



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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10 December 2017

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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, 10 December

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Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr John Porter)

Pontifical High Mass, 11am

Monday, 11 December

Advent Weekday

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

Tuesday, 12 December

Our Lady of Guadalupe, *Patroness of Mexico*

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

Wednesday, 13 December

Lucy, *Virgin Martyr at Syracuse*, +304

Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 14 December

Advent Weekday

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

Friday, 15 December

Abstinence observed

Advent Weekday

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

Saturday, 9 December

Advent Ember Day

Vigil Mass of morrow

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

Listen and Learn ~ Fr. Paul Allick

Late Sunday night I was relaxing after a beautiful day of our Advent liturgies of High Mass with the Great Litany, the Lessons and Carols in the evening, and a relaxing laugh-filled dinner with good friends.

I turned on C-Span and was treated to one of the most heartwarming, intellectually honest, and civil political discussions I've encountered in years. Dr. Robert George, a Law Professor at Princeton and Dr. Cornel West, professor of Public Philosophy at the Harvard Divinity School, have joined forces to promote civil discourse. Dr. George is politically conservative and Roman Catholic. Dr. West is politically progressive and Protestant.

Recently they issued a joint statement called "Truth Seeking, Democracy, and Freedom of Thought and Expression." Many scholars of all stripes have signed on. Here is a highlight:

None of us is infallible. Whether you are a person of the left, the right, or the center, there are reasonable people of goodwill who do not share your fundamental convictions. This does not mean that all opinions are equally valid or that all speakers are equally worth listening to. It certainly does not mean that there is no truth to be discovered. Nor does it mean that you are necessarily wrong. But they are not necessarily wrong either. So, someone who has not fallen into the idolatry of worshiping his or her own opinions and loving them above truth itself will want to listen to people who see things differently in order to learn what considerations — evidence, reasons, arguments — led them to a place different from where one happens, at least for now, to find oneself.

George and West have fundamental and deep differences on several social and economic issues. What they have in common is that they refuse to de-humanize each other. They want to *listen* to each other. I saw this as they interacted with each other in the two-hour call-in program. Dr. West affectionately refers to Dr. George as "Brother Robbie." I encourage you to look it up on the internet.

It gave me hope in these harsh days of mutual maligning on both ends of the political spectrum. Their statement could just as easily apply to us as we live out our ministry together in Christ's Holy Catholic Church.

It is with sadness that we report the death of **Fr Jack Fredricks**, Sunday, December 3, at age 95. We have been advised that there will be a memorial after Christmas, and we will update you as more information becomes available. In the meantime, please keep Christopher and Daniel in your prayers.

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!

This Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 40:1-11; Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13; 2 Peter 3:8-15a; Mark 1:1-8

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11; Psalm 126; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24; John 1:6-8, 19-28

Sunday Confessions: December 17, 10:30am:
(Fr Alexander Martin)

Please join us in the annual "Greening" of the church in preparation for Christmas. We need volunteers to help put up festive wreaths and garlands after the St. Thomas Day Mass, Thursday, December 21. **Pizza will be provided!**

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

10 Dec...Paul Allick+ (birthday)

12 Dec...Jim Cromwell (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 or provide written information to one of the clergy. 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!**

Dear Sisters and Brothers: Please consider selecting and attending one of our **weekday liturgies as part of your Advent preparations**. These liturgies are offered daily for your spiritual benefit and as an open door to our community. Please remember that we do have an early Mass on Wednesdays at 8am. ~ Fr Paul.

Stewardship update. We have received 30 pledges so far for 2018. We are doing really well! There are at least 14 persons who pledged last year who have not yet turned in a pledge for 2018. If you haven't yet pledged and plan to do so, please take a moment to fill out your form. They are available in the tract rack. We will report on total dollar amounts very soon. Thank you for your commitment to Church of the Advent.

Please help us keep our prayer list current. Are there people who can be removed or who need to be added? Please send your information to office@advent-sf.org or news@advent-sf.org.

Third Sunday Concert Series: Sunday, December 17 at 4pm

The Monserrat Ensemble, directed by Doris Williams: Lauren Carley alto, Dustin Hart bass, Doris Williams soprano, Kit Robberson, vielle and viola da gamba, Steve Stein guitar. The program includes Spanish CXIVth chants honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary, and polyphonic works, including *There is no rose, Gaudete, Angelus ad virginem*, and *Lo how a rose*. Suggested donation: \$20 **A Festive Reception follows.**

The Church of the Advent of Christ the King extends a **special welcome this Sunday to Bishop Marc Handley Andrus**. All are cordially invited to attend the hospitality hour following mass, in Lathrop Hall and the Hardcastle Garden, to greet Bishop Marc.