

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 27, 2015 - The Holy Family Jesus, Mary and Joseph

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## *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*



**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
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Assisting Clergy

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Pastoral Secretary

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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.



**The Holy Family, Jesus,  
Mary and Joseph  
December 27, 2015**

*Beloved, we are God's children  
now; what we shall be has not  
yet been revealed.  
1 John 3:2a.*

**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 12-13*

Weekly Goal.....	\$12,500.00
Weekend Plate.....	\$6,601.00
EFT.....	\$490.00
Mail.....	\$671.20
Total for week.....	\$7,762.20
Excess (Shortfall).....	(\$4,737.80)

*Parking Lot (Monthly Goal: 5,000)*

Donations this week.....	\$165.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,553.00
Second Collection-Religious Retirement.....	\$2,912.00

*New Building Fund*

Donations this week.....	\$2,280.00
New Building Fund Balance.....	\$825,461.59

**Looking Ahead**



**New Years Liturgy Schedule -**

- **New Years Eve - 4:00 pm** Vigil Mass (December 31).
- **New Years Day - 11:00 am** Solemn Mass of New Year's Day

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

**January 16, 2016** - St. Ignatius of Antioch Knights of Columbus recruiting dinner. Watch for details in next week's bulletin.

**January 31, 2016** - 5th Sunday Rosary. 7:30 am in the grotto.

**Schedule of Events**

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

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

**Monday, December 28**

- Eucharist – 8 am
- No SPRED this month

**Tuesday, December 29**

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- No Faith Formation - Christmas Break

**Wednesday, December 30**

- Eucharist - 8 am and Novena following
- No Faith Formation - Christmas Break

**Thursday, December 31**

- New Years Eve Liturgy - 4 pm

**Friday, January 1 - New Years Day**

- New Years Day Liturgy - 10 am
- No Faith Formation - Christmas Break
- *Office Closed*

**Saturday, January 2**

- New Years Bingo - 11:00 am
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm ( note New Time)**
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection - Parking Lot Loan

**Sunday, January 3 - Epiphany of the Lord**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing
- 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	Pam Gage	Paul Syliangco
Rocco Battaglia	Karen Narberes	Marilyn Syliangco
Archbishop Brunett	Al Perez	Peter Villalpando
Melanie Castillo	Jack Pyne	
Susan Fleming	Philip Silangil	

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

<b>Monday</b>	1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35
<b>Wednesday</b>	1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40
<b>Thursday</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
<b>Friday</b>	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
<b>Saturday</b>	1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

## Lay Ministers—Week of Jan. 2nd & Jan 3rd

**4 pm: Lectors**– Corrine Bielejeski, Therese Kain; **Head Cup** –Sharon Simpson; **Head Host**– David Simpson; **Host**– Bernice Campbell, Kevin Daley, Nancy DiMaggio, Carol Fanfa; **Cup**–M.J. Nagtalon, Pam Confetti, Melody Costanza, Mary Ng, Forrest Towe; **Server**–Padraig Tiongson

**8 am: Lectors**–Peter Degl’Innocenti, Kathleen Clarke; **Head Cup**–Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**–Vianney Mendoza; **Host**– Jeannine Ford, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, MaryJo Keister; **Cup**–Mary Kendrick, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Ruth Beck, Pat Dunleavy; **Servers**–Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

**10:00 am: Lectors**– Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup**–Harlan Young; **Head Host**–Reyna Garcia; **Host**–Yvette Young, Cynthia Enrique, Lesley Eubanks, Samantha Peralto; **Cup**–Gloria Olvera, Nancy Santos, Steven Andreatta, Lee Oliver, Estrella Rusk; **Servers**–Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Mimi Noujaim †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Samuel Azurin †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Alan Young †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Gus Favalora †
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of all our beloved deceased family members during this Christmas Season. 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](mailto: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 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

## *Pray for Peace in the New Year*

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:  
 where there is hatred, let me sow love;  
 where there is injury, pardon;  
 where there is doubt, faith;  
 where there is despair, hope;  
 where there is darkness, light;  
 where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek  
 to be consoled as to console,  
 to be understood as to understand,  
 to be loved as to love.  
 For it is in giving that we receive,  
 it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
 it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

## *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

May your marriage experience the blessings and joy that Christmas promises. Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend.

