



The Orb

Weekly Announcements of

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An inclusive parish of the Episcopal Church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 9)

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, 9 July

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Paul Allick)

High Mass, 11am

Monday, 10 July

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Tuesday, 11 July

Benedict of Nursia, *Abbot of Monte Cassino*, + c.540

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

Wednesday, 12 July

Weekday after Pentecost

Low Mass, 8am & 6:30pm

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 13 July

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Friday, 14 July

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Saturday, 15 July

Weekday after Pentecost

Rosary & Mass of the Holy House, 12noon

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Sunday Confessions: July 16, 10:30am:

Fr Alexander Martin

Little Big Signs: Father Paul Allick

One of the buzzwords in the Mainline Church over the past ten years is "The Missional Church." The basic premise is that in our day the Christians need a reorientation from looking at each other to looking at God's world around us. We need to remember our apostolic heritage: we are sent to our communities in the name of Jesus. But it's not only about us being sent. It primarily about us looking for what God is already doing in the world around us and join in. God's divine actions are not confined to the work of the institutional Church. And as I travel the communities around our Church building I see God in a thousand little ways. Here are just three. In a little deli, I saw a wall-mirror with the heading: Wall of Kindness. On it was a note: "Help us, help others! Donate a meal to someone who needs one. We will match your donation." On a sidewalk near the Rectory I saw this message written in long-lasting chalk, "Hey, I found a set of keys in this area...if they're yours... call/txt me & describe. I'll bring them to ya - Bonnie" (followed by phone number). While walking near Market and Van Ness I saw a young woman, who appeared to not have much herself, run up to an elderly woman pushing a cart of stuff. She handed the elder an In-N-Out Burger bag saying, "Here have one these burgers..." These may seem like little unremarkable things to us, but to those involved they are very big. They give me hope that God's love is still known to us. The Divine Compassion is known even to our neighbors who aren't in church pews on Sundays.

Fr Allick will be taking vacation time from Thursday, July 20 through Friday, August 4. He will be traveling but not for the whole period. If you see him, Keith or Murray on the grounds, please pretend they are not there!

The July 2017 issue of *The Sceptre*, previously sent out via email, is now available in hard copy in Lathrop Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Rosary and Mass of the Holy House, Saturday, July 15, 12 noon. Coffee and refreshments will be served in Lathrop Hall after the mass, and Fr Paul will lead a discussion on “The Blessed Mother in Anglicanism.”

National Night Out will be held **Tuesday, August 1, 5pm to 7pm at the Ella Hill Hutch Center.**

Please stay tuned for a call for all of us to help with a table at this annual cook-out and community fair.

The annual **Backpack Giveaway & Health Fair** will be held **Saturday, August 4, at the Ella Hill Hutch Center.** This annual all-day event features free backpacks and school supply kits for students ranging from Pre-K to college age. Watch *The Orb* and email for more details!

Solemnities in August: August 6 (Sunday), The Feast of the Transfiguration. This is also the Sunday on which we mark the return of our Music Director, Dr Paul Ellison, and Schola Adventus. **August 15 (Tuesday), The Feast of the Assumption,** Procession and High Mass, 6:30 p.m. Additional details may be found in this month’s issue of *The Sceptre*.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

11 July...Jude Morton (Sr Julian)
(oblature to the Camaldolese Benedictines)

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

Please submit news items news@advent-sf.org by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday’s edition of *The Orb*.

Deficit Reduction. Please remember that we have set up a Deficit Reduction Fund in our annual budget. This line item is provided for those who might come into extra funds and want to help shrink the deficit. This is different than giving to enhance the endowment funds. Giving to the endowments is good, but it does not shrink the deficit. The reason we want to shrink the deficit is so that we do not have to deplete our endowments. Thus, giving to the endowment builds it up, but the deficit left unchecked will require further draw-downs on the endowment. Always feel free to come to me directly with your questions. I am very happy to explain these things in person. ~ Fr Paul

A special thanks to ALL who volunteered for the July 4 Community Picnic! We would like to add a special thanks to Shelley Fernandez’s family, visiting from Colombia, who spent the day with us and contributed so much to the success of the event.

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

Next Sunday’s readings: Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:9-14; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

As we remember on Tuesday St Benedict, let us be mindful of the fact that the spirituality of this father of Western monasticism has animated our own parish over the decades, including through the ministry of the Society of St John the Evangelist, which served this parish from 1921-1941. And, in that same spirit, along with our brothers and sisters who have undertaken to follow the Rule of St Benedict, let us pray:

“Almighty and everlasting God, your precepts are the wisdom of a loving Father: Give us grace, following the teaching and example of your servant Benedict, to walk with loving and willing hearts in the school of the Lord’s service; let your ears be open to our prayers’ and prosper with your blessing the work of our hands; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men* (2010), page 457