

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 13, 2015

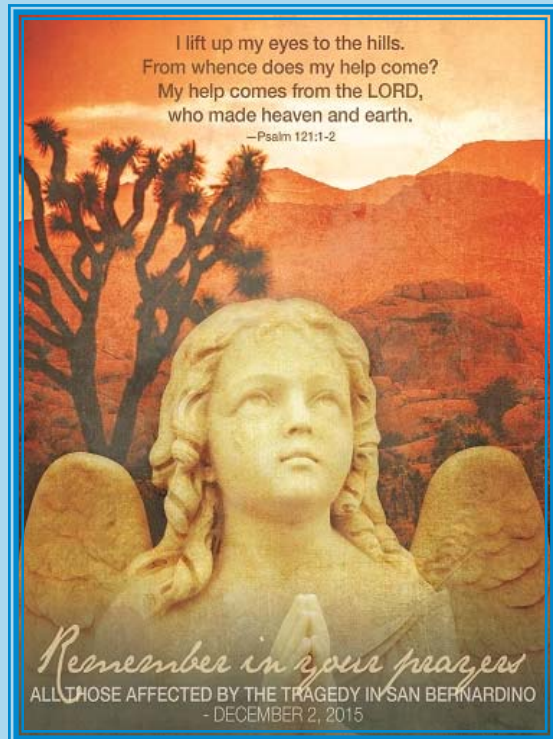
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Third Sunday of Advent Candle of Joy



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Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
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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

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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.



Third Sunday of Advent December 13, 2015

With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
—Isaiah 12:3

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 26-27

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$6,634.00
EFT.....	\$620.00
Mail.....	\$262.60
Total for week.....	\$7,516.60
Excess (Shortfall).....	(\$4,983.40)

Parking Lot (Monthly Goal: 5,000)

Donations this week..... \$80.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$445.00
 New Building Fund Balance..... \$820,456.34

Looking Ahead



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

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

December 24, Christmas Eve -
Family Mass – 4 pm.
Solemn Mass of Christmas Night – 10 pm.

December 25, Christmas Day
9:00 am The Mass At Dawn - 9 am.
Mass of Christmas Day – 11 am

Complete Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule on page 4.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 13 - Third Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 14

- Eucharist – 8 am
- No SPRED this month

Tuesday, December 15

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

Wednesday, December 16

- Eucharist - 8 am and Novena following
- Silver & Gold Sept.-Dec. Birthday/Anniversary Breakfast - After 8 am Liturgy & Novena
- Faith Formation - Grades 2, 4 & 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 17

- 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
- Confirmation I & II class - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 18

- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, December 19

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm (note New Time)

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- A Festival of Lessons & Carols for Christmas - 3 pm - Reception to Follow

Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera	Karen Narberes	Marilyn Syliangco
Rocco Battaglia	Al Perez	Peter Villalpando
Archbishop Brunett	Jack Pyne	
Melanie Castillo	Philip Silangil	
Susan Fleming	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	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9; Mt 21:23-27
Tuesday	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
Wednesday	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 7:18b-23
Thursday	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Friday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Saturday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec. 19th & Dec. 20th

4 pm: **Lectors**- Steven Rojek, Therese Kain; **Head Cup**-David Simpson; **Head Host**- Clem Bushman; **Host**-Marla Plurkowski, Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio, Carol Fanfa ; **Cup**-Sharon Simpson, Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza, Kevin Daley, M. J. Nagtalon **Server**-Padraig Tiongson

8 am: **Lectors**-Terese M. Stanek, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup**-Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**-Pat Dunleavy; **Host**- Stan Stanek, MaryJo Keister, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup**-Mary Kendrick, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennon, Ruth Beck, Jeannine Ford; **Servers**-Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: **Lectors**- Rey Dollete, Sr., Gary Milano; **Head Cup**-Carol Dollete; **Head Host**-Lesley Eubanks; **Host**-Estrella Rusk, Bobby Zabroski, Steven Andreatta, Helga Boardman; **Cup**-Cynthia Enrique, Reyna Garcia, Lee Oliver, Samantha Peralto, Jane Sharpe; **Servers**-Alessandra Necor, Lorenzo Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding and Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Michael Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Juan Vera †
Mon. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Tues. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Wed. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Thur. 8:00 am	Joseph Russo †
Fri. 8:00 am	Frank & Carmen Vetrano †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Alfred Blaker and Linda Glenn**. 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
Pork & Beans - 15oz can

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

- **4:00 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:

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! 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.

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

Update on Antioch Shelter Project: Gary Kingsbury who spoke to us last month has sent an update on the Antioch Shelter Project. He is grateful for all our volunteers. Activities for a permanent emergency shelter move forward. The pro-bono architect is meeting with the city regarding the design of the building for a 50 bed shelter on the Delta Fair properties near the Social Service Agency and Los Medanos College. ASP is also working with the Antioch Unified School District to identify the needs of the 300-400 school children and their families who are homeless. You can help in the following ways:

- Volunteer to help with the neighborhood outreach.
- Volunteer to help with emergency sheltering when the weather is cold. Some churches have offered their space, but volunteers are needed to offer food and welcoming.
- Pray for those whose lives are without a home this winter and for the efforts of Gary and his team.

