



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

261 Fell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102

(415) 431-0454 www.advent-sf.org

1 October 2017

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 21)

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, 1 October

[Commemoration: Remigius, Bishop of Rheims]

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am
Confessions, 10:30am (Br Jude Hill, SSF)
High Mass, 11am

Monday, 2 October

Holy Guardian Angels
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Tuesday, 3 October

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

Wednesday, 4 October

FRANCIS OF ASSISI,
FRLAR, PATRON OF THE CITY

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

Thursday, 5 October

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

Friday, 6 October

Abstinence observed
William Tyndale, *Priest* +1536
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 7 October

Our Lady of the Holy Rosary
High Mass of the Holy House, 12 noon
Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

4.6! ~ Father Paul D. Allick

Last May I asked each parishioner to consider attending weekday Evening Prayer and Mass more regularly. At that time the average attendance was 3.7 persons. By August of this year it had risen to 4.6!

To some that won't seem like much but to someone having done parish priestly work for 20 years it is a wonderful sign. Church growth takes a lot of time. It takes consistency and perseverance. It takes the ability to take risks even when those efforts are met with subtle and/or blatant criticism. It takes steady non-reactive leadership even when lots of anxiety is present.

For me a .9 increase in three months means people heard the challenge and responded. We've seen the same thing with our Deficit Reduction Fund. As of September, we have received over nine thousand dollars. Slowly but surely, we have managed to bring in an extra thousand dollars a month this year. This isn't just about attendance and money it is about commitment to our mission. Just think how much we can do if now once again double our efforts. It really doesn't take much.

Parish ministry is full of minutiae. It is often like watching paint dry. Too often there are more opinions, great ideas and criticisms that projects getting accomplished. Therefore, we keep a close eye on the big picture and subtle growth in the right direction.

I think of this passage from Morning Prayer this past Sunday. It is from the Book of Acts and describes how among many swift and varied changes of the earliest Church there was growth, "So the Church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace and was being built up. And walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, it multiplied."
(Acts 9:31, ESV)

At the end of our church growth conversations we always go back to the source of all growth. We turn back, give reverence to God, and lean into the power of the Holy Spirit.

Benedictine Spirituality for Everyday Living, an Adult Education Class, will be offered at Church of the Advent **Tuesday evenings now through October 17, from 7:15-8:30pm.** A light supper will be shared. A sign-up sheet for providing the light, simple, easy-to-make and serve supper will be in Lathrop Hall. Please join us as Fr Allick helps us discover how to apply Benedictine disciplines and principles in our day-to-day interactions with each other and the world.

Reminder for this coming Saturday, October 7: Please join the Regina Coeli Cell of the Society of Our Lady of Walsingham for High Mass at noon, with a light lunch to follow. The preacher will be the Rev. Professor Jane Shaw, Dean of Religious Life at Stanford University.

Stewardship Meditation for this week:

“The compassionate life is a grateful life, and actions born out of gratefulness are not compulsive but free, not somber but joyful, not fanatical but liberating. When gratitude is the source of our actions, our giving becomes receiving, and those to whom we minister become our ministers.”

~Anonymous

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

4 Oct...Thomas Jackson (confirmation)
7 Oct...Vincent Jang (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!

The October issue of *The Sceptre* is here. If you would like a paper copy, they are available in the literature rack opposite the Walsingham Shrine, and in Lathrop Hall.

This Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Psalm 25:1-8; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

Sunday Confessions: October 8, 10:30am:
Fr Alexander Martin

Volunteers needed for DioCal Convention!

As usual, DioCal staff will need some extra hands to help with convention on Friday, October 27 and Saturday, October 28. Please help them find and recruit volunteers to help with setup and breakdown, food service, and other tasks. To sign up, email DioCal Working Group Head for Communications, Stephanie Martin Taylor at stephaniem@diocal.org. Many thanks!

Remembering the Patron Saint of our City:

“Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, grant your people grace to renounce gladly the vanities of this world; that, following the way of blessed Francis, we may for love of you delight in your whole creation with perfectness of joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*”

And the unswerving passion of William Tyndale and Miles Cloverdale:

“Almighty God, you planted in the heart of your servants William Tyndale and Miles Cloverdale a consuming passion to bring the Scriptures to people in their native tongue, and endowed them with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us your saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; 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*, pages 623 & 625