

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 14, 2016 - First Sunday of Lent

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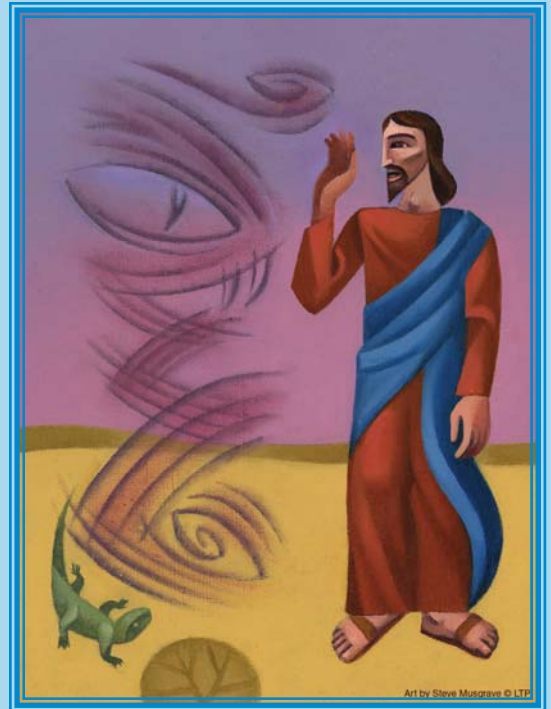
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The First Sunday of Lent

Deliver Us

O saving God,
who led your Chosen People
to a land flowing with milk and honey,
nourish your Church during its Lenten fast
and rescue it from the snares of death.
Lead us out of the desert of temptation
and deliver us from evil when we call upon your Holy Name.
May we too, find shelter in you, Almighty One of Israel,
so that, saved from distress, we might share in the promise
of Easter.
Grant us courage when we are faced with fear
and faith when confronted by doubt.
May our hearts forever radiate
the joy of Jesus the Christ
and remain steadfast in the face of temptation.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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

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Pastoral Associate

Brian McCoy
Business Manager

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

Yvette Young
Administrative Asst.

Eucharist Schedule

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.



**February 14, 2016
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*The word is near you, in your
mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

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

Our goal for weekly plate collections is \$12,500.00.

Weekend Offering for January 30-31

Weekend Offering..... \$8,341.77

Second Collection

Parish Assessment..... \$2,485.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$520.00

New Building Fund Balance.....\$837,980.00

Looking Ahead



February 18: New Adult Formation Series: “The Face of God in Actions of Mercy” begins 7:30 pm in the parish office. See page 6 for more details.

February 19: Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-7:00 pm in the parish hall. Dine in or drive-thru service available. See page 7 for a discount coupon.



February 20-21: 2016 Bishops’s Appeal “Sharing God’s Mercy” Pledge Weekend.

February 22: YLI Bunco. Dominican Hall at Holy Rosary Church. See page 6 for details.

February 26: Lenten Fish Fry. 4:30-7:00 pm in the parish hall. Dine in or drive-thru service available. See page 7 for a discount coupon.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 14 - First Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - attending 10 am Liturgy
- Rite of Sending for RCIA -10 am Liturgy
- Rite of Election - 4 pm - Cathedral of Christ the Light

Monday, February 15 - Presidents Day

- *Offices Closed*
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 5 to 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA meets - 7 pm - Office

Tuesday, February 16

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

Wednesday, February 17

- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Faith Formation - Grades 2,4 and 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- Stations of the Cross in Silhouette presented by our Faith Formation Middle School Students at 7:30 pm.

Thursday, February 18

- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- G.I.F.T. - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Bible Sharing - 9:30 to 11 am - Church
- Finance Council meets -11:00 am - parish hall
- “The Face of God in Actions of Mercy”- Carolyn Krantz 7:30 pm - Office
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church
- No Faith Formation-Confirmation I & II

Friday, February 19

- Eucharist – 8 am
- Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, February 20

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm
- 2016 Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Weekend

Sunday, February 21 - Second Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- 2016 Bishop’s Appeal Commitment Weekend

Pray for the Sick

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

Joshua Baquera Karen Narberes Peter Villalpando
 Rocco Battaglia Al Perez
 Archbishop Brunett Paul Syliangco
 Pam Gage Marilyn 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	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
Thursday	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
Friday	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
Saturday	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
Sunday	Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14; Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36

