

On the mind of the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser...

When our Music Director first told me about the idea for an Incarnate Jazz event featuring the film *Nosferatu*, I had no idea what he was talking about. Rather than admit my ignorance, I took to the Internet and learned that *Nosferatu* is an iconic 104-year-old silent vampire movie and foundational masterpiece of cinema history that revolutionized the genre of horror. Moreover, it has something to teach us about the Gospel. In fact, in 1995 the Vatican included it on a list of 45 must-see films.

I stopped myself from doing too much research because I wanted to avoid spoilers. This week, I finally got around to watching *Nosferatu* on YouTube. As a side note, the orchestral score is impressive. But I'm far more excited to experience the film enveloped by the haunting power of the church organ!

As for biblical themes, I found the film to be a deeply spiritual meditation on salvation. It offers a cosmic allegory about the nature of sin and the ultimate necessity of self-sacrificial love. The symbolism is overt, so I'm not giving anything away by equating Count Orlok to death, decay, and evil as contagion. His sin is so far-reaching that it becomes systemic rot, a world order corrupted.

I never got scared watching this movie. Never screamed as I normally do at contemporary horror flicks. But I was totally captivated by the eerie echo of the fall of humanity in Genesis 3. Of course, that's not the end of the story.

For the moment, I'll leave it at that. I definitely look forward to reflecting more after the show. Bottom line – Join us in the church for an unforgettable evening of art, faith, and music on Friday, October 30. Come hear the organ roar, watch the shadows fall, and witness the triumph of the Dawn.

TODAY AFTER CHURCH

Today we start building our All Souls Memorial Altar in the Chapel of the Resurrection. We welcome you to add the names of your departed loved ones on slips of paper provided, as well as photos and mementos.

If you wish for the names of your departed loved ones to be read aloud during our services of Holy Eucharist on All Saints' Day, November 1, please email office@churchoftheincarnation.org or call 212-689-6350 ext. 4.

12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Parishioners and visitors are invited to the Parish Dining Room to help make sandwiches for delivery to a nearby homeless shelter. Please join us!

FAMILY FRIDAY

Friday, October 23, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Children and families are invited to the Assembly Hall for Halloween-themed activities, games, and an evening in community. Think: pumpkin painting, glow sticks, and (of course) plenty of candy! We'll also have a pizza dinner and a teaching from Rev. Adrian on the Christian origins of Halloween and what it means to be a "saint" in the Church. Costumes are optional – and encouraged! Email Amanda Bell (abell@churchoftheincarnation.org) for more information and to RSVP.

HALLOWEEN BINGO AT MORAVIAN OPEN DOOR

Saturday, October 24, 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Parishioners are invited to Moravian Open Door (347 E. 18th St.) for a Halloween bingo party with the residents. Be ready for some fun tricks to go along with the treats!

We are seeking donations of \$10-15 gift cards to serve as bingo prizes. Speak to Lenore Ritter to learn more, RSVP, and/or make a donation for this event. *Suggested gift cards: CVS, Target, Starbucks, Chipotle, Subway, Trader Joe's and Whole Foods.*

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday, October 25, 10:00 to 10:40 a.m. The Rev. Adrian Dannhauser leads the third session in a seven-part series on the biblical meaning of redemption: "Redemption of Land and Enslaved Relatives."

OUR BELIEFS, OUR PRACTICES, OUR PARISH

Sunday, October 25, 12:30 to 1:15 p.m. Aimed primarily at helping newcomers and new members integrate into the parish, this three-part class is open to everyone who would like to know more about what our church believes and does. Join the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser in the Parish Dining Room for part three: a discussion about serving the church and serving the world through the church.

NOSFERATU MEETS INCARNATE JAZZ

Friday, October 30, 7:00 to 10:30 p.m. Kick off Halloween weekend with Incarnate Jazz! Sarah Pillow sings selections from her new jazz album, *Wanderer*. Followed by a screening of F. W. Murnau's legendary silent horror film *Nosferatu* (1922), accompanied live by Dr. Kalle Toivio on Incarnation's newly restored Aeolian-Skinner organ. Purchase tickets through Eventbrite by scanning the QR code.



Note: *Complimentary tickets are available for those with a financial hardship. Speak to the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser or email her at adannhauser@churchoftheincarnation.org.*

STEWARDSHIP RECEPTION

Thursday, November 5, 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Join us for this special reception that is part of our 2027 Stewardship Campaign: *Walk in Love*. We'll be joined by the Rev. Canon Claire Woodley, our guest preacher for Commitment Sunday, November 15. Claire will offer some remarks about faithful stewardship, and we'll enjoy drinks, heavy hors d'oeuvres, and musical entertainment. There is no cost to attend. Scan the QR code or call the church to RSVP.



KEEP IT COOL CAMPAIGN

We reached our \$150,000 goal in the *Keep It Cool* capital campaign to replace the AC in the church. Now let's shoot for our \$175,000 "stretch" goal!

- Number of pledgers/donors: **35**
- Total amount pledged: **\$155,389**
- Total amount received: **\$40,346**

Will you help keep the momentum going? Use the pledge card in your pew by filling it out or scanning the QR code. Pick up a letter from the Rector and Wardens at the back of the church to learn more about this capital project to *Keep It Cool* at Incarnation.

EVERY WEEK AT INCARNATION

Sunday Bible Study: Bible Study is held in the Parish House from 10:00 to 10:40 a.m.

Sunday School for Children: During the 11:00 a.m. service, children ages 3 to 9 (pre-K through 4th grade) depart the service with their teacher for Sunday School in the Parish House. Learn more about Family Ministries at Incarnation, including offerings for older children, on the church website.

Tuesday Morning Prayer: Join us on Zoom each Tuesday at 8:00 a.m. for Morning Prayer. Contact the Rev. Adrian Dannhauser or sign up for our weekly email to access the Zoom link.

Wednesday Holy Eucharist: Join us each Wednesday at 12:15 p.m. for this Rite I spoken service of Holy Eucharist, which includes a brief homily, organ music, and healing prayer with holy oil.

Thursday Candlelight Communion: Join us each Thursday at 6:15 p.m. for Candlelight Communion, a service of Holy Eucharist that incorporates chant and silence as well as elements of contemporary worship. This service is informal and contemplative, with music led by a cantor and a brief reflection by one of the clergy. You can also stream this service at youtube.com/churchoftheincarnation.