

THE SCEPTRE

VOLUME 58, No.8

CHURCH OF THE ADVENT OF CHRIST THE KING

AUGUST 2018

An inclusive parish of The Episcopal Church in the Anglo-Catholic tradition

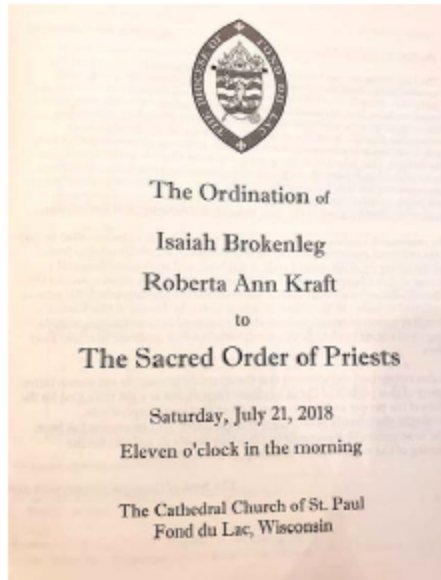
FACES OF ADVENT



photos by Br. Marshal

Our Rector Fr. Paul Allick is on vacation until July 25th (during Sceptre production)

THE ORDINATION OF ISAIAH BROKENLEG



The Reverend Isaiah Brokenleg is the new Vicar of Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown, South Dakota. Ordained to the diaconate by Bishop Matthew Gunter in December 2017, Brokenleg completed a Masters of Divinity at the Church Divinity School of the Pacific in May. He was ordained to the priesthood on July 21st, 2018 at the Cathedral of St. Paul, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin. We wish our former seminarian every blessing in his new parish !

Commemoration of the Month: SAINT LOUIS IX

Saint Louis IX, whose feast we celebrate on August 25, was born on April 25, 1214 just outside of Paris to King Louis VIII and Queen Blanche. Today, Louis is remembered for his immense religiosity and charity as King of France.

When Louis VIII died in 1223, Louis IX was declared king despite being only eleven years old. His mother assumed responsibilities as regent until Louis IX was old enough to rule.

In May of 1234 at the age of 20, Louis married Margaret of Provence. She was the oldest daughter of Raymond Beranger, Count of Provence. Louis and Margaret would go on to have 11 children.

During his life, Louis displayed a strong sense of responsibility towards God and the Church. He built the monastery of Royaumont, installed the Carthusians in the palace of Vauvert in Paris, assisted his mother in founding the convent of Maubuisson, and commissioned the building of Sainte-Chapelle in order to house holy relics such as the Crown of Thorns. He also forbade all forms of usury and private wars between his vassals.

He made his first crusade to the Holy Land in 1248. He was captured in 1250 but was released and spent the next four years in the Middle East, supporting the work of the Crusaders. He returned to France and helped bring a temporary peace between France and its rival England. However, he was criticized for giving too much land and territory to the English in return for peace.

In 1270, Louis set out on his second crusade but he would not reach the Holy Land this time. He and his troops were in Carthage when they were struck with disease, killing both Louis and his son, Phillip. Louis IX died on August 25 in 1270. He was declared a saint 26 years after his death in 1297, the only French king to be given such a title.

Although he is honored in Franciscan circles as one of the two patrons of the Third Order--the other being St. Elizabeth of Hungary--it is unlikely Louis officially was a member of the Third Order Franciscans. However, his compassion for the poor and charity to the people of God have made him a model monarch for Christian rulers.

Br. James Nathaniel, SSF



photo: Br. Marshal



**JEWEL FROM THE PRAYER BOOK:
*Clarion Collects unto a Just Society***



In these parlous times, the 1979 Prayer Book proffers greatly expanded prayerful support of social justice and social service. The 1928 Prayer Book, amongst the miscellaneous "Prayers and Thanksgivings," had featured prayers "For Christian Service," which, mindful that Christ came "not to be ministered unto, but to minister," exhorted us to tend to "the suffering, the friendless, and the needy," and one "For Social Justice," which urged us to "make no peace with oppression" but rather "fearlessly to contend against

