



# 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 THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT: GAUDETE SUNDAY

**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, 17 December

GAUDETE SUNDAY

The Great "O" Antiphons begin

Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)

High Mass, 11am

#### Monday, 18 December

Advent Weekday

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

#### Tuesday, 19 December

Advent Weekday

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

#### Wednesday, 20 December

Advent Weekday

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

#### Thursday, 21 December

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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

#### Friday, 22 December

*Abstinence observed*

Advent Weekday

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

#### Saturday, 23 December

Advent Weekday

*Vigil Mass of morrow*

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

### Be Careful for Nothing ~ Fr. Paul Allick

This Third Sunday of Advent is nicknamed "Gaudete Sunday" aka Rose Sunday aka Rejoice Sunday. "Gaudete" is Latin for rejoice and appears in the Introit for the day's mass. In modern English the lyrics could be translated as, "Be glad in the Lord always! Again, I say, be glad! Let your gentleness show in your treatment of all people. The Lord is near. Don't be anxious about anything; rather, bring up all of your requests to God in your prayers and petitions, along with giving thanks. LORD, you have been kind to your land; you have changed Jacob's circumstances for the better." (*Philippians 4:4-6* & *Psalms 85:1*)

Of course, this rejoicing anticipates the Advent of Christ. Our circumstances have changed now that God has become incarnate in Jesus Christ. We have much to be thankful for and we need not worry. God is very near to us now. God is so near that he is one of us.

In the old English, "Don't be anxious about anything" is translated as "Be careful for nothing." It not only sounds nicer it really makes one think. What is anxiety other than fear? It causes us to be overly cautious. We are so careful that we get stuck. We stop taking risks. We stop imagining how things could be. When the place we are stuck gets threatened we might lash out at others.

In Advent we are called to especially make a place in our hearts to receive Jesus. We are called to do this daily but Advent provides a special time to focus on how we do our interior house cleaning. The Lord is coming. How would you like him to find your life? It would be wonderful for him to find us rejoicing and not fretting; being thankful for what we have and not anxious for what we do not have; taking risks in the Name of Jesus and not hiding behind what has always been.

Just as at the Resurrection, God does a mighty act at the Incarnation. God takes the chance to become one of us. In his celestial creativity he imagines a new future for us.

**Christmas Flowers.** Donations for Christmas flowers, with any necessary memorial or thanksgiving, need to be received in the parish office no later than **Thursday, December 21**, the Feast of St Thomas the Apostle. All contributions will be acknowledged in the bulletin for The First Sunday after Christmas Day, December 31, 2017. Thank you.

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**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!**

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**Your contributions are requested for festive receptions after Christmas Masses.** Please contribute what you can for everyone's enjoyment at festive receptions after Midnight Mass (11 pm Dec. 24) and Christmas Day Mass (11 am Dec. 25).

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**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](mailto:office@advent-sf.org) or [news@advent-sf.org](mailto:news@advent-sf.org).

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#### **Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:**

21 Dec...Tom Veitch (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!**

#### **Third Sunday Concert Series: Today 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.***

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**All pledge contributions for 2017 need to be submitted to the office before 10:00am on Friday, December 29**, in order to be counted for 2017, as Church Windows, the parish accounting software, will then be closed out. Pledges received after 10:00 am will be posted for fiscal year 2018. Please contact Josh Kelley, our bookkeeper, at [adventbookkeeper@gmail.com](mailto:adventbookkeeper@gmail.com) if you have questions or concerns.

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**Holiday shopping reminder!** If making purchases from Amazon, please remember to go through the parish website, using the Amazon Associates Program button at [advent-sf.org/about-advent](http://advent-sf.org/about-advent). Every little bit helps!

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

**Next Sunday's Readings:** 2 Samuel 7:1-11,16; Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26; Romans 16:25-27; Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday Confessions:** December 24, 10:30am:  
(Br Jude Hill, SSF)

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“Everliving God,, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*”

~ *Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 329