



The Orb

Weekly Announcements of

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THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Proper 17)

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, 3 September

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

Monday, 4 September, Labor Day

Paul Jones, *Bishop & Peace Advocate*, +1941
Low Mass, 9am

Tuesday, 5 September

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

Wednesday, 6 September

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

Thursday, 7 September

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

Friday, 8 September

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Evening Prayer, 6pm & Low Mass, 6:30pm

Saturday, 9 September

Constance & her Companions, *The Martyrs of
Memphis, Religious*, +1878
Latin Chant Mass, 5pm

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

What's in a Backpack? Father Paul Allick

If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion - Dalai Lama

I was made so happy this past Monday morning. I went to my second meeting as new member of the Board of Collective Impact. This is a youth and children's program providing support and resources to at-risk children, youth and families. They operate at both the playground Clubhouse on Hayes & Buchanan and at the Ella Hill Hutch Center on McAllister. As they rattled off all the programs accomplished this summer and those to come this fall, I was so enthused. I was uplifted to be with people who live to help others rise above the difficulties life can throw at us. So many stories, so much impact, but two 'small' things stood out for me. **First**, the Back to School program distributed over 1,500 backpacks filled with supplies to young people in our neighborhood. Can you imagine, along with the excitement of the first day of school, knowing that through the effort and love of your neighbors you have a nice backpack with cool stuff in it to bring with you? You can ask our own Aaron Conner how fun it was packing them and working with our neighbors to help heal the world. **Second**, on a Friday in late July Kindergarteners, 1st and 2nd Graders at the Clubhouse gathered for a special project: baking cookies. Their teacher Devi Zinzuvadia asked me if I knew where they could bring the cookies to share with others who could use a special treat. I suggested bringing them to our friends at the Franciscan Friary. People ring the Friary bell all day long looking for food or clothing. The Friars were please to accept the children's offering. After Devi told the children where the cookies were going they began to think about what it would be like to be hungry without anyone to care about you. They decided on their own that they wanted to write notes of encouragement to go along with the cookies.

What's in a backpack or a plate of cookies? **Everything.**

One more from the Dalai Lama: *Love and compassion are necessities, not luxuries. Without them humanity cannot survive.* ~ Fr Paul Allick.

Our final Community Picnic of the season is coming up on Labor Day, Monday, September 4th. If you would like to be a part of the event, please plan to come set up, serve and clean-up, beginning at 9:30am. If you would like to help fund this great outreach effort, please send your contribution to the Advent Office and make a note on your check memo that it is for the Community Picnic. For questions, please speak to one of the Wardens.

Please note that there will be a Low Mass on Labor Day at 9:00am.

Stewardship Meditation for the week:

“Don’t tell me where your priorities are. Show me where you spend your money and I’ll tell you what they are.” ~ James W. Frick (b.1924)

This Sunday’s Readings: Jeremiah 15:15-21; Psalm 26:1-8; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Next Sunday’s Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-11; Psalm 119:33-40; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrating Anniversaries This Week:

3 Sept...John Pitoniak (birthday)
6 Sept...Lizette Larson-Miller + (priesthood)
6 Sept...Lee Ryan (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!

Calling all basketball players! Collective Impact will be holding a charity basketball tournament at the Ella Hill Hutch Center on **Saturday, September 30**. The money will go to funding the many summer and after school programs under the auspices of Collective Impact (Mo'Magic, Magic Zone). Different agencies and city departments including the police will be putting together basketball teams of five persons. Is there any interest among the good folks at Church of the Advent? If so let me know by the end of the week. If we do have team, I can lead the cheers, "We've got Holy Spirit, yes we do! We've got Holy Spirit, how 'bout you?!!!"

~ Fr Paul Allick

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!

With prayers for peace in our world on our hearts, let us remember Paul Jones who, holding firm to his belief that war was at odds with the teachings of Christ, was forced to resign as Bishop of Utah in 1918. In his farewell address to the Missionary District of Utah, Bishop Jones said: “Where I serve the Church is of small importance, so long as I can make my life count in the cause of Christ. ... Expediency may make necessary the resignation of a Bishop at this time, but no expedience can ever justify the degradation of the ideals of the episcopate which these conclusions seem to involve.”

“Merciful God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in this and every land witnesses who, after the example of your servant Paul Jones, will stand firm in proclaiming the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*”

~*Holy Women, Holy Men*, page 561