

St. Ignatius of Antioch

November 29, 2015

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*First Sunday
of Advent*

Candle of

HOPE



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Parochial Administrator

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
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Permanent Deacon

Don Pearson
Director of Music, Organist,
Artist-in-Residence

Frances Rojek
Director of Faith Formation

Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate

Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.
Pastoral Associate

Brian McCoy
Business Manager

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Beverly Iacona
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5 pm (**4 pm Effective Dec. 5**)

Sunday: 8 am & 10 am

Mon., Wed., Fri: 8 am Holy Eucharist

Tue., Thur: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion

Holy Days: 8 am & 7:30 pm

Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Office (925) 778-1631

Sacraments: Contact Parish (925) 778-0768

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30am to 12:30pm

For Ministries, Activities & Outreaches in Parish; see
Parish handbook, available in the Office.



First Sunday of Advent November 29, 2015

I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.
—Jeremiah 33:15

Stewardship

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.”

Stewardship of Treasure

Weekend Offering for November 14-15

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$6,980.00
EFT.....	\$620.00
Mail.....	\$561.60
Total for week.....	\$8,161.60
Excess (Shortfall).....	(\$4,338.40)

Parking Lot (Monthly Goal: 5,000)

Donations this week.....\$129.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week.....\$3,687.00
 New Building Fund Balance..... \$819,156.09

Looking Ahead



November 28-29 - Kickoff for the Annual Giving Tree project. Watch for details.

December 5 - Annual St. Nicholas Dinner sponsored by our Social Events Committee. Tickets on sale now! See page 6.

December 5 - Time Change. Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm.

December 5-6 - Coat drive at all Liturgies. See page 7.

December 12 - Breakfast with Santa. See page 7.

December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe Feast Day Celebration at the Saturday Vigil Liturgy. See page 6.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 29 - First Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Giving Tree - choose an angel, return a gift
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales-after 8 & 10 am liturgies
- Second Collection - Parish Assessment

Monday, November 30

- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED

Tuesday, December 1

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- Environment Meets - 10 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 11 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation for Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 2

- Eucharist - 8 am and Novena following
- Faith Formation - Grades 2, 4 & 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 3

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- G.I.F.T. - 8:45 to 11 am with Frances, Peter & Jeanne - Parish Hall
- Bible Sharing - 9:30 to 11 am - Church
- “What Catholics Really Believe” - 7:30 pm - Office
- No Confirmation I & II class
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 4

- Eucharist - 8 am
- No Adoration due to Funeral Liturgy

Saturday, December 5

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm (New Time)
- Birthday Blessing - 4 pm Liturgy
- Giving Tree - choose an angel, return a gift
- Confirmation Class Coat Drive
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan
- St. Nicholas Dinner - after 4 pm Liturgy - Parish Hall

Sunday, December 6 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - 8 am and 10 am liturgies
- Giving Tree - choose an angel, return a gift
- Confirmation Class Coat Drive
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan

Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

Joshua Baquera	Lorraine Lohmeier	Marilyn Syliangco
Rocco Battaglia	Karen Narberes	Peter Villalpando
Archbishop Brunett	Al Perez	
Melanie Castillo	Jack Pyne	
Susan Fleming	Philip Silangil	
Nathan Galli	Paul Syliangco	

Members of our Parish Family who are in the Military, hospitals, nursing homes, shut-ins and all those who have no one to pray for them.

Readings for the Week

Monday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec. 5th & Dec. 6th

5 pm: **Lectors**-Susan Batterton, Corrine Bielejeski; **Head Cup**-Melodye Costanza; **Head Host**- Sharon Simpson; **Host**-Nancy DiMaggio, Carol Fanfa, Bernice Campbell, Pam Confetti; **Cup**-David Simpson, Mary Ng, Kevin Daley, M.J. Nagtalon, Forrest Towe; **Server**-Padraig Tiongson

