



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 Sunday within the Octave of All Saints

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, 5 November

The Sunday within the Octave of All Saints
Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am
Confessions, 10:30am (Fr John Porter)
High Mass, 11am

Monday, 6 November

Weekday after Pentecost
Evening Prayer, 6pm &
Monthly Parish Requiem, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 7 November

Willibrord, *Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia*,
+739
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 8 November

Weekday after Pentecost
Low Mass, 8:00am & 6:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 9 November

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

Friday, 10 November

Abstinence observed
Leo the Great, *Bishop of Rome*, +461
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 11 November

Martin, *Bishop of Tours*, +397
Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

Know Thy Selfie ~ Father Paul Allick

Tragically, it has been reported that more people die each year from “selfie” related accidents than from shark attacks. Most of the fatalities are from falling. The next most common cause is being struck by moving vehicles.

The group Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) have now formed a sister group addressing driving while texting or talking on a phone. I’ve been reading stories now for years about people being seriously injured or killed while texting and walking!

I’ve nearly been run into many times on the sidewalk by people looking at their phones. I know I’ve been lost in my phone so many times I am embarrassed to admit it. I cannot believe how easy it is to be drawn right in to that “other world” which is really this world in short sentences, emoji’s and acronyms.

We call it “Distracted Driving” or “Distracted Walking.” I call what I do to myself with my iPhone, email and internet access “Distracted Living.” I would much rather talk to people in person or on the phone but I know that is not the way of life anymore. And if this is the case I think it behooves us to really take care how we employ these mediums. This is true for all of us but as usual I think people of faith bear a certain responsibility in giving examples of peaceful living for others.

First, be safe. Pay attention to what is around you and not on the screen in front of you. This will help us with the spiritual discipline of living in the moment. Second, don’t use social media, texting or email as a substitute for actual human communication. I try to leave the “big issues” for in person discussions. Third, don’t believe everything you read! Not even from loved ones because you might be reading it wrong. Written words or emoticons cannot fully convey human emotion.

Allow me to paraphrase this message to the disciples in Colossae from St. Paul, “Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old *selfie* with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new *selfie* which is being renewed in knowledge according the image of its creator.” (3:9-10)

A message from Jennifer Usher: as we begin this holiday season, we are hoping to host a Thanksgiving dinner for those less fortunate on Tuesday, November 21st. We need volunteers to help cook, set up, serve, and just be there for our guests. In the past, Thanksgiving was a major highlight of the Lunch Bunch. Clint Rice looked forward to it every year. It was deeply important to him. The last time I saw Clint was during the summer, right before he entered the hospital. He asked me to help start planning for Thanksgiving. We had a very special dinner that year, in Clint's honor. His death truly left a hole in my life, and I want this meal to be in honor of his years of service, and friendship. If you are available on that day, let me know as soon as possible so we can plan. If you want to bring something, that would help, but you are also welcome to help cook at the church. We will, of course have turkey, cornbread dressing, and side dishes. I am very open to suggestions for the menu. If you are able to help out, email me at jennifer.usher@me.com. If you know someone who needs a meal that day, please invite them.

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

5 Nov...Jack Jensen (confirmation)
6 Nov...Cheryl Parker (confirmation)
7 Nov...Alex Martin (birthday)
9 Nov...John Pitoniak (confirmation & reception)
10 Nov...Michael Stroup (confirmation)
11 Nov...Erik Thrasher (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!

A visitation for Tom Staley will be held at Church of the Advent on Friday, November 10, at 7pm, following Evening Prayer and Mass. Vigil Prayers will remembrances will be offered that evening at 8pm. The requiem for Tom will be Saturday, November 11, at 10am.

A big Advent Thank-You to Bonnie, Claire, David, Sr Julian, Lenda, Lër, Pam, and Suellen for their generosity in contributing to hospitality for Fifth Sunday!

Our own Robert Ayala is in a show at St Aidan's, November 10 and 11 at 7:30pm and November 12 at 2pm. The original musical comedy is called *Rescue Me* and tells, mainly from a dog's perspective, the story of attempted rescue from Animal Care & Control. Tickets may be purchased at brownpapertickets.com and at the door.

This Sunday's Readings: Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12

Next Sunday's Readings: Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 70; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13

Sunday Confessions: November 5, 10:30am:
(Br Jude Hill, SSF)

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 will be posting a sign-up sheet for additional contributions. For now, please sign up next to the turkey to let us know if you intend to attend! 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.

Low Mass with Hymns for Thanksgiving Day, will be celebrated at 10am on Thursday, 23 November. We will have a coffee hour following, and then start setting up for the parish potluck. All are welcome!!