evil" – both of which are attributed to Bishop Parsons of California. These two prayers, slightly revised and the former re-entitled "For Social Service," are included in the 1979 BCP (*vide* p 260). In addition, among the assorted "Prayers and Thanksgivings" in the back, is the prophetically bold prayer "For Social Justice" (p 823) calling upon every human heart to be moved "that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease," verily a plea needed for our times. On the same page, pinioned between this prayer for social justice and one for the armed forces is a prayer "For those who suffer for the sake of Conscience," whose witness we pray for "that our society may be cleansed and strengthened." Also new to this Prayer Book is a prayer "For those who Influence Public Opinion": may all journalists and newscasters indeed "do their part in making the heart of this people wise, its mind sound, and its will righteous" (p 827) – and, one wants to add, may the people be moved to seek wisdom and soundness and righteousness. In our daily orisons, may all these urgent concerns be remembered. We have the Prayer Book resources; may we have the will and the faithfulness.

William Bonnell

Poetry Corner

Lewis Brown

Where the mind is without fear
 Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
 Where knowledge is free
 Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
 By narrow domestic walls
 Where words come out from the depth of truth
 Where tireless striving stretches its arms
 towards perfection
 Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
 Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
 Where the mind is led forward by thee
 Into ever-widening thought and action
 Into that heaven of freedom, my Father,
 let my country awake



Rabindranath Tagore (7 May 1861 – 7 August 1941) was a Bengali poet and musician. In 1913 he became the first non-European to win the Nobel Prize in Literature. He denounced the British Raj and advocated independence from Britain. His compositions were chosen by two nations as national anthems (India and Bangladesh). He has been called the greatest poet India has produced.

My Prayer Life

When I reflect on my prayer life, I am struck by how the deepest parts of it were formed by acts of repetition. They have three forms the rosary, chotki, and liturgy/daily office. All three took form in the first three decades of my life.

The rosary and Mass are buried deep in the first decade of my life. I do not remember my first communion. I am not sure who taught me to say the rosary. It may have been the Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary or my mother. My younger sister Lisa recalls our mother teaching her how to pray the rosary. For sister it is a memory made more poignant, by her teaching our mother how to pray the rosary after our mother's stroke. I do remember group recitations in October and May in the classroom daily. I do remember being told by the Sisters that reciting the rosary was the spiritual equivalent of weaving crowns of roses for the BVM.

The chotki and the Jesus Prayer came in the second decade of my life. My high school chemistry teacher had for a time studied at a Byzantine Catholic Seminary. I am very grateful to deacon Robert Thanski for introducing me to things Byzantine. Reading booklets about the Jesus Prayer written by Kallistos Ware and a Monk of the Eastern Church began my practice with the chotki. It was in the third decade of my life that I began fully aware of how powerful the repetition of those simple prayers could be. I became aware one morning that the Jesus Prayer was rising from my unconscious.

It was also in the third decade of my life that the Daily Office was added to the reception of the Mass. With the addition of the Daily Office the foundation of my prayer life was complete. *Michael Stroup*



PARISH PROFILE: Wade Dowdell

One Sunday morning in the middle 1980s my better half Lloyd and I were somewhat lost and driving down Fell Street on our way to another church shortly before 11 a.m. when we passed by 261 and I smelled incense and said, "Let's stop here instead!"

I was aware of the Church of the Advent because our Vicar Fr. David Myers had told me of his prior association with it, and I knew Lloyd and I were in for a treat.

I don't think I visited Advent again till 1991, when my incipient career in the computer-speech industry brought me more frequently and regularly to the Bay Area. Over the next few years my attachment to the parish grew and my friendships in the congregation grew closer and more numerous. By late 1995 it was clearly time for me to have my letter sent here from Saint Paul's Sacramento, and here I still happily am.



