



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 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 8)

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.

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Sunday, 2 July

Low Mass, 8:30 am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am
Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)
High Mass, 11am

Monday, 3 July

Weekday after Pentecost
Evening Prayer 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 4 July, Independence Day

Low Mass, 9am; no evening services

Wednesday, 5 July

Weekday after Pentecost
Low Mass, 8am & 6:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 6 July

Weekday after Pentecost
Evening Prayer 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Friday, 7 July

Weekday after Pentecost
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 8 July

Rite I Low Mass, 5pm

Sunday Confessions: July 9, 10:30am:
Fr Paul Allick

8 Questions: Fr Paul Allick

Holy Baptism is our full initiation into the Way of Jesus or as Presiding Bishop Curry says, the Jesus Movement. We are called into a life of continual transformation. The Church is not another non-profit organization wherein members volunteer and pay dues. It is a mystical body of persons being changed into the likeness of Jesus Christ. Therefore, I try not to use the term "volunteer" in the Church. There are no volunteers in the Body of Christ. There only Baptized Ministers living a life of service in Christ's name. It isn't even necessarily about what we do as a group but how we do it. We are here to be transformed and this is what we keep before us as we do the business that needs to get done. The Baptismal Covenant consists of eight questions. The first three address our belief in the orthodox (right) doctrines of the Christian faith. The next question asks us if we are committed to continuing in the apostle's teaching, in the breaking of bread and in the prayers. This means, among other things, will we be present at communal liturgy as much as possible and will we have an active private prayer life? The fifth question asks us if we are willing to acknowledge our ongoing need to repent of our sins. The sixth question asks us if we will be evangelists. The last two have to do with our living rightly (righteously) with others. This is a big order. To me it feels more intense than a volunteer opportunity. It is a covenant we have made with God. It calls us to an existence immersed in prayer, study, self-examination, evangelism and reconciliation.

Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 13;
Romans 6:12-23; Matthew 10:40-42

Next Sunday's Readings: Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm
45:11-18; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Tuesday, Jul 4 is our Community Picnic! We need all who are able to volunteer. Please sign up on the sheet in Lathrop Hall today. There will be a special Low Mass at 9am, followed by the gathering of the volunteers, setting up, and preparing to serve over 100 guests between 11am and 1pm. We are still accepting donations to offset the cost of the picnic. Please make checks payable to "Church of the Advent" and indicate "Community Picnic" in the memorandum or on a note. Any questions should be directed to the Wardens, Thomas and Sally. Many thanks!

Please note: No evening services on July 4!!

Hospitality after today's High Mass: Bonnie Barberini, Stephen Rucker & Pamela Vaughn

Upcoming events in Hayes Valley: Community appreciation breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, July 16 at 10am; July community meeting on Thursday, July 27 at 7pm at the Hayes Valley Clubhouse.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

4 July...John Pitoniak (baptism)
4 July...Rod Thompson + (diaconate)
7 July....Johannes Stahl (birthday)

Note: If you think we don't have your anniversary information (birth, baptism, confirmation, reception or ordination), please send those dates to news@advent-sf.org or inform one of the clergy.

Please note the new email address!

Please submit any news items to news@advent-sf.org by noon on Wednesday, for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition of The Orb. Thank you!

Bible Study schedule for summer: We will continue to meet on Wednesday evenings after mass in Lathrop Hall, reading and reflecting on the Gospel of Matthew with the guidance of our seminarian Isaiah Brokenleg. **We will meet on July 5, July 26, August 2 and August 9.** We will then be on hiatus until after Labor Day, as we reflect and plan next steps. Please do join us!

July 9 Concert at Grace Cathedral:

From Ocean to Ocean: Romantic Music for the Reed Organ, featuring Michael Hendron, Assistant Verger at Grace Cathedral, and our friend, tenor Kevin Baum. This hour-long concert is free and open to the public, July 9, 4:00pm.

Independence Day was first included in the 1928 Prayer Book. Although propers had been aired in the proposed Prayer Book of 1786, they were omitted in the official Prayer Book of 1789 out of consideration for the clergy who, during the Revolution, had been loyal to the Crown. The collect for the 1928 BCP was composed by Bishop Parsons of California; it has been altered considerably in the 1979 BCP. On July 4 in 1826, Thomas Jefferson and John Adams died within hours of each other, suitably on the fiftieth anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

Pray that our nation may remain true to its highest principles:

"Lord God Almighty, in whose Name the founders of this country won liberty for themselves and for us, and lit the torch of freedom for nations then unborn: Grant that we and all the people of this land may have grace to maintain our liberties in righteousness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

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