8 am: **Lectors**-Matthew Bajet, Peter Degl'Innocenti; **Head Cup**-Vianney Mendoza, **Head Host**-Jenawati Kwa; **Host**- Kathleen Hayakawa, Diane Hack, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Cup**-Mary Kendrick, Peggy Lennan, Ruth Beck, Jeannine Ford, Pat Dunleavy; **Servers**-Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: **Lectors**- Rose Necor, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso; **Head Cup**-Steven Andreatta; **Head Host**-Jane Sharpe; **Host**-Samantha Peralto, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell, Yvette Young; **Cup**-Sharon Cissell, Harlan Young, Cynthia Enrique, Reyna Garcia, Lee Oliver; **Servers**-Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. George Presiding and Preaching on Saturday

Fr. Robert Presiding and Fr. George Preaching on Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Inocencio Papa †
Sun. 8:00 am	Samuel Azurin †
Sun. 10:00 am	Ernesto Luis Enrique †
Mon. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Tues. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Wed. 8:00 am	Lucille Anderson †
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Dave Sommer, Katherine Kramer and William Joyce**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting the following food items:



- 1 lb. bag of White Rice
- 15 oz. can of Peaches
- 5 oz. can of Tuna

Donations may be dropped off at all weekend liturgies. Thank you for your continued support of this important outreach project.

Christmas Baskets



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul will take calls to reserve Christmas Food Baskets as follows:

- 8 am - noon and 1 pm - 4 pm on Monday, November 30th and Tuesday, December 1st.

English 925.757.7450

Spanish: 925.757.0941

Distribution will take place on Friday, December 18th between 9 am and noon at the Holy Rosary gymnasium.

Limited to the first 300 callers. The phone numbers above are the only numbers to call for reservations. If the line is busy, hang up an try again.

Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be starting soon! Any baptized adult (18 years of age or older) who wishes to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith needs to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This will allow you to act as a godparent at baptisms and be eligible for other ministries and callings within the Catholic Church.

Anyone wishing to receive this sacrament should contact Pastoral Associate, Peter Degl'Innocenti at: (925) 756-6172 as soon as possible for further details.

Carondelet High School Reminder

Attention families of 8th grade girls: Carondelet High School applications for the class of 2020 are due on Friday, December 4th!

For more information, you can log on to the website at www.carondelet.net or contact the admissions office at admissions@carondeleths.org or call (925) 686-5353.

Concert at St. Bonaventure

The St. Bonaventure Church Resurrection Choir and Friends, along with a small orchestra, will be performing "Emmanuel: God With Us: A Contemporary Lessons and Carols" as well as the famous "Hallelujah Chorus" **Friday, December 4, 7:30 p.m. at St. Bonaventure Church in Concord.** For more information please call the parish office at 672-5800.

YLI Needs Your Help

YLI is collecting travel size shampoos, conditioners, hand lotion, shower soaps, toothpastes (sample size from your dentist) & toothbrushes. Also mouthwash & hand sanitizer which **must be alcohol free**. A collection box will be placed in the Narthex from November 14th through December 6th. The ladies of Y.L.I. will be making gift bags which will include the toiletries as well as new socks, fresh fruit and cookies. Your generosity will be appreciated by those with a greater need in our community. Thank you,

Committee Chairperson, Jeannine Ford

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Let us all be thankful for the gift of our vocation. Learn how to enrich our vocation of Marriage or Holy Orders by attending and enrichment made just for you.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekend is February 26-28, 2016. Early registration is recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Mobile Mall

The upcoming distribution dates for Mobile Mall will be as follows:

Saturday, December 12th
Turner Elementary School on Delta Fair Blvd.
10 am to 12 Noon

Friday, December 18th
Holy Rosary Gymnasium
(St. Vincent de Paul clothes & food give-away)
10 am to 12 Noon

Diocese of Oakland Adult Formation

We cannot give what we ourselves do not have. Parish ministry leaders, catechists, school teachers and parents are invited to the newly renovated Saint Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry. Classes meet one Saturday a month. The entire program is three years. If you're hesitating, "come and see" by auditing up to three courses. And if you are a graduate of the program, come back and take a new course or retake one with a new instructor at half price.

Spring 2016 courses offerings are: Old Testament, Christian Prayer and Spirituality, the Sacraments, and the Creed: Part I (Trinity, Jesus Christ, and the Paschal Event). Each course provides 12.5 hours of ongoing adult education. The fee per course is \$120. Click here for more information <http://www.oakdiocese.org/ministries-formation/adult-faith-formation/spm> or contact Sandra Martinez at 510-267-8371. Deadline to register is December 18th.

