



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 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 27)

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, 12 November

[Commem: Charles Simeon, Priest, +1836]

Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Br Jude Hill)

High Mass, 11am

Monday, 13 November

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Tuesday, 14 November

Consecration of Samuel Seabury, *First American Bishop*, +1784

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

Wednesday, 15 November

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 16 November

Margaret, *Queen of Scotland*, +1093

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

Friday, 17 November

Abstinence observed

Hugh, *Bishop of Lincoln*, +1200

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

Saturday, 18 November

Hilda, *Abbess of Whitby*, +680

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

Mortal ~ Fr. Paul Allick

I've been surrounded by death lately. It turned out that the last two Monday evening masses were parish requiems for the departed. In between we had All Souls. At the start of that week our dear brother in Christ Tom Staley went on to his glory. This past Sunday we were all once again slapped with yet another mass murder in our nation: twenty-six men and women and children slaughtered during a church service in Texas. On Monday I learned that my former step-mom Lola had died. I hadn't seen her in years, but she was a larger than life presence throughout my childhood. She spoiled me rotten, and we shared a birthday. Lola's passing, of course, brings to mind all the deaths along my forty-eight years.

No matter how much I believe in eternity, that our souls, our beings, continue beyond this earthly sojourn, it all makes me very sad. Some of it makes me angry.

Death is always hounding us, isn't it? Our culture does its best to hide death with cremations and sanitized ceremonies but it is still lurking there. We are all going to experience it. Accepting my own mortality can make me morbid real fast.

I know when I preach and teach about the eternal nature of our souls it could seem like a white-wash over the sorrow and grief. It isn't. It is once again the ongoing paradox of Christianity: life out of death, resurrection out of crucifixion, losing one's life to save it, the last will be first, and on and on. To be Christian is to stand in the face of death and say, "I am still going to hope. I am still going to laugh and rejoice. I am always going to rise again."

But again, even though we know that in Christ death no longer has dominion we still weep. We still feel that wrenching in the throat and gut. Why? Because we know it will be far too long before we are reunited with those whom we love but see no longer. It will be a long wait to approach in eternal bliss those we could not reconcile with here on earth.

Stewardship Ingathering Sunday will be the Feast of Christ the King, Sunday November 26. Please prayerfully consider your pledge for the coming year, weighing our needs, our ministry, and our future.

Are you interested in helping with the table linens? If there is a parishioner who would like to take on the ministry of caring for the table linens that are used for hospitality, please speak to Sally Schweikert, Junior Warden. Thank you.

Reminder: If you are interested in helping Jennifer Usher organize a Thanksgiving meal for the less fortunate in our neighborhood on Tuesday, November 21, please speak with her or email her at jennifer.usher@me.com.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

12 Nov...Jennifer Usher (birthday)
14 Nov...Jennifer Usher (confirmation)
17 Nov...Anna McHargue (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!

This Sunday's Readings: Amos 5:18-24; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Next Sunday's Readings: Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-8, 12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 25:14-30

Sunday Confessions: November 19, 10:30am:
(Fr Alexander Martin)

Thanksgiving Day is Thursday, November 23. There will be a parish potluck Thanksgiving dinner at approximately 2:00 pm in the Parish Hall on Thanksgiving. We have a donation of two Thanksgiving dinners from Safeway (turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, cranberry sauce), and there is a sign-up sheet in place for your additional contributions. Please note that due to limited kitchen space, **all contributions must be "table ready," that is, except for warming and chilling items, we will not be cooking or prepping in the kitchen on Thanksgiving Day.** Thank you for your understanding. Please direct any questions to Suellen Thompson or Pamela Vaughn.

Low Mass with Hymns for Thanksgiving Day, will be celebrated at 10am to on Thursday, 23 November. We will have a modest coffee hour after, and then begin setting up for the Thanksgiving potluck. ***All are welcome (but please sign up in advance for the potluck)!***

An Advent Liturgy, our annual service of lessons and carols for Advent Sunday will take place on Sunday, December 3 at 6 pm. George Anton Emblom will again join us as organist. This is always a popular and well-attended event. A festive reception will follow. Please join us and invite your friends and family. And please consider contributing items of food and drink for the festive reception.

Following the example of Margaret of Scotland:
"O God, you called your servant Margaret to an earthly throne that she might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave her zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate her this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen."

~ *Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 683