Lay Ministers—Week of Feb 20th & Feb 21st

4 pm: Lectors– Corrine Bielejeski, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup**–Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host**– Pam Confetti; **Host**– Nancy DiMaggio, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Carol Fanfa, Danielle Herrera; **Cup**–Rowena Cayaban, Rhoda Herrera, Forrest Towe, Clem Bushman, Melodye Costanza **Server**–Padraig Tiongson

8 am: Lectors–Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup**–Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**–Vianney Mendoza; **Host**– Jeanne Reilly, Kathleen Hayakawa, Jenawati Kwa, Nick Suarez; **Cup**–Mary Kendrick, Peggy Lennan, Ruth Beck, Pat Dunleavy, Jeannine Ford; **Servers**–Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: Lectors– Rose Necor, Steven Rojek, Sr.; **Head Cup**–Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host**–Steven Andreatta; **Host**–Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell, Cynthia Enrique, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso; **Cup**–Sharon Cissell, Lee Oliver, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers**– Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding and Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Samuel Azurin Family †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Tony LaMonica
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Fri. 8:00 am	All Care Givers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Manuel Martins, Luciano Malfitano, Marilyn Wetzel and Georgeann Megoloff**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Parking Lot and Church Security



We have a wonderful but small group of volunteers who patrol the parking lot during weekend liturgies,

We are looking to supplement this group with additional volunteers so that the same folks do not have to work every weekend.

Please contact the parish office if you are interested. Training and orientation will be provided.

Silver & Gold Activities

Silver and Gold is a ministry for our 55+ parishioners. This ministry includes an ongoing number of experiences and activities in 4 areas; educational, physical, theological and social. This month, we have planned:

- Wednesday, February 17 (8:30 am): “Stretch and Stroll” at Big Break Regional Shoreline (Oakley). Coffee talk with naturalist about the Delta ecosystem.

For more details about either of these events, call Deacon Gary at 757-1385.

Bishop's Appeal**MINISTRY
FOCUS**

*Support for parishes &
Catholic schools in Need:*

Parishes and Catholic Schools face many challenges to maintain, build, and grow their own ministries and programs to bring the Gospel message to their people. In some of those parishes and schools the financial challenges far exceed the ability to fund basic services. See page 7 for a list of ministries and services that are funded in part by this Appeal.

Help for All Parishes:

100% of all funds collected over an individual parish's goal are returned directly to the parish. In the 2014 Appeal, 45 parishes exceeded their Appeal goal. Through the appeal, these parishes received rebates to support their own programs, services and projects.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch - Our Goal:
\$31,146.45**

This is the same target for us as the 2014 Bishop's Appeal. We successfully reached our goal in 2014 THANKS to your generosity. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to this appeal. Every gift, no matter the amount, is appreciated. If every registered family is able to donate an average of \$60, the parish would easily make the goal.

Bishop Michael C. Barber will be attending a special reception at Immaculate Heart of Mary in Brentwood at 6:30pm on Thursday, March 3rd to speak about this year's Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop will have the opportunity to speak about how the Appeal is vital to the ministries of the diocese and the Church and how it is different, but equally important as the capital campaign. Light food and beverages will be served at 6:30pm and Bishop Barber will begin speaking around 7:00pm. All parishioners are invited! This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the ministries at the diocese and ask questions, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend. **Please RSVP to Phil Toups by calling 510-628-2156 or emailing him at ptoups@guidanceingiving.com Thank you!**

Next Week is Commitment Weekend!

Lenten Day of Reflection

Join Fr. Jim Sullivan for a **Lenten Day of Reflection: "THE PASSION NARRATIVES"** on Saturday February 27th, 9:30 am – 3 :00 pm, at Immaculate Heart of Mary, 500 Fairview Avenue in Brentwood.

Coffee social at 9:30 am with the talk beginning at 10. Lunch is provided. Please RSVP to Lisa by February 23 at 925-785-1969 or lfisher7544@comcast.net. Bringing your Bible and rosary is recommended.

