



# 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 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 16)

**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 to our parish, please make yourself known to the clergy and the greeters.

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#### Sunday, 27 August

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am  
Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)  
High Mass, 11am

#### Monday, 28 August

Augustine, *Bishop of Hippo*, +430  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Tuesday, 29 August

Beheading of St John the Baptist  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Wednesday, 30 August

Charles Chapman Grafton, *Bishop of Fond du Lac*,  
*Religious Founder & Ecumenist*, +1912  
Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm  
Evening Prayer, 6pm

#### Thursday, 31 August

Aidan, *Bishop of Lindisfarne*, +611  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Friday, 1 September

David Pendleton Oakerhater, *Deacon & Missionary*  
*of the Cheyenne*, +1931  
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

#### Saturday, 2 September, Feria

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

*Dots:* Father Paul Allick

I enjoy scouring the secular to find the sacred. I especially look in the funny pages in the newspaper. Recently I found great wisdom in the single panel strip, *Carpe Diem*, by Niklas Ericksson. A cat sits atop a mountain. The caption reads, "After 15 years in the Himalayas..." The cat is thinking to herself, "There's no point in chasing laser dots."

How true. There really is no reason to chase laser dots. Sure, it's entertaining at first but then its gets frustrating and tedious.

The dots that distract me are never entertaining. They keep me away from my center; away from the place where God speaks most clearly to me.

The dots come in many forms. It could be something someone said that hurt or frustrated me. It could be someone's opinion with which I disagree. Sometimes it's everyday stuff like money, chores, and unfinished work projects. There are the dots called the past, either how good it was or how it was awful and I won't let go of it. There are the dots called the future, either how it will be so much better or how it will bring disaster.

*There's no point in chasing laser dots.* We can spend our lives chasing perturbed and/or pointless distractions or we can turn away and look again at the big picture. We get can get up in the balcony and survey the whole situation. Up there we aren't so mesmerized by that laser show of reactivity and worry.

The dots become little gods. We worship them by fixating on them. We bow before them when we ought to be worshipping the Lord God. As the Psalmist warns, "Those who run after other gods shall have their troubles multiplied." (Psalm 16:3, BCP 1979)

**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.

**Please note that there will be a Low Mass on Labor Day at 9:00am.**

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**Stewardship Meditation for this week:**

“Each of you must give as you have made up your own mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”

~2 Corinthians 9:7

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**Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:**

28 August... Kevin Beauregard (birthday)  
28 August... William Bonnell (birthday)  
28 August... Michael Fullam (birthday)  
28 August... John Porter + & Thomas Veitch  
(marriage)  
1 Sept.....Stephen Rucker (baptism)

*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!**

**This Sunday's Readings:** Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

**Sunday Confessions:** September 3, 10:30am:  
Br Jude Hill, SSF

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This year's **Diocesan Clergy Retreat** at Bishop's Ranch will take place September 18-20.

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**Saturday, September 9, 10-4. St Stephen's, Belvedere** presents Dr Russell Jeung, a leading sociologist on Asian Americans, race, and religion, to share from his memoir *At Home in Exile: Finding Jesus Among my Ancestors and Refugees*. This program is part of Equipping the Beloved Community ~ Finding Home: Embodied Welcome, Embodied Justice. Registration information at <https://diocal.wufoo.com/forms/equipping-the-beloved-community-fall-2017/>

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**Remembering this week "God's warrior," David Pendleton Oakerhater:**

“O God of unsearchable wisdom and infinite mercy, you chose a captive warrior, David Oakerhater, to be your servant, and sent him to be a missionary to his own people, and to exercise the office of a deacon among them; Liberate us, who commemorate him today, from bondage to self, and empower us for service to you and to the neighbors you have given us; through Jesus Christ, the captain of our salvation; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 555