

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 20, 2015

Address: 3351 Contra Loma Boulevard, Antioch CA 94509-5468

Parish Office: (925) 778-0768 ● Fax: (925) 778-0845 ● Faith Formation: (925) 778-1631 ● Rectory: (925) 470-3253

E-mail: st.ignatius@sbcglobal.net ● Website: www.stignatiusofantioch.org

● facebook: www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

*Fourth Sunday
of Advent*

Candle of

LOVE



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.



Fourth Sunday of Advent December 20, 2015

*O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted.
Psalm 80:15-16*

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 December 5-6

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$7,051.29
EFT.....	\$2,570.00
Mail.....	\$631.00
Total for week.....	\$10,252.29
Excess (Shortfall).....	(\$2,247.71)

Parking Lot (Monthly Goal: 5,000)

Monthly payment-Dec.....	\$5,000.00
Shortfall - from General Operating.....	(\$939.42)
Second Collection.....	\$3,747.33

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week.....	\$1,596.00
New Building Fund Balance.....	\$822,052.34

Looking Ahead



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.

January 2, 2016 - Start the New Year with your friends playing BINGO in our parish hall. See page 6 for details.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, December 20 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 21

- Eucharist – 8 am
- No SPRED this month

Tuesday, December 22

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- No Faith Formation - Christmas Break
- Knights of Columbus Meet - 7:45 pm to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, December 23

- Eucharist - 8 am and Novena following
- No Faith Formation - Christmas Break
- Family To Family Meeting - 6:30 to 7:30 pm - Office

Thursday, December 24

- Christmas Eve Liturgies - 4 pm and 10 pm
- Office Closed

Friday, December 25 - Christmas Day

- Christmas Day Liturgies - 9 am and 11 am
- Office Closed

Saturday, December 26

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm (*note New Time*)

Sunday, December 27 - Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Christmas at the Rectory - 3 pm to 7 pm

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	Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Tuesday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Wednesday	Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
Thursday	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
Friday	Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
Saturday	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
Sunday	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec. 26th & Dec. 27th

4 pm: Lectors— Susan Batterton, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup**—Pam Confetti; **Head Host**— Melodye Costanza; **Host**—Fran Barbanica, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Forrest Towe, Daniella Herrera; **Cup**—Bill Barbanica, Rowena Cayaban, Mary Ng, Rhoda Herrera, Clem Bushman; **Server**—Padraig Tionson

8 am: Lectors—Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup**—Sue Howell; **Head Host**—Crispina Malonosan; **Host**—Theresa Stanek, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jeanne Reilly; **Cup**—Stan Stanek, Rick Howell, Nick Suarez, Ruth Beck, Pat Dunleavy; **Servers**—Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: Lectors— Rose Necor, Cecil Jemera; **Head Cup**—Amante Asuncion; **Head Host**—Dilcia Aparicio; **Host**—Bobby Zabroski, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Helga Boardman, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup**—Lee Oliver, Denise Moss, Shirley Jemera, Cecelia Kennedy, Al Necor; **Servers**—Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. Robert Presiding and Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Our Parish Family
Sun. 8:00 am	Leonard Thomas †
Sun. 10:00 am	Willie & Linda Ilas
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza
Tues. 8:00 am	Lenore Jarin †
Wed. 8:00 am	John Fraga †
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Florentina Valdez**. May her soul 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

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ-child at Christmas let us live in his love in all we do, especially in our marriage relationship.

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.

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.

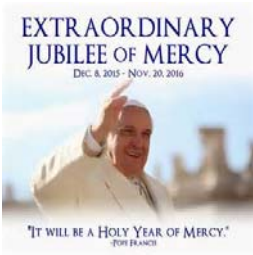
Catholic Divorced, Widowed & Separated

The Catholic Divorced, Widowed and Separated (CDWS) is a group for Catholics and those of any faith in the Oakland Diocese. Their goal is to grow together and individually, in a spirit of love and laughter as they journey through the trials of emotional, psychological and spiritual growth.

The support ministry is open to anyone. The diocesan apostolate to widowed, divorced and separated/single is largely a peer ministry including peer counseling and varied social activities.

The Support Group meets in Walnut Creek at St. Mary Church on the third Thursday of the month from 7:00 to 9:00 pm. They encourage all who are struggling from a loss due to separation, divorce, death of a loved one or loneliness and depression to participate in these peer group meetings. You are not alone. The meetings are free and all are welcome. If further information is needed, please call Joan S. at (925) 939-1007.

Prayer for the Year of Mercy



Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father, and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.

Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money; the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things; made Peter weep after his betrayal, and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman: “If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy: let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error: let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing, so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord, and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor, proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this through the intercession of Mary, Mother of Mercy, you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

Catholic Social Services

Know someone in need? Not sure how to help?

Visit the Catholic Social Services Directory website created by Catholic Charities of the East Bay.

Web address: FAITHINACTIONOAKDIOCESE.ORG.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

St. Ignatius of Antioch has inaugurated a new Faith Formation session called *G.I.F.T.* which stands for *Growing In Faith Together*. I call it a session because that best describes what goes on every Thursday morning starting at 9:00 AM in the parish hall. Most people would call it a “Bible study” but it’s much more than that and a lot less structured than most studies. I guess you could call it a “loosey-goosey” bible study.

Introduced by our own Faith Formation Director, Frances Rojek, the sessions have their foundations on the formally published GIFT study program. The core of the program is a question and look-up the answer format followed by informal discussions. However, the way we do it, the discussions can crop-up at any time and often get quite involved in theology and the Catholic Catechism. Sometimes these discussions can begin in the most startling ways. For one example, we were studying the nature of sin and what the *Ten Commandments* say about stealing, blasphemy, and adultery. At the mention of adultery, one of our quite mature ladies piped-up and said “Oh, I just committed that one!” Everyone was taken aback by her statement and I was thinking “This is a study session in the hall, not reconciliation in the confessional!” She proceeded to “confess” that she had a dream the previous night about a romantic tryst with Brad Pitt (evidently, when she dreams, she dreams **BIG**). Not only did she dream of Brad Pitt but she related how she successfully beat back the reproaches of Angelina Jolie, leaving the two of them to dance the tango alone.

Needless to say we were all laughing uncontrollably. She too had to give-up a chuckle or two. It was completely explained to her that dreams and reality are two distinct things and that one’s actions, especially in a non-lucid dream context, are not sins. Ever since then we all look forward to each session to see if another humorous anecdote will be on her lips (and there have been).

The group varies in size from session to session. There aren’t any sign-ups. There aren’t any tests. There is, however, a place for you at the table. Come and enjoy the fellowship, a light breakfast, and who knows, maybe a movie star will entertain us all.



This Sunday 3 pm

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



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



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



Giving Thanks!

As 2015 draws to a close, St. Ignatius of Antioch parish is taking time to reflect upon what we've accomplished this year and all that we have to look forward to in 2016.

Undoubtedly, we are a parish blessed with the love, prayers, and support of so many generous individuals.

Without the kindness and generosity of our parishioners, so much of what we accomplish in ministry and outreach would not be possible.

As you count your blessings this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Gifts may be designated to our Parish Hall Building Fund or to the regular parish operating account.

Please know that every gift, no matter the amount, is both celebrated and appreciated!