Mobile Mall News

The next FREE clothing distribution will take place on February 20, 2016 - 10 am at Marsh Elementary School; 2304 G Street in Antioch.

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex.

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

Please bring your donations to the weekend liturgies.

Silver & Gold Road Trip

Join Silver & Gold for a Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley on Monday, March 7, 2016

Depart: St. Ignatius of Antioch Church 8:30 am

Return: Leave Thunder Valley at 3:30 pm

Fare: \$40 includes

Transportation	Continental Breakfast
Return trip snacks	\$15 Free Slot Play
\$12 food credit	Gratuity for driver

Reservations are required: Call Frances at 925.778.1631. **Payment is due by February 15.**

Proceeds benefit Silver and Gold Ministry fellowship and educational activities.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The San Francisco Faiths Program had a retreat at the end of January that was very significant. There were about 50 people from all five counties in the Bay Area who gathered to discuss the emerging vision and opportunities we experienced around racial and economic equity. All races and religions were represented. Many of us had been at this table for 15-20 years. We struggled to find our collective impact across neighborhoods, cities and counties in the Bay Area. The Foundation wants to (1) nurture equity movements, (2) expand access to opportunities that remove systemic barriers and, (3) anchor community groups that are raising the floor for the impoverished and oppressed and in the coming months will direct its resources to those ends.

The displacement occurring in San Francisco is affecting the whole area. One person told the story of Jones Memorial Methodist Church, a thriving and economically viable community with senior housing for 184 persons. The National Methodist Church sold the property to developers for \$46 million, displacing the community and the seniors. They had created a sacred space, an oasis for those affected by racism and poverty. Now these relationships are being destroyed. The loss of church leadership contributes to the sense of futility in the country and lack of trust in the government to work for the people. Another person told the story of rents going from \$1000 a month to \$9000 a month. Who can sustain that?

The displacement in San Francisco affects our area. Families come here to look for affordable housing. The cost of homes and rents are rising. A person from Contra Costa told the story of families whose working children cannot afford to rent or buy here, so they are living with their parents because the American dream is not possible for them. Or they live in farther outlying areas and drive four hours a day to get to work.

Other pastors talked about the pain in their churches, and about the soul-sickness that elevates capitalism. One said, "You cannot be a capitalist and belong to the 'Other'", echoing Jesus statement that one cannot serve God and money. This discussion made me aware of the fact that it doesn't matter how long someone has lived in a place. We could all be displaced by greed. Uprooting people causes a spiritual crisis because it destroys relationships. Currently one sixth of the world's population is migrating because of war, violence and poor working conditions.

This led to a discussion about how to build the "Beloved Community" and the Gospel call to "Welcome the Stranger". How do we address the need for affordable housing, jobs and fair immigration policies? Faith institutions are one of the few safe agencies available to multi-ethnic groups. If churches are called to be "change agents", what is our responsibility in this time of upheaval? What does it mean to minister in a society that is becoming more helpless, homeless, violent, and raging at the injustices. Can we move from a time of "me" to a time of "we." The current system benefits a few and brings misery to the many. We need to be a voice at the table for, "If you are not at the table, you are on the menu." As a faith community, we are uniquely situated to build relationships across racial and economic barriers. We need to be crafters and narrators of a new world story, one using creative imagination for the good of all, one that is welcoming and true to the corporal and spiritual works of mercy.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

The Gift of Gratitude

By now the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry evenings are well underway. Most of us will be enjoying the delectable meals inside the hall. Some, however, will be stopping by their "drive-thru" facility and taking the meal home or to another location. It is these folks who will be first to notice something new.

A new pop-up tent with the Knight's colors and logo emblazoned on it will be proudly standing in our parking lot. The tent is the newest in design and, therefore, will be a breeze for one person to set-up; no more one-person struggling in the early morning hours to set up for an 8 am Liturgy concession. Don't worry about where the money for the new "fancy-dancy" tent came from. Not a cent came from the sales of previous Fish Fries, Breakfast Burritos, Tri-Tip Sandwich or BBQs the Knights have hosted. The tent was the generous gift of Howard Tank, the Knights of Columbus Field Agent for our area.

Howard has been the unflappable backbone for Knights and their families when it came to securing a sound financial future for them. This