

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 6, 2015

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Second Sunday of Advent Candle of Peace



EXTRAORDINARY JUBILEE OF MERCY

DEC. 8, 2015 - NOV. 20, 2016



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

Fr. Robert K. Rien
Parochial Administrator

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
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 Christmas Liturgy Schedule - pg. 4

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
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, 2:45 to 3:30 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.



Second Sunday of Advent December 6, 2015

God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.
—Baruch 3:7

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 21-22

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$6,894.00
EFT.....	\$3,195.00
Mail.....	\$951.75
Total for week.....	\$11,040.75
Excess (Shortfall).....	(\$1,459.25)

Parking Lot (Monthly Goal: 5,000)

Donations this week.....\$120.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$916.00
 New Building Fund Balance..... \$820,027.09

Looking Ahead



Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule - Complete schedule on page 4.

December 12 - Breakfast with Santa. See page 6.

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

Note Date & Time Change

December 20 - Lessons and Carols featuring Don Pearson and our Choir and Cantors. 3 pm. Reception follows immediately. See page 6.

January 2, 2016 - Start the New Year with your friends playing BINGO in our parish hall. See page 7 for details.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 6– Second Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - 8 am and 10 am liturgies
- Giving Tree - return gifts by Dec. 13th
- Confirmation Class Coat Drive
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan

Monday, December 7

- Eucharist – 8 am
- No SPRED this month

Tuesday, December 8

- Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - 8 am, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm Liturgies
- No Faith Formation Classes

Wednesday, December 9

- Eucharist - 8 am and Novena following
- No Faith Formation Classes

Thursday, December 10

- 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
- No Confirmation I & II class
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 11

- Eucharist - 8 am
- Pastoral Council Meeting - offsite - 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

- Breakfast with Santa– 9am to noon - Parish Hall
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm** - Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration with reception to follow (**note New Time**)
- Giving Tree Collection
- Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Giving Tree Collection
- Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious

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	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec. 12th & Dec. 13th

5 pm: **Lectors**-Francis Rojek, Steve Rojek; **Head Cup**-Clem Bushman; **Head Host**-Melodye Costanza; **Host**-Mary Angelica Cayaban, Rowena Cayaban, Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup**-Pam Confetti, Kevin Daley, M.J. Nagtalon, Mary Ng, Forrest Towe; **Server**-Padraig Tiongson

8 am: **Lectors**-Cory Cook, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup**-Frank Kauer; **Head Host**-Nick Suarez; **Host**-MaryJo Keister, Rick Howell, Jeanne Reilly, Ruth Beck; **Cup**-Sue Howell, Crispina Malonosan, Jeannine Ford, Pat Dunleavy, Monika Kauer; **Servers**-Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: **Lectors**-Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup**-Amante Asuncion; **Head Host**-Gloria Olvera; **Host**-Danielle Herrera, Rhoda Herrera, Cecelia Kennedy, Nancy Santos; **Cup**-Dilcia Aparicio, Gloria Asuncion, Cecil Jemera, Shirley Jemera, Al Necor; **Servers**-Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Preaching and Presiding

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Samuel Azurin †
Sun. 10:00 am	Dennis Mutulo †
Mon. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Tues. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Wed. 8:00 am	Minnie McFarlan †
Thur. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Fri. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Kenny Meniatís, Florentina Valdez and Marilyn McNamee**. 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:



Macaroni & Cheese - 7oz. box
Canned Peaches - 15 oz can
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.

Stand in Solidarity with Syrian Refugees

In the wake of the tragic events in Paris on November 12, 2015, Catholic Charities of the East Bay urges the community to stand in solidarity with the hundreds of thousands of Syrians and others displaced by the violence in their homeland.

While this is a complex issue, we urge our community to avoid the impulse to blame all refugees for the actions of terrorist organizations. They, too, are victims of violence and persecution and seek a place of safety and freedom. Instead, let us stand firm and serve the marginalized, just as we pray for continued healing and safety in our communities.

We urge you to take action TODAY! Call Steve Mullin at (510) 768-3165 or email smullin@cceb.org. You can also visit the website at: <http://www.cceb.org/2015/11/take-action-stand-in-solidarity-with-syrian-refugees/>.

Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

December 24, Christmas Eve

- **4:00 pm** Family Mass – The Children tell the story of Christmas
- **10:00 pm** The Solemn Mass of Christmas Night – Procession, Incense, The Parish Choir and Organ

December 25, Christmas Day

- **9:00 am** The Mass At Dawn – Procession, Incense, Cantors and Organ
- **11:00 am** The Mass of Christmas Day – Procession, Incense, The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ

December 26, The Feast of the Holy Family

- **4:00 pm** Saturday Vigil

December 27, The Feast of the Holy Family

- **8:00 am** and **10:00 am**

December 31, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Eve

- **5:00 pm** Vigil Mass

January 1, 2016, Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, New Year's Day, the World Day of Prayer for Peace

- **11:00 am** Solemn Mass of New Year's Day – Procession, Incense, The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ

January 2, 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany

- **4:00 pm** Vigil Mass

January 3, 2016, Solemnity of the Epiphany

- **8:00 am** and **10:00 am** – Procession, Incense, Procession of the Three Kings, The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ

January 9, 2016, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- **4:00 pm** Vigil Mass – Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling Rite

January 10, 2016, The Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

- **8:00 am** and **10:00 am** – Procession, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling Rite – The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ

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

Adult Confirmation Classes

Adult Confirmation Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be starting soon! Anyone wishing to receive this sacrament should contact Pastoral Associate, Peter Degl'Innocenti at:(925) 756-6172 as soon as possible.

