



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 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 14)

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, 13 August

[*Commemoration: Jeremy Taylor, Bishop, +1667*]

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)

High Mass, 11am

Monday, 14 August

Jonathan Myrick Daniels, *Seminarian & Witness for
Civil Rights, +1965*

Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 15 August

ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Evening Prayer, 6pm & High Mass and Procession,
6:30pm

Wednesday, 16 August

Weekday after Pentecost

Low Mass, 8am & 6:30pm

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 17 August

Weekday after Pentecost

Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Friday, 18 August

William Porcher DuBose, *Priest, +1918*

Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 19 August

Weekday after Pentecost

Rite I Low Mass, 5pm

Hearing Silence: Father Paul D. Allick

This Sunday we hear a well-known story from 1 Kings Chapter 19. Under the guidance of the Lord, the prophet Elijah was causing big trouble. He has killed the prophets of Baal who served at the pleasure of King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. Now Elijah is on the run. He told God, "That's it, I'm done, just let me die now." After forty days Elijah ends up in a cave. God has one more mission for him. Elijah is to stand on the mountain and wait for the Lord to pass by and give the instruction. Elijah waits. The Lord is not in the mountain splitting wind. The Lord is not in the earthquake or the fire. Elijah hears God in a small faint voice. It is in that thin whisper that Elijah is given his final assignment and then released from his duties. Our lives are full of loud dramatic noises and events. Our mainline parishes suffer the noise of institutional decline and the accompanying anxiety. Our nation is overwhelmed by the larger than life voice twittering from the White House and the accompanying media carnival and partisan circus. Many of us are struggling with illness and difficult transitions in our personal lives. I invite each of us to take some time this week to stop and enter into some silent prayer. Turn off the noise. Center on each breath you take and listen for that still small voice that brings us back to the heart of God. (No, really. Try it.)

VERY IMPORTANT!

A Parish Meeting of the Church of the Advent of Christ the King has been called for Sunday, August 20, following the 11am High Mass. To be discussed: the need for a drawdown on the Bowersox Endowment Fund; an update on the Waifs & Strays Fund; an update on the Parish Renewal Campaign. **Please plan to attend.**

Deficit Reduction. Please remember that we have set up a Deficit Reduction Fund in our annual budget. This line item is provided for those who might come into extra funds and want to help shrink the deficit. This is different than giving to enhance the endowment funds. **Giving to the endowments is good, but it does not shrink the deficit.** The reason we want to shrink the deficit is so that we do not have to deplete our endowments. Thus, giving to the endowment builds it up, but the deficit left unchecked will require further draw-downs on the endowment. Always feel free to come to me directly with your questions. I am very happy to explain these things in person. ~ Fr Paul

If you wish to make a special offering to help offset the deficit in honor of the Feast of the Assumption, envelopes will be provided in your bulletins Tuesday evening.

This Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19:9-18; Psalm 85:8-13; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-33

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:21-28

Sunday Confessions: August 20, 10:30am:
Fr John Porter

Note: If you think we don't have your anniversary information (birth, baptism, marriage, confirmation, reception or ordination), please send those dates to news@advent-sf.org or provide written information to one of the clergy.

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

August 15 (Tuesday), The Feast of the Assumption, Procession and High Mass, 6:30pm: *Missa Assumpta est Maria* (G.P. da Palestrina); music by Parsons, Taverner & Willan. **Thanks** to Erik Thrasher for funding the music for this Feast Day. **Contributions** of food and drink are needed for the festive reception following the Mass and Procession. Since this is a parish-hosted event, **we need volunteers** to help with setup and cleanup too! Thank you for your support.

Our final Community Picnic of the season is coming up on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th. If you would like to be a part of the event, please plan to come set up, serve and clean-up, beginning at 9:30am. If you would like to help fund this great outreach effort, please send your contribution to the Advent Office and make a note on your check memo that it is for the Community Picnic. For questions, please speak to one of the Wardens.

Excerpt of Mirk's homily of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of our Lord Jesus Christ:

"Crist sayde to hur: 'Com, my swete, com my flour, com my culuer, myn owne boure, com, my modyr, now wyth me; for Heuyn qwene I make be!' Then he body sat up, and lowted to Crist, and sayde: 'My swete sonne, wyth al my loue I com wyth be to thyn aboue; wber bou art now, let me be, for al my love ys layde on be.'"

[*Translation:* Christ visited the body of Mary, and said: "Come my sweet, come my flower, Come my dove, come my bower, Come, my mother, now with me, For heaven's Queen I make thee." Then the body sat up, bowed to Christ, and said: "My sweet son, with all my love I come with you to heaven above: Where you are now, let me be For all my love I lay on thee."]

~ Mirk's Festial: A Collection of Homilies, Part 1
by John Mirk Early English Text Society, 1905 -
Sermons, English, page 224