



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 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 20)

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.

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Sunday, 24 September

[Commemoration: Our Lady of Walsingham]

Low Mass, 9am (No Sanctuary mass today)

Confessions, 10:30am (Fr Alexander Martin)

High Mass, 11am

Monday, 25 September

Sergius, *Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow*, +1392

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

Tuesday, 26 September

Lancelot Andrewes, *Bishop of Winchester*, +1626

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

Wednesday, 27 September

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Evening Prayer, 6pm

Thursday, 28 September

Weekday after Pentecost

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

Friday, 29 September

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

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

Saturday, 30 September

Jerome, *Priest & Monk of Bethlehem*, +420

Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

Crushing Community: Father Paul Allick

To be in Christian Community is to be in a constant state of reconciling differences and moving forward together. Christ gave us the ministry of reconciliation so this all works out well. As we practice reconciliation with one another we can share what we've learned with our neighbors.

We are called to live as Christ lived. In Christ, God forgave us so that we could forgive others and complete a holy circle. When we live well in community we participate in the life of the Holy Trinity: One God in Three Persons existing as loving unity.

Christian Communities, rather parishes, friaries, dioceses, chaplaincies, *et cetera* can easily survive. With the right amount of money and people willing to carry the load they can go on and on. But to thrive and to make a difference in the world, to really touch the needs of our neighbors, and to see each other transformed into the likeness of Christ takes deep spiritual work. It takes getting over ourselves and getting out of God's way. We can gather around the altar and receive holy communion for our own comfort and we will survive as an innocuous institution. Or we can come to the altar seeking to be transformed by the Blessed Sacrament and begin to heal the world.

St. Augustine of Hippo explained Christian Communion this way: "You ought to know what you have received (the body and blood of Christ). If you have received worthily, you are what you have received...by bread you are instructed as to how you ought to cherish unity. Was that bread made of one grain of wheat? Were there not, rather, many grains? However, before they became bread, these grains were separate; they were joined together in water after a certain amount of crushing."

(The Teachings of the Church Fathers by John R. Willis, S.J. Ignatius Press 2002, Pp.402-03)

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.

This Sunday's Readings: Jonah 3:110-4:11; Psalm 145:1-8; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

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

Sunday Confessions: October 1, 10:30am:
Br Jude Hill, SSF

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

26 Sept...Cate Gregory & Katharine Favret (wedding)
26 Sept...Michael Dwyer (birthday)
29 Sept...Chip Heath (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.

We are still planning on an updated Directory, but with one thing and another, undertaking this project has been somewhat delayed. Thank you for your patience, and we will return to this very soon!

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!

Sincere thanks to all the stalwart souls who helped with the Third Sunday Concert and reception. From organizing, to providing food, to setup and cleanup – we could not have done it without you all!

Stewardship Meditation for this week:

“To be grateful is to recognize the love of God in everything He has given us – and He has given us everything. Every breath we draw is a gift of His Love; every moment of existence is a grace, for it brings with it immense graces from Him.”

~Thomas Merton

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!

“Jerome’s irascible disposition, pride of learning, and extravagant promotion of asceticism involved him in many bitter controversies over both theological and exegetical questions. Yet he was candid at times in admitting his failings, and was never ambitious for churchly honors. A militant champion of orthodoxy, an indefatigable worker, and a stylist of rare gifts, Jerome was seldom pleasant, but at least he was never dull.” (*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 614) Remembering this foremost Biblical scholar of the ancient Church:

“O Lord, O God of truth, your Word is a lantern to our feet and a light upon our path: We give you thanks for your servant Jerome, and those who, following in his steps, have labored to render the Holy Scriptures in the language of the people; and we pray that your Holy Spirit will overshadow us as we read the written Word, and that Christ, the living Word, will transform us according to your righteous will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 615