sf.org](mailto:news@advent-sf.org) or provide written information to one of the clergy. Thank you.*

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**Please submit news items to [news@advent-sf.org](mailto:news@advent-sf.org) by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition of *The Orb*. With thanks!**

**The Annual Parish Meeting** is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2018, following High Mass. There are three open seats on the Vestry: one 1-year term and two 3-year terms. Please convey your interest to Tom Veitch, Senior Warden. Thank you!

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I invite you to join me on **Wednesdays in January** after Low Mass (7:15 p.m.) for **Gospel Based Discipleship**. Gospel Based Discipleship is not a program. It is not Bible Study. It is an encounter with the Gospel, designed to engage people with the Gospel appointed for the day. It depends on participants being willing to share responses to the three questions: What words or phrases did you hear? What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do? All one needs to participate is to be living the human experience. We will meet in the Pitman Room. Please bring your Bible. ~ Fr. Paul Allick

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**Parish reminders:** Have you completed your pledge contribution for 2017? Have you filled out and turned in your pledge card for 2018? Have you prayerfully considered an additional contribution to offset the deficit? Thank you so much for your continued support of Church of the Advent.

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**Ordo Kalendars for 2018** are now available for \$5.00 each. We are grateful to Br Marshal for providing the photo. Please see Sally Schweikert, Junior Warden, to purchase your several copies. Thank you!

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**Next Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 1:1-15; Psalm 29; Acts 19:1-7; Mark 1:4-11

**Sunday Confessions:** January 7, 2018, 10:30am:  
(Fr Alexander Martin)

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“O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*”

~ *Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 159