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.



## Help With Homeless Census

At the end of every January, communities across the United States conduct an annual census (Point in Time Count) of sheltered and unsheltered people experiencing homelessness. This snapshot provides important data that can inform programming, resource distribution, and housing inventory needs. This year our count will be conducted over a two-day period (Thursday, January 28 and Friday, January 29). Volunteers are needed to help conduct the census. Visit <http://cchealth.org/homeless/council/point-in-time.php> for more information or to volunteer. Contact [jaimenjennett@hdsd.cccounty.us](mailto:jaimenjennett@hdsd.cccounty.us) with any questions

## Act of Mercy for Year of Mercy

The Diocese of Oakland, in partnership with Catholic Charities of the East Bay and the Alameda District Attorney's Office, will partner to open a Safe House for minors (11-17) who have been sexually trafficked. The Bay Area is a nationwide hub for Human Trafficking, and these children are the most victimized and vulnerable. Together, we can bring healing, hope and dignity to their lives. In conjunction with the opening of the Safe House, Catholic Charities of the East Bay and the Office of Life and Justice will coordinate a campaign to build awareness and mobilize action in all 84 parishes. If you would like to assist with this work please contact:

Steve Mullin at [smullun@cceb.org](mailto:smullun@cceb.org) or  
Cristina Hernández at [chernandez@oakdiocese.org](mailto:chernandez@oakdiocese.org)

## Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose



You're invited to the following event coming in January 2016 sponsored by the Dominican Sisters of Mission San Jose Study Center located at 43326 Mission Blvd., Fremont, CA 94539.

Thomas Merton: Spirituality for Today, Complete Day of Prayer.

Saturday, January, 23, 2016  
10:30 am - 2:30 pm  
\$25 donation includes lunch.

RSVP by January 11 to:  
[blessings@msjdominicans.org](mailto: blessings@msjdominicans.org) or  
(510) 933-6360.

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

We've all heard the expression "some people never learn." Well, I guess I'm one of them because I'm doing it again. What am I doing? I'm once again following the near insane tradition of the Filipino culture called Simbang Gabi! I love it and my body's need for sleep hates it. Simbang Gabi is the traditional novena of nine Masses held at 5:00 am every morning until Christmas day. This year it all started on the 16<sup>th</sup> of December, but it really started back in the Philippines many, many years ago when the men had to set out to sea before sunrise to fish for the day's life-sustaining catch. The only way they could be together for a novena of Masses was to have the mass before they departed in their boats. Thus, Simbang Gabi was born.

Though it is, at first, a bit of a shock to the system, there is something uniquely captivating about participating in the tradition. It binds its participants together in a special way that only people who endure through a hardship together and succeed in accomplishing something good can relate to. Eventually, it not only becomes the nine days of this year's Simbang Gabi that joins us together, but rather all the Simbang Gabis we've ever participated in that hold us in special camaraderie.

It's about doing something special, about going the "extra mile" in worshipping the Lord during the last nine days of the Advent season. It becomes a "little advent" within Advent itself. Not only is the tradition special, but the people you see year after year, (and maybe just once a year) become special. The hospitality of the Filipino culture shines when the Mass has ended and everyone retreats to the great hall for a traditional Filipino breakfast. The food is delicious, hot on a cold morning, and plentiful for all to eat their fill. The experience is wondrous to be part of and to behold.

Participating in Simbang Gabi is like being a little kid in a park on a cold winter's day and being presented with your favorite flavor of ice-cream. A child will eat the ice-cream every time, even though it chills him to the bone because though the body may suffer a little, the taste and satisfaction warms the heart to no end. That is why I'm doing it again. And I don't care if I ever learn differently; so I say, "another scoop of Simbang Gabi, please." It tastes so good.



## GIFT Adult Formation Series Continues

### GROW IN FAITH TOGETHER

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

More details? Contact Frances Rojek at 778-1631



## Christmas at the Rectory

Join Father Robert at the Rectory this 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

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# Cookbooks

On Sale Now!

Cost: \$20.

Over 100 pages of recipes contributed  
 by your fellow parishioners.

Limited Quantities Remain.

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!**