HIGH MASS SUNDAYS 11:00 AM**11th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday August 5th**

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Allick

Preacher: Fr. Paul Allick

12th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday August 12th

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Allick

Preacher: Fr Alex Martin

Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**High Mass August 15th 6:30 pm**

Celebrant: Fr. Paul Allick

Preacher: Fr. Rod Thompson

13th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday August 19th

Celebrant: Fr. John Porter

Preacher: Fr. Paul Allick

14th Sunday after Pentecost, Sunday August 26th

Celebrant: Fr Alex Martin

Preacher: Fr. John Porter

CONFESSIONS

Sundays 10:30 am

At other times by arrangement

Saturday August 4 12 pm
Our Lady of Walsingham Low Mass**RITE I LOW MASS Saturdays 5 pm****Saturday August 4th**

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr. Rod Thompson

Saturday August 11th

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr. Paul Allick

Saturday August 18th

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr. Rod Thompon

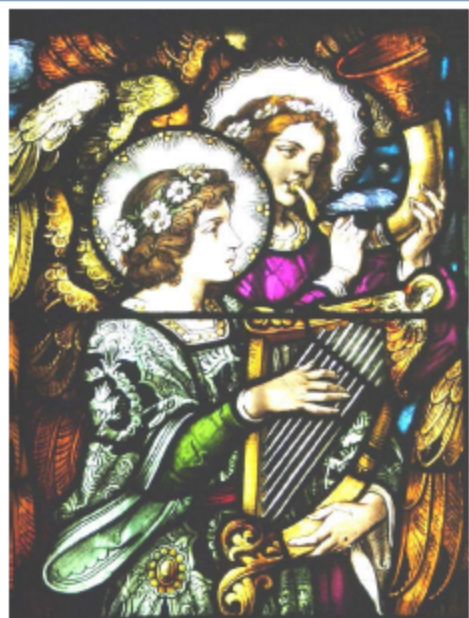
Saturday August 25th

Celebrant & Preacher

Fr. Alex Martin

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 August Ricardo Avila (birthday)
 2 August Thomas Jackson (birthday)
 5 August Stephen Rucker (birthday)
 8 August Sam Cantin (birthday)
 10 August Jennifer Usher (baptism)
 12 August Bonnie Barberini (birthday)
 12 August Claire & Bob Risley (marriage)
 19 August Raymond Buscemi (birthday)
 28 August Kevin Beauregard (birthday)
 28 August William Bonnell (birthday)
 28 August Michael Fullam (birthday)
 28 August John Porter & Thomas Veitch (marriage)

*~ Latin Mass will return in September ~***WEEKDAY LITURGY SCHEDULE**Sunday Low Mass 9 am, Mass at the Episcopal Sanctuary (8th & Howard) 8:30 am

Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri Low Mass 6:30 pm, preceded by Evening Prayer at 6 pm

Wed Low Mass 8 am and 12 pm, Evening Prayer 6 pm

Music News



THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Wednesday, August 15, 2018
Procession & High Mass, 6:30pm

Missa Assumpta est Maria Palestrina
Music by Corrette, Liszt, Parsons, Taverner & Willan

SCHOLA ADVENTUS directed by Dr. Paul Ellison

- Festive reception follows -

*SCHOLA ADVENTUS will return from their summer vacation
on Sunday, September 9 at High Mass.*

*Our new series of SOLEMN EVENSONG & BENEDICTION on Third Sundays
will begin on October 21 at 4pm!*

More details in next month's Sceptre.

Staff

Publisher	Fr. Paul Allick & Vestry	Senior Warden	Tom Veitch
Editor of the Sceptre	Jude Morton	Junior Warden	Sally Schweikert
Associate Editor, Sceptre	William Bonnell	Vestry Members	Aaron Corner
Photographer	Marshal Cousins		David Estrada
Editor of the Orb	Fr. Paul Allick & Pamela Vaughn		Ler Nelson
		Treasurer	Stephen Rucker
			Jack Jensen

Photos: Br. Marshal



CONTENTS

From the Rector	1
Ordination of Isaiah Brokenleg	2
Saint of the Month	3
BCP Jewel, Poetry Corner	4
My Prayer Life, Parish Announcements	5
Liturgical Schedule, Anniversaries	6
Music News	7



CHURCH OF THE ADVENT OF CHRIST THE KING

261 Fell Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-5908

Office: 162 Hickory Street, San Francisco, CA 94102-5908

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

AND NOW FAITH, HOPE, AND LOVE ABIDE, THESE
THREE; AND THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE.

1 CORINTHIANS 13:13