



# 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 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 19)

**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, 17 September

*[Commemoration: Hildegard, +1179]*

Low Mass, 8:30am (Episcopal Sanctuary) & 9am

Confessions, 10:30am

High Mass, 11am

#### Monday, 18 September

Edward Bouverie Pusey, *Priest & Religious Founder*, +1882

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

#### Tuesday, 19 September

Theodore of Tarsus, *Archbishop of Canterbury*, +690

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

#### Wednesday, 20 September

John Coleridge Patteson, *Bp of Melanesia, & Comps, Martyrs*, +1871

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

Evening Prayer, 6:00pm

#### Thursday, 21 September

ST MATTHEW, APOSTLE & EVANGELIST

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

#### Friday, 22 September, Ember Friday

*Abstinence observed*

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

#### Saturday, 23 September, Ember Saturday

Latin Chant Mass at 5pm

**Community Sounds Nice:** Father Paul Allick

As a young man, I hung around Benedictine monks. They taught me about the importance of community. They would point out how “nice” the term “community” sounds. However, they knew that to work toward healthy communal living is an extraordinary mission. Indeed, the 1,500+ year old Rule of St. Benedict is a guide to this effort.

It is amusing to me when outsiders think that men and women join religious communities to escape the world...wrong! Our religious brothers and sisters know far more about the world and how to live in community than we can ever imagine. Most of us live in optional communities. We can dip in and out of parish life on our own terms. The vowed Religious are stuck looking at each other across the dinner table and choir stall day in and day out.

In a parish community, we get to choose how much to invest in building up the body. We get to choose how much we want to work on ourselves and learn how to live well with other Christians.

To be a Christian is to live in communion with each other as the body of Christ. This isn't always easy. Jesus has not called us to the easy life.

The Benedictine tradition provides us with the 12 Steps of Humility. These are tools for living well in a Christian Community. Here I provide a condensed version of my top five favorites:

1. To distrust our own will: our wants are insatiable and the demands of self-interest are never ending.
2. To be patient and to maintain a quiet mind...even in the face of inequity and contradiction.
3. Refrain from judgment. It is not for us to live the lives of others.
4. Speak gently and briefly.
5. Maintain a humble demeanor.

*(From Always We Begin Again: The Benedictine Way of Living, John McQuiston II, Morehouse Publishing 1996, 2011)*

**Benedictine Spirituality for Everyday Living**, an Adult Education Class, will be offered at Church of the Advent **Tuesday evenings, September 26-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.

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](mailto:bonniebarberini@comcast.net)

**This Sunday's Readings:** Genesis 50:15-21; Psalm 114; Romans 14:1-12; Matthew 18:21-35

**Next Sunday's Readings:** Jonah 3:1-10; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday Confessions:** September 24, 10:30am:  
Fr Alexander Martin

### **Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:**

20 Sept...Michael Fullam (baptism)  
21 Sept...Barrie Bates (birthday)  
21 Sept...Anna McHargue (birthday)  
22 Sept...Jim Monios (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](mailto:news@advent-sf.org) or provide written information to one of the clergy. Thank you.*

**Please submit news items to [news@advent-sf.org](mailto:news@advent-sf.org) by noon on Wednesday for inclusion in the following Sunday's edition of *The Orb*. With thanks!**

**Fr Allick will be attending Diocesan Clergy Retreat at the Bishop's Ranch from Monday, September 18, to Wednesday, September 20.** He will return for Wednesday evening Mass. Please feel free to contact him via email or mobile phone if the need arises.

**Third Sunday Concerts return today at 4pm:** San Francisco Renaissance Voices directed by Katherine McKee presents Hildegard's *Ordo Virtutum*. The singers are joined by dancers, bansuri master Deepak Ram, Celtic harpist Diana Rowan, and percussionist Todd Jolly, directed by Katherine McKee. A hosted reception follows.

**Admission to the concert today is by ticket only:** \$30 general; \$25 student and senior; \$20 children. They can be obtained at [www.sfrvoicesw.org/concerts-tickets.html](http://www.sfrvoicesw.org/concerts-tickets.html) or at the door

**Remembering St Hildegard of Bingen**, who "...born in the lush Rhineland Valley, was a mystic, poet, composer, dramatist, doctor, scientist. Her parents' tenth child, she was tithed to the Church and raised by the anchoress Jutta in a cottage near the Benedictine monastery of Disibodenberg. ... Hildegard lived in a world accustomed to male governance. Yet, within her convents, and to a surprising extent outside them, she exercised a commanding spiritual authority based on confidence in her visions and considerable political astuteness. When she died in 1179 at 81, she left a rich legacy which speaks eloquently across the ages."

~ *Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 588

### **Stewardship Meditation for this week:**

"One of the dangers of having a lot of money is that you may be quite satisfied with the kinds of happiness money can give and so fail to realize your need for God. If everything seems to come simply by signing checks, you may forget that you are at every moment totally dependent on God."

~C.S. Lewis