Check out our SPM Facebook page and view our video with Bishop Barber's endorsement!

St. Joseph's Missals Have Arrived!!

If you would like to purchase a St. Joseph Missal for the new liturgical year through the parish, contact the parish office. The cost is \$3.50 each.

Justice Corner—

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Thanksgiving is a time of remembrance and gratitude for our families, the roof over our heads and the food in our refrigerators, but, it is also a time to be in solidarity with those who do not have basic necessities or whose lives are tossed about by violence and terror. All of us wonder how safe we really are with bombs exploding planes and music concerts being destroyed by the act of a few. It is easy to blame a group and so the cycle of violence increases. Here is what we can do: 1. Pray for those whose lives were touched directly by these acts. 2. Confront others who simply blame another group (the Muslims, the Syrians, etc). One of the most disturbing things of the past week was to hear one of our congresspersons advocate to take only Christian Syrian refugees into the United States and not others. Men women and children are fleeing Syria because they are not safe in the current civil war there. Jesus' compassion does not discriminate, but reaches out to all who are suffering.

The night walk against Violence is our attempt to witness against such acts in our own neighborhood. We will again meet at Antioch Church Family at 6:30 on Friday, Dec. 11 and walk to Cavallo and 18th. Currently there are about four churches participating from three different cities. We chant, "We deserve to be alive and free" and cars respond by beeping their horns. About ¾'s of the cars respond. People recognize the witness we are giving. Please join us.

Poverty and homelessness create another kind of violence. The School District estimates that there are between 3-400 school homeless children in the District. There are many efforts in Antioch to assist people in such need. We commend the work of council person, Mary Rocha, our parishioner, who is helping to move the following projects along. The Delta View Apartments on Delta Fair Blvd are being refurbished for low income families. Low income seniors will soon be able to sign up with the county for the apartments at James Donlon and Contra Loma. We are already helping with the Antioch Shelter Project to be built near the county social service office near Los Medanos College.

On Tuesday, Dec. 8th There will be free legal consultations for those needed help with felony/misdemeanors under Prop 47, reduction of traffic fines (traffic amnesty), and housing foreclosure issues. The event is at Antioch Church Family, 55 E. 18th at 6:30. A light supper is provided by CCISCO.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Let the music play on! It seems like just last week, we were treated to the musical genius of Don Pearson's rendition for *Phantom of the Opera* and his craftsmanship involving the music for All Saints Day and All Souls Day. Now, I can't help but report on the Concert for Heroic Music for Brass, Organ, and Timpani.

Don arranged to have selected members of the San Francisco Symphony come to Antioch and join him for this celebrated occasion. The guest musicians included two trumpeters, two trombonists, and a timpanist with a variety of drums, cymbals, and other percussion instruments.

In all, about a dozen pieces were played with appropriate breaks throughout the presentation. In my humble opinion some of the pieces that shone brightly that evening were: *Nimrod* by Edward Elgar, *Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring* by J.S. Bach (Who plays Bach better than Don?), *Festival Prelude* by Marc-Antoine Charpentier, *Rondeau* by J. Mouret, *Trumpet Tune* by Henry Purcell, *Praise God with the Drums and Cymbals* by Sigfried Karg-Elert, and *Solemn Procession* by Richard Strauss.

If you didn't attend, you should have heard the uncontrollable Ooohs and Ahhhs from the people as they recognized J. Mouret's *Rondeau* as the theme music from British Television's *Masterpiece Theater*. Again there were hints of musical elements we've heard before, especially when Strauss' *Solemn Procession* was played. At its beginning, we hear musical phrases that are found in his work *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* or better known as the main theme music from the movie *2001: A Space Odyssey*. Bold and beautiful is all I can say about that wonderful performance.

The entire evening was a magnificent display of quality musicianship that can only come from a life-time of dedicated practice and competitive selection. All of this was provided free-of-charge, paid by Don himself and only compensated for by the generosity of our free-will offerings after the performance was done. It seems that Don is not only a great musician, but also one of our great humanitarians as well.

