



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 BAPTISM 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, 7 January

The First Sunday after the Epiphany: The Baptism of Our Lord Jesus Christ

Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)

High Mass, 11am

Monday, 8 January

Monthly Parish Requiem

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

Tuesday, 9 January

Julia Chester Emery, *Missionary*, +1922

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

Wednesday, 10 January

William Laud, *Archbishop of Canterbury*, +1645

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 11 January

Weekday after Epiphany I

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

Friday, 12 January

Abstinence observed

Aelred, *Abbot of Rievaulx*, +1167

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

Saturday, 13 January

Hilary, *Bishop of Poitiers*, +367

Latin Mass, 5pm

Know God, Know Thyself ~ Fr Paul Allick

(Matthew 2:1-12; Ephesians 3:1-12)

We are in a season of manifestation. From the slow lighting of the Advent wreath to full lighting of the Christmas tree, from the prophecies of Advent to the revelation of the Holy Nativity onto the enlightenment of the Epiphany. It is all becoming clear. Jesus' identity is unfolding before us. As God in Christ is made manifest to us something else happens. We begin to know ourselves. As we come to know God we cannot help but to understand ourselves and our neighbors in new ways. Our lives are full of obstacles to knowing God, ourselves and each other. To genuinely encounter Christ in Word and Sacrament involves recognizing the baggage we need to get rid of inside of ourselves. What wounds in my life keep me from truly hearing God's call? What is it about me that might keep me from being able to hear where others are coming from? Where am I mistakenly judging myself and others? Self-examination is fundamental to Christian Discipleship. This is why we have communal confession and private confession. It is why we are called to practice self-examination in our personal prayer lives. Self-knowledge takes a tremendous amount of courage. To heal the wounds of our past and to take an honest look at ourselves can be very painful. If it were simple, we would not need Jesus! St. Augustine of Hippo wrote, "Man sinned and became guilty; God is born a man to free man from his guilt. Man fell, but God descended; man fell miserably, but God descended mercifully; man fell through pride, God descended with His grace." (*From a sermon by Saint Augustine, bishop.* (pp. 541-542) *Liturgy of the Hours, Volume I, Catholic Book Publishing Corp. New York 1975*)

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!

Several years ago now, I was asked if I could provide a matrix for preparing to celebrate privately the **Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession)**. Since then, I have been searching and finally found something that seem appropriate and helpful. There are two booklets, both by the then Father Superior SSJE (Cowley Fathers). One is a way to think about and approach the sacrament and the other is a direct preparation. One I edited fairly heavily, the other is a private reprint for our parochial use. For those of you who asked about this and for any was wishing to make a perhaps more thorough preparation, I sincerely hope these will be helpful to you. ~ Fr John Porter

Epiphany Lessons & Carols, Sunday, January 7,
5:30pm, The Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA. Cathedral Choir of Men & Boys.
John Renke, Pastoral Associate for Divine Worship.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

13 Jan....Thomas Veitch (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!

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!

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

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:1-10; Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; John 1:43-51

Sunday Confessions: January 14, 10:30am:
(Br Jude Hill, SSF)

“Almighty God, you endowed the abbot Aelred with the gift of Christian friendship and the wisdom to lead others in the way of holiness: Grant to your people that same spirit of mutual affection, that, in loving one another, we may know the love of Christ and rejoice in the gift of your eternal goodness; through the same Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 167