



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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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, 14 January

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

Monday, 15 January

Monday after Epiphany II
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 16 January

Tuesday after Epiphany II
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 17 January

Antony, *Abbot in Egypt*, +356
Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 18 January

THE CONFESSION OF ST PETER
THE APOSTLE
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Friday, 19 January

Abstinence observed
Wulfstan, *Bishop of Worcester*, +1095
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 20 January

Fabian, *Bishop & Martyr at Rome*, +250
Latin Mass, 5pm

Speaking of Walls ~ Fr. Paul Allick

This February the Berlin Wall will have been down longer that it stood. Construction began on August 6, 1961 and it was torn down in early November 1989. I will never forget the surreal feeling of that day. I never in my life thought I would see that wall come done let alone the Communist Bloc fall apart. The collapse of that wall meant not only an easing of the threat of nuclear apocalypse but also the freedom of movement and thought of millions of people. Although the ironically named German Democratic Republic (East Germany) had said the wall protected its people from fascist elements preventing the people from establishing a socialist state, it was citizens on both sides who tore it down. Indeed, they tore it down with household tools and their bare hands. The 11.8 foot high 96.3 mile long wall including 302 watch towers, 20 bunkers and 41.3 miles of wire mesh fencing represented hostility among nations and countless families torn apart.

Our world is still rife with metaphorical walls. Which walls need tearing down in our day? We could start with global or domestic politics but what about the more immediate walls? Those in our personal lives? Where have we erected walls by judging others, categorizing them, and dismissing them based on race, creed, ideology or general appearance or attitude? Which walls keep us from loving ourselves and our neighbor? Are there walls between us and God? Not all walls are bad. We definitely need boundaries. In the Church we are not always good with keeping boundaries. We think that being compassionate means having no boundaries. We think that to be Christian is to be overly accepting even when people are behaving badly and contributing to systemic dysfunction. I think of Psalm 122:7. It speaks of the security of Jerusalem especially as it pertains to keeping the House of the Lord whole and sound, "Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers." (NRSV) Like anything walls can be good or bad. It depends on the reason for the wall. Is it for health and wholeness or is it for power and control. (continued on reverse....)

Jesus tears down walls. In the second chapter of Ephesians, St. Paul writes of how Jesus brought the Gentiles and the People Israel into one Body, “But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us.” (verses 13-15, NRSV)

The Annual Parish Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, February 4, 2018, following High Mass. There are three open seats on the Vestry: one 1-year term and two 3-year terms. Please convey your interest to Tom Veitch, Senior Warden. Thank you!

I invite you to join me on **Wednesdays in January** after Low Mass (7:15 p.m.) for **Gospel Based Discipleship**. Gospel Based Discipleship is not a program. It is not Bible Study. It is an encounter with the Gospel, designed to engage people with the Gospel appointed for the day. It depends on participants being willing to share responses to the three questions: What words or phrases did you hear? What is Jesus (the Gospel) saying to you? What is Jesus (the Gospel) calling you to do? All one needs to participate is to be living the human experience. We will meet in the Pitman Room. Please bring your Bible. ~ Fr. Paul Allick

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

15 Jan...Stephen Rucker (confirmation)

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 big Advent thank-you to Bonnie Barberini, Michael Stroup, and Pamela Vaughn who provided all the refreshments for our hospitality hour on The Feast of the Epiphany.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:1-5, 10; Psalm 62:6-14; 1 Corinthians 7:29-31; Mark 1:14-20

Sunday Confessions: January 21, 10:30am:
(Fr John Porter)

January 20: Holy Hikes @ SF Botanical Garden. Come celebrate the Holy Eucharist with us in the beauty of the outdoors at the San Francisco Botanical Garden in Golden Gate Park. Admission is free for San Francisco City & County Residents, otherwise: Adults \$8; Youth 12-17 & Seniors 65+ \$6; Children 5-11 \$2; Children 4 and under FREE; Families \$17. Financial assistance is available for Holy Hikers who cannot afford the entry fees. The Garden is stroller friendly; there are smoothly paved trails throughout the area. Parking for cars and bicycles is conveniently located in the Music Concourse Garage; limited street parking is available in Golden Gate Park. No pets allowed and no RSVP is required, just show up and meet us outside the gift shop at the main entrance.

Saturday, January 20, 9:45 a.m. (gather); 10 a.m. (hike) San Francisco Botanical Garden, 9th Ave & Lincoln Way, San Francisco. The Rev. Justin R. Cannon, holyhikes@gmail.com

THIRD SUNDAY SERIES CONTINUES:

Sunday, January 21, 4pm. In Other Words: with Jennifer Ashworth, Lauren Carley, Kevin Baum, and James Monios. There is a suggested donation of \$20.00. A Festive Reception follows in Lathrop Hall. If you are able to assist with setup, cleanup or contributions, please contact Bonnie Barberini (bonniebarberini@comcast.net) by Wednesday, January 17. Thank you!

It is actually happening! An update of the Parish Directory is underway. Please watch your email for a message from Advent News asking for your confirmation or correction of our current entry. We will be sending those out over the next few weeks. Thank you for your patience.