



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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 18)

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.

Us not Them: Father Paul Allick

As our nation remembers the horrible day of September 11, 2001 I am reminded that very often light comes out of tragedy. I think of the heroes on that day who did extraordinary things to help others. Indeed, many ordinary people gave their lives to save others.

We've seen this again in Houston, Texas. Ordinary people alongside the professionals helping rescue others. Maybe we are still united enough as a people to save one another when push comes to shove. Just like on 9/11 no one in Houston seemed concerned with the other's race, sexuality or political party. I don't think anyone was asking who you voted for or what church you go to before offering a boat ride out of that watery hell.

In these moments we remember that we are all connected. We are all related. We are one whether we like it or not. There are times when we cannot survive without each other.

As Church, the Body of Jesus in the world, we are called to be a sign of unity. Our neighbors will know God in Christ when we show them how well we live together. We live together despite differences of opinions, theology, ideology, gender, sexual identity and ethnicity.

We are not a collection of individuals worshipping in cells apart from each other. We are a body. We are a community. Living in community is an ongoing dance of compromise and self-sacrifice. Living well in community requires us to know how to forgive, to let go and sometimes to just plain get over ourselves.

In the day to day life of a community it's easy to forget that we are one. Whether a nation or a parish church, it is easy to see "them" and not "us." I don't believe that our parish or the Episcopal Church has the luxury of operating that way right now. We are in a flood of financial and membership decline...across the board. In these arduous times we need to think in terms of We/Us and not Me/Mine.

We will never love as Christ loves until we understand the monumental task involved in building a healthy community.

Thomas Merton wrote, "The whole idea of compassion is based on a keen awareness of the interdependence of all these living beings, which are all part of one another, and all involved in one another."

The **Requiem High Mass for Ed Gabet** will be celebrated on Friday, **September 22**, at 6:30pm. A reception will follow. Beverages have been provided, but we do need volunteers to assist with providing finger foods, and with setup and cleanup. Please speak to or email Bonnie Barberini if you are able to help. Thank you. bonniebarberini@comcast.net

On **September 14**, after the Veneration and High Mass for **Holy Cross Day**, there will be festive reception. Volunteers are also needed for that, so please speak to Bonnie if you are able to offer assistance. Many thanks.

Since January we have received **\$8,897 in contributions toward deficit reduction**. Thanks be to God, and to all who contributed.

The Community Picnic on Labor Day was quite a success, thanks to the volunteers who showed hospitality in serving much needed plates to our homeless guests in the parish garden. We remain thankful for the cooler weather, and for all who worked so tirelessly to make this day a success.

We welcome back Schola Adventus, who return from their summer hiatus today, to sing at High Mass.

Third Sunday Concerts return September 17 at 4pm: San Francisco Renaissance Voices directed by Katherine McKee presents Hildegard's *Ordo Virtutum*. Hildegard von Bingen's master work *Ordo Virtutum* portrays the journey of The Human Soul, guided by The Virtues and their queen Humility, to obtain wholeness of spirit. In our acclaimed East-meets-West staging, Leandra Ramm and Alice Del Simone alternate as the Soul and Linda Liebschutz portrays Humility, with Twila Ehmcke, Winona Hendrick, Alison King, Elfrieda Langemann, Gail MacGowan, and Maura Sipila as the Virtues, Joseph Schmitz as the Devil, and a chorus of Souls, Patriarchs, and Prophets. The singers are joined by dancers, bansuri master Deepak Ram, Celtic harpist Diana Rowan, and percussionist Todd Jolly, directed by Katherine McKee.

Admission to the concert on 9/17 is by ticket only: \$30 general; \$25 student and senior; \$20 children. They can be obtained at www.sfrvoicesw.org/concerts-tickets.html or at the door

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

10 Sept...Bob+ & Carol Kossler (marriage)
14 Sept...Sam Cantin (baptism)

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!

Ordo ~

Sunday, 10 September

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am
Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)
High Mass, 11am

Monday, 11 September

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

Tuesday, 12 September

John Henry Hobart, *Bishop of New York*, +1830
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Wednesday, 13 September

Cyprian, *Bishop & Martyr of Carthage*, +258
Low Mass. 8:00am & 6:30pm
Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 14 September

HOLY CROSS DAY
Evening Prayer, 6pm & High Mass, 6:30pm

Friday, 15 September

Our Lady of Sorrows
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 16 September

Ninian, Bishop in Galloway, +430
Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

This Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 149;
Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 103:8-13; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

Sunday Confessions: September 17, 10:30am:
Fr John Porter

Stewardship Meditation for this week:

“When people spend money on things they do not really need, they begin to want more things they do not need. Instead of satisfying their desires, they only increase them. Giving should begin with the tithe. All your money belongs to God. Use 100% of your income as God directs.”

~John Wesley