



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 FIRST 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, 3 December

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Br Jude Hill, SSF)

Great Litany & High Mass, 11am

An Advent Liturgy, 6pm (organ prelude 5:40pm)

Monday, 4 December

John of Damascus, *Priest*, +760

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

Tuesday, 5 December

Clement of Alexandria, *Priest*, +c.210

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

Wednesday, 6 December

Nicholas, *Bishop of Myra*, +c.342

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 7 December

Ambrose, *Bishop of Milan*, +397

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

Friday, 8 December

Abstinence observed

CONCEPTION OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

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

Saturday, 9 December

Advent Weekday

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

Black Friday Post Mortem ~ Fr. Paul Allick

This past Friday a television reporter from WNDU in South Bend, Indiana showed up at a shopping mall at 5 a.m. to cover the crowds coming to shop for Black Friday. The problem was that no crowds showed up. Where were the crowds? Apparently is very cold and wet that day. Many must have wisely stayed in for the day. Maybe some slept in and got a good rest, taking advantage of a day off. Some may have spent the day with their families. I hope some watched a good movie or read a good book. And I know I am stretching it but some may have taken the opportunity for some silent prayer and/or Bible reading. Despite what we value in our culture it is all right to do nothing sometimes. I always love a day like the Friday after Thanksgiving to just stop. But the message we share in our cultural lives is do, go, grow, buy and be successful. We even measure our faith communities that way sometimes.

The term Black Friday means it is the day the retailers get out of the red and into the black. What if we found ways to do nothing and replenish our metaphysical accounts? What we took intentional time to get out of the red (deficit) and into the black (profit) for our spiritual and emotional health? We are entering the Advent Season wherein we will re-experience the waiting for our Savior at his First Advent. And we also are reminded to prepare for the Advent of Christ the King when our Savior comes again to judge the world. As we are surrounded by Christmas decorations, cheer and songs here is the message we will hear in our daily scripture readings, "The LORD is slow to anger but great in power, and the LORD will by no means clear the guilty" (Nahum 1:3), "I will not revoke the punishment because they sell the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of sandals" (Amos 2:6), and "Many will fall away, and they will betray one another and hate one another. And many false prophets will arise and lead many astray. And because of the increase of lawlessness, the love of many will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end will be saved." (Matthew 24:10-13). We surely are strangers in a strange land; in the world but not of it. A busy cluttered consumer life makes keeping in touch with our souls and with Jesus difficult. Observing restful Fridays instead of shopping Fridays helps us prepare for our Lord's Second Advent.

THIS EVENING! An Advent Liturgy, our annual service of lessons and carols for Advent Sunday will take place at 6 pm. George Anton Emblom will again join us as organist. This is always a popular and well-attended event. Please invite friends and family.

This Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

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

Sunday Confessions: December 10, 10:30am:
(Fr John Porter)

The Bishop's Visitation will take place next Sunday, December 10.

Bell Appeal is "not your average" hand bell choir that performs a variety of musical genres. Aaron Conner will be joining the ensemble with his cello of their holiday concert on **Sunday, December 10, 6pm** at Bethany United Methodist Church, 1270 Sanchez Street. The repertoire includes *O Holy Night*, Tchaikovsky's *Arab Dance*, and *Better Days* by the Goo Goo Dolls. Suggested donation is \$15. Light refreshments will be served at intermission.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

- 4 Dec...Vincent Jang (diaconate)
- 4 Dec... Ricardo Avila + (priesthood)
- 6 Dec... John Porter + (baptism)
- 6 Dec...Martha Stookey (birthday)
- 6 Dec...Lenda Fe' Taylor (birthday)
- 7 Dec...Paul Allick + (priesthood)
- 8 Dec...Ursula Morrison (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!

A requiem for Christine Wong Lee, mother of Deacon Vincent Jang, will be held on Tuesday, December 5 at True Sunshine Episcopal Church, 1430 Mason Street. Viewing begins at 10am; Mass of the Resurrection at 11am. In lieu of flowers the family request that donations be made to a charity of your choice in the name of Christine Wong Lee.

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.

The Parish Office. This is a reminder to all that we no longer have a parish administrator! We are fortunate to have Josh Kelley as our parish bookkeeper one day each week. Volunteer Vaughn is in the office Tuesdays and Thursdays (barring emergencies) from 10am-2pm to produce the service bulletins and *The Orb*. Various clergy and laity have assumed additional duties to "pick up the slack." If you have special requests for "office related" duties, please send an email to office@advent-sf.org with a copy to news@advent-sf.org, and we will do our best to accommodate you. Thank you for your consideration and understanding.

As we attempt to negotiate the tempests of our present age, let us prayerfully remember Nicholas, Bishop of Myra:

"Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children, the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*"

~ *Holy Woman, Holy Men*, page 105