



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 TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

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, 6 August

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am
Confessions, 10:30am (Br Jude Hill)
Procession & High Mass, 11am

Monday, 7 August

John Mason Neale, *Priest & Religious Founder*, +1866
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 8 August

Dominic, *Priest, Friar & Religious Founder*, +1221
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 9 August

Weekday after Pentecost
Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 10 August

Lawrence, *Deacon & Martyr at Rome*, +258
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Friday, 11 August

Clare, *Abbess at Assisi*, +1253
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 12 August

Florence Nightingale, *Nurse & Social Reformer*, +1910
Rite I Low Mass, 5pm

Sunday Confessions: August 13, 10:30am:
Fr Alexander Martin

Where Do We Expect to Find God? Father Paul Allick

When I hear the question, "Have you found Jesus?" I want to give the classic smart aleck response, "I didn't know he was lost." I also wonder where it is we expect to find God. The Apostle Peter expected to find God in the dazzling vision of Jesus with Moses and Elijah on the mountain. He did not expect to find God in Jesus' predictions of his own death that surround the story of the Transfiguration. That is exactly what Jesus is discussing with Moses and Elijah, his departure (death). Peter, like we so often do, did not see God in suffering. He could only recognize God in glory. He did not yet understand that our Lord's suffering was leading to his glorification. Where do we expect to find God? Many Christians seek God in stern moral beliefs and behaviors. Others seek God in miracles. Some look for God in social action which is another form of seeking God in morality. We can find God in these places, but if we limit God to one aspect of the human experience, we will get only narrow glimpses and never the whole picture. Can we find God in suffering? Think of the times when you are worried and anxious. Is God there? How about in the midst of illness or conflict? If we do not expect to find God in those situations, we might be missing out on some very important lessons in our faith journey. Seek God's kingdom everywhere, and everything else will be added unto to you.

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.**

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. **Donations** are welcome to offset the cost of music for this Feast. **Contributions** of food and drink are equally welcome for the festive reception following the Mass. Since this is a parish-hosted event, **we need volunteers** to help with setup and cleanup too! Thank you for your support.

The Regina Coeli Cell of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham is currently planning the mass for the fall quarterly meeting, October 7, 2017. The preacher will be the Rev. Professor Jane Shaw, Dean of Religious Life at Stanford University. The Cell is soliciting donations for both flowers and music (\$200 for cantor/organist; \$550 for full Schola Adventus). If you are interested in contributing, please contact Michael Stroup at ikonmikhail@gmail.com.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

8 August...Sam Cantin (birthday)
10 August...Jennifer Usher (baptism)
11 August...Thomas Tavis (birthday)
12 August...Bonnie Barberini (birthday)

Note: If you think we don't have your anniversary information, or if there are changes and updates in your contact information, please send that information to news@advent-sf.org or give a written note with all pertinent information to one of the clergy.

Our dream is to have an updated Parish Directory in hand by the Feast of Christ the King, November 26, 2017. We will be asking for updates via email in the near future. If you do not have email, please speak to Pamela Vaughn to ensure that you have a place in the Directory, if you so wish. Thank you.

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!

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

This Sunday's Readings: Exodus 34:29-35; Psalm 99; 2 Peter 1:13-21; Luke 9:28-36

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

A special thanks to all who participated in National Night Out and in the Backpack Stuffing and Prep on August 1 and 3. Your representation of Church of the Advent at these important neighborhood events is much appreciated! **Additional thanks to Aaron Conner** for coordinating these events for us.

With special thanks for the life and witness of Clare of Assisi, let us offer the following prayer:

“O God, whose blessed Son became poor that we through his poverty might be rich: Deliver us from an inordinate love of this world, that we, inspired by the devotion of your servant Clare, may serve you with singleness of heart, and attain to the riches of the age to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 521