As Groucho Marx said to the conductor in the movie *A Night at the Opera*, I also say to our beloved Mr. Pearson, "Play, Don."

Prosciutto de Pietro

Pastoral Prosciutto for your Christmas table

Purchase tickets for a chance at one pound of prosciutto expertly cured by our own Peter Degl'Innocenti.

Tickets: \$5 each or 5 for \$20. On sale after all Liturgies and from the parish office.

Proceeds benefit our New Building Fund

Drawing takes place at the St. Nicholas Dinner on December 5th.

Our Lady of Guadalupe



Patroness of the Americas

Feast Day
December 12, 2015

Join us on December 12 at the Saturday Vigil Liturgy as St. Ignatius of Antioch parish honors Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of the Americas.

Reception hosted by our Guadalupana Society follows immediately in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.



The 5th Sunday Rosary

Join the Knights of Columbus
This Sunday
7:30 am In the Grotto

Join us on January 31, 2016 and May 29, 2016 too.



Breakfast with Santa

Saturday December 12th

9:00 AM – 12 Noon

Pancakes - Sausage – Juice
Milk – Coffee

Pictures with Santa

Breakfast & Picture with Santa:
\$5 per person

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall



St. Nicholas Dinner:
A Vintage Christmas

Saturday Evening
December 5, 2015
After Vigil Liturgy
\$30.00

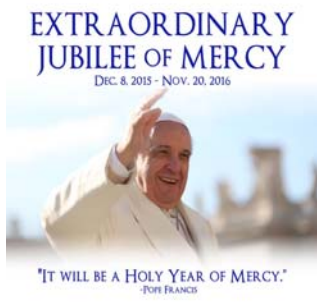
St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall

Menu:
Barbecued Tri Tip &
Chicken breast
French cut beans
with bacon
Rice with vegetables
Salad
Bread and Butter
Dessert.

Limited Seating!
Get Your Tickets NOW!
(Adults Only)

Don't forget to bring your bells to welcome St. Nicholas!

This event is sponsored by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee with our Knights of Columbus



**EXTRAORDINARY
JUBILEE OF MERCY**
DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016

**Year of Mercy
Begins
December 8,
2015**

"IT WILL BE A HOLY YEAR OF MERCY."
-POPE FRANCIS



**Cocktail Party to
Benefit St. Ignatius of
Antioch
Hosted by Theresa
and Joe Nelms**

Sunday, December 13th, 4 - 8 pm

**Cost: \$50 per person
\$100 per couple**

**Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Operating
Account**

**Space is limited! Call the parish office for
reservations and directions.**





Coat Drive

**Bring a jacket or coat in good
condition to Church on the
weekend of December 5 & 6.**

**All sizes needed – Adult or Child
Before or after Mass**

**All coats will be given to those in our community
who need one for the coming cold weather.**

Sponsored by our Confirmation Class



**Adult Formation
Series Continue**

GROW IN FAITH TOGETOGETHER

**Have you ever thought that it is too late in life to begin
or continue learning about God, Jesus, and the Holy
Spirit? Have you ever wanted to know more about the
bible but weren't sure where to begin? Want to learn
some basics at a comfortable pace and ask questions as
we go along?**

**Join Us:: Thursdays at 8:45 am immediately
following the Communion Service**

For more details, contact Frances Rojek at 778-1631.

WHAT CATHOLICS REALLY BELIEVE

**A fabulously insightful, illuminating, and, at
times, entertaining dialogue between Dr. Ray
Guarendi and Reverend Kevin Fete as they
explore common misunderstandings of
Catholicism. Join us at 7:30 pm in the Parish
Office on December 3rd. Contact Harlan- 925-754
-8451 or Frances- 925-778-1631.**



**Keep Christ
in Christmas**

**To start the 2015 Christmas
season, the Knights of
Columbus of St. Ignatius of Antioch will be selling
"Keep Christ in Christmas" car magnets this year.**

**The magnets will be on sale in the gathering plaza
this weekend November 28 and 29.**

Cost: \$5.00 each.

**All proceeds will support Knights' upcoming
projects.**

