



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 Last Sunday After Pentecost

THE FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING

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, 26 November

CHRIST THE KING (Proper 29)

Low Mass, 9am (Episcopal Sanctuary & Church)

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Paul Allick)

Procession, High Mass & *Te Deum*, 11am

Monday, 27 November

Weekday

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

Tuesday, 28 November

Kamehameha & Emma, *King & Queen of Hawaii*,
+1864, +1885

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

Wednesday, 29 November

Weekday

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 30 November

SAINT ANDREW THE APOSTLE

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

Friday, 1 December

Abstinence observed

Nicholas Ferrar, *Deacon*, +1637

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

Saturday, 2 December

Channing Moore Williams, *Missionary Bishop in China*
& *Japan*, +1910

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

What I Learned from the National Examiner I Already Knew ~ Fr. Paul Allick

Our Sexton, Mr. Arlington Jackson, generously brings us magazines each week from his other workplace. Once in a while among the respectable editions of the *Economist* and *The New Yorker* there is a coveted *National Examiner*. I am a fool for tabloids. I would never pay for one but I love reading them. I know it's very unbecoming of a cleric. I just can't help finding them entertaining.

The cover of the latest *National Examiner* features Queen Elizabeth II. The headline announces that "Queen Elizabeth: She's Just Like Us!" Apparently, she is 'addicted' to McDonald's, loves to drink and gamble and clips coupons. In the text of the story we learn that among other ordinary things, she drives, rides horses, and dances.

Now I don't know about the McDonald's claim but it all seems reasonable. Actually, I already knew that Queen Elizabeth was just like us. How could she not be? We are humans. I guess it is that when famous people show a 'common' touch that makes us feel connected. But I have served as a priest with people of all kinds of economic, ethnic and political backgrounds. I have served in aging parishes and in campus ministry. People are all basically the same. We all share the joys, sorrows, surprises and tragedies of life. We all age. We all are born and we all die. We all try to make the best of the life we've been given.

Today we celebrate the Feast of Christ the King. We have a heavenly King who became just like us. Christ the King is God incarnate choosing to live as one of us. God became human to save us from sin and death. As he walked this earth, he served people from all kinds of political, ethnic, and economic backgrounds. He served people of all ages. He became just like us, yet without sin.

Our Lord, Our King, Our Judge and Savior judges us in righteousness and pure love because he knows what we go through in this life even unto death. He also shows us how to judge our brothers and sisters with the same love so we can be in right relationship with each other.

**TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP INGATHERING.
Thanks be to God!**

This Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24; Psalm 95; Ephesians 1:15-23; Matthew 25:31-46

Next Sunday's Readings (Year B): Isaiah 64:1-9; Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18; 1 Corinthians 1:3-9; Mark 13:24-37

Sunday Confessions: December 3, 10:30am:
(Br Jude Hill, SSF)

Hayes Valley Neighbors: we will be doing an Outreach Walk, lasting about **3 hours**, on **November 30th at 2 pm**. We will meet at the Project Homeless Connect office at **25 Van Ness** for a training, do the outreach walk, and then return to debrief. Anyone living in Hayes Valley is welcome to attend. The Outreach Walk will help engage our homeless neighbors. During the walk, we will be providing information about services as well as some essentials to those we meet. To cover the cost of what we hand out, **PHC asks for a \$35/person donation**. However, this is not a barrier to attend. Give what you can. The Walk is sponsored by the Homelessness Task Force which has been meeting at Advent. We decided to do this event to meet our task force's goals, such as reaching out in compassion to our neighbors, letting them know we are concerned about them and quality of life in Hayes Valley, and gathering information we can share with City leaders about the state of homelessness in Hayes Valley. Please contact Fr. Allick with questions or to sign up.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

28 Nov...Lee Ryan & Nancy Aalberg (marriage)
29 Nov...Martha Smith (birthday)
30 Nov...Lër Nelson (birthday)
2 Dec... Jude Hill SSF + (priesthood)
2 Dec...Rod Thompson + (birthday)

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!

Hayes Valley Block Party! Friday, December 1, 6-9 pm. Live music @ Proxy; drinks & snacks; extended store hours; special events; free goody bags. Saturday, December 2, 3-6 pm. Family & kids events @ Proxy; drinks & snacks; free photo booth.

Faith in Art: The Union of Black Episcopalians invite you to join us in exploring the intersections of Faith in Art at a wine and cheese reception and exhibit of artistic works of the Members of the Union of Black Episcopalians and Clergy of the Diocese of California. **Saturday, December 2, 3:00 to 6:00 pm, St Augustine Episcopal Church** at the corner of 29th and Telegraph Ave, Oakland, CA. This will be a wonderful opportunity to get exceptional Christmas gifts. Donation \$20.00. **If you are interested in having your art exhibited, please contact Keith L. Howard at (925) 519-4045 or email him at klhmdiv@gmail.com.**

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.

On this Feast of Christ the King, let us rejoice in the song of praise composed by Charles Wesley (1707-1788):

*Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ the true, the only Light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise!
Triumph o'er the shades of night:
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Day-star, in my heart appear.*

*Visit then this soul of mine!
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!
Fill me, radiancy divine;
Scatter all my unbelief;
More and more thyself display,
Shining to the perfect day.*