The 2016 Catholic Calendars are here!

We have received the 2016 Catholic Calendars from the Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services. This year's calendar has a wonderful picture of Pope Francis on the front.

Please note that the Vigil Service still shows as 5:00 pm on Saturday, but we will be starting our Saturday Vigil at 4:00 pm as has been announced over the last few weeks.

The calendars will be out this weekend in the narthex, so please stop by and pick one up for your home. Only one per family please so that everyone may get one. Thank you!!

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.

Catholic Social Services



**Know someone in need?
Not sure how to help?**

Check out **FAITH IN ACTION**, the Catholic Social Services

Directory created by Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

Web address: FAITHINACTIONOAKDIOCESE.ORG.

This online resource can be accessed on your smart-phone or your home computer and offers detailed information about social service agencies in Contra Costa and Alameda Counties, including referral contact points.

Winter Nights Shelter



Save the dates. St. Ignatius of Antioch is partnering with 6 other East County faith communities to host the Winter Nights Family Shelter from February 15 through

February 29, 2016. The planning for this outreach has just started. Watch the bulletin for volunteer opportunities.

Jubilee Year of Mercy Starts Dec. 8



Pope Francis has officially proclaimed the upcoming Jubilee Year of Mercy calling on the entire Catholic church to refashion itself as a place not of judgment or condemnation but of pardon

and merciful love. In the convoking the year, which will begin December 8, 2015, the pontiff stated that the church's "very credibility is seen in how she shows merciful and compassionate love." "Perhaps we have long since forgotten how to show and live the way of mercy." "The temptation ... to focus exclusively on justice made us forget that this is only the first, albeit necessary and indispensable step." "The time has come for the Church to take up the joyful call to mercy once more."

The parish website has links to Vatican, U.S. Bishops and the Oakland Diocese Year of Mercy resource pages. Just click on the Year of Mercy link on the Home Page.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Happy New Year! Yes, we are in our new liturgical year and as Catholics, we can now wish each other a Happy New Year. Strangely, this seems to be one time when we are ahead of the secular world. When Christmas displays were hitting the stores before Halloween and Thanksgiving, we hadn't even entered into Advent yet. It's kind of good to get the early word in and celebrate a Christian new year before the rest of the world celebrates a celestial new year.

Our liturgical year ends with the solemnity of Christ the King and the new year begins with the first day of Advent, but there isn't a distinct "New Year's Day" celebration on the Catholic calendar. It seems that it's up to us as individuals to celebrate the day as a personal tradition. Families might start to get together to celebrate the new year. Word of the "new" holiday may pass from ear to ear and thus start a parish or deanery-wide tradition. It could snowball into something genuinely big. Just take a look at "Black Friday."

Black Friday has taken on a life of its own. It was once a slang term accountants used to refer to when the red ink of debt on the ledgers would change to black ink showing profit. Of course, that day was variable for each business, but came to represent the Friday after Thanksgiving when "early bird" shoppers would beat the crowds and buy Christmas gifts before retailers raised prices.

Now, that one day has become a season unto itself with the near full status of being a holiday, and the crowds are horrendous to navigate. So, if people can make a holiday out of shopping perhaps we can make a holiday out of celebrating a new year in Christ.

It may take years to effect any kind of a consensus about a New Year's celebration, but tradition is one of the basic differences between Catholics and other Christian denominations. Tradition can change the way we and other people look at this particular time of the year. Standing firm in our faith and being aware of the seasons and times of the Church gives us the freedom to celebrate any time or day we want in love of Christ. We should celebrate every day as a new day of love, forgiveness, charity, and **mercy**.

We celebrate many different years of special commemorations, but each year and all years should be proudly held in our hearts as another **Anno Domini**, a Year of the Lord, for our time and all time and life come from Him.



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Cookbooks

On Sale Now!

Cost: \$20.

Over 100 pages of recipes contributed by your fellow parishioners.

Great Christmas Gift Idea.

All proceeds benefit our Building Fund

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.



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



Christmas

Lessons & Carols

Friday, December 18, 2015

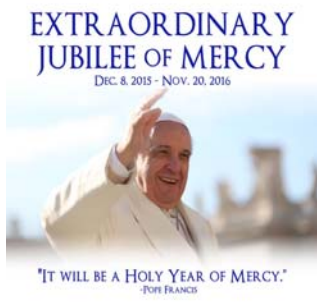
8:00 P.M.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

This liturgy of Seven Lessons tells the Story of Christmas through the great carols, anthems, and scripture passages of the Season. Under the direction of Don Pearson, the St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Choir will sing some of the most beautiful music of the Christmas Season

The Seven Lessons:

1. Adam & Eve Rebel Against God
2. Look East, Salvation is at Hand
3. The Preaching of John the Baptist
4. A New Covenant is Promised
5. The Lord Will Be Among Us
6. God Promises a New Heaven & a New Earth
7. The Angel Gabriel is Sent to Mary



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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



**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.



Start the New Year With:

BINGO!

Saturday, January 2, 2016
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Doors open at 11:30 am.
Lunch at noon.
Games begin at 12:45 pm.

10 regular games; \$100 payout each.
Specials!

\$25 per person includes lunch and 10 games.
Daubers: \$1

Tickets available after weekend liturgies, December 19-20 and 26-27 or by calling Steve at (925)642-2329

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27	49	63	
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75

Thanksgiving 2015

Over 200 Baskets were donated this year!

Thank you for your support of this annual outreach coordinated by St. Vincent de Paul.

51 baskets were contributed by our adopted Catholic school, St. Peter Martyr in Pittsburg.