God has begun to move through the churches of the Delta and inspired them to become engaged in issues of poverty, homelessness and vulnerable youth and children. St. Ignatius is happy to be a part of this effort. You can reach Gary through the website: antiochcasherter.org.

Advent Thoughts on Justice and Mercy: As we open the doors to the Year of Mercy, there are so many possibilities for us to practice the corporal and spiritual works of Mercy for 2016. I will be writing on the works of Mercy in the New Year and offering ideas for ways we can practice Mercy each month. You have responded so graciously to the families who were on the Adopt a Family tree. All ornaments were taken by the end of services. As you buy gifts for these children, remember to be thankful that you have discretionary funds to answer their and your own family's needs this Christmas. Find ways to give outside your home to those who are suffering. Make sure your children are involved. Do at least one project before Christmas that shares what you have with those in need. If you need an idea, contact interfaithccc.org, who operates Winter Nights Shelter.

It is not by accident that the Year of Mercy was begun on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. There are many reasons to honor Mary, but one of them is that she is a mother to her Son, the Apostles and disciples, and to us. Mothers are filled with Mercy toward their children. In the many devotions that honor her, mercy and healing are part of her response to the needs of the world. For the women of our parish, be a mother of mercy in your own home and to all those around you. For the men, notice and honor the women around you who practice mercy in your family and neighborhood. Thank them for all they do to make your lives content.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Christmas will be just around the corner, but those who attended the St. Nicholas Dinner had a foretaste of things to come. All the festive trappings associated with well-appointed table arrangements for the holiday were in full force that evening.

This year's theme for the decorating of tables was "Vintage". That can cover a lot of ground since some people consider the 50's and 60's vintage years (does that mean I'm "vintage" too?). So, anything from the first Christmas to just a few decades ago was fair game for decorating the tables, and decorated they were!

Some of the most beautiful table arrangements I've ever seen were there for everyone to behold. I mean, some of these tables were better decorated than some of the fancy displays I've seen in the biggest department stores that sell holiday tableware. Everything was a marvel to behold; the colors, the centerpieces, the figurines and garlands, the lights, the aroma of scented candles, and the scenic plates, too, were awe inspiring. As I wandered between the tables, admiring them, I was reminded of when I was little; how the family used to drive through the neighborhood looking at all the magically lighted and decorated houses.

What's a dinner without food? The food was absolutely outstanding! Dave Costanza and the kitchen crew once again came through with a most delectable array of culinary delights that had people saying such things as "I could have eaten the salad for my entire dinner" and "Only once a year do I get to taste beef this good." Now, if people are saying things like this, you know the dinner is well worth the price of a ticket. But as the commercial says...there's more! There's St. Nicholas!

As is the tradition, St. Nicholas arrived to a clamor of bell ringing and cheers. No one else waves to a crowd like St. Nick does. It is as unique and as identifying as the Queen of England's wave. With the arrival of St. Nick, the auction and ensuing hilarity began. The well humored bidding wars ensured that everyone could join in on the fun even when the bidding got too steep for most. Those bidders that won their chosen lots contributed most generously to the financial success of the dinner and to the financial health of the parish.

A great salute of thanks goes to everyone involved from the first step of planning to the last bit of cleanup. And a special thanks to all who attended for the first time. Let this St. Ignatius of Antioch tradition become your tradition.



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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



Christmas at the Rectory

Join Father Robert at the Rectory on Sunday, December 27 for fellowship, great food, and Christmas cheer!

The Rectory will be open from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your favorite appetizer (hot or cold) to share.

This is a wonderful way for us to be together and to continue celebrating God's wondrous gift of the Word made Flesh in Jesus.

Start the New Year With:

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

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

Doors open at 11:00 am.
Lunch at 11:30 am.
Games begin at 12:15 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

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

Silver & Gold Breakfast

For those celebrating either birthdays or anniversaries during September, October, November and December.

Wednesday December 16
9:00 am

(In the Parish Hall after the 8:00 am morning Mass)

Please RSVP to Frances Rojek or Maryann Peddicord at 778-0768





Christmas
Lessons & Carols
Sunday December 20, 2015
3:00 P.M.
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
3351 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, CA 94509

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 to help us prepare for the Christmas Feast.



The Seven Lessons:
Adam & Eve Rebel Against God
Look East, Salvation is at Hand
The Preaching of John the Baptist
A New Covenant is Promised
The Lord Will Be Among Us
God Promises a New Heaven & a New Earth
The Angel Gabriel is Sent to Mary

Reception follows in the Parish Hall.
A free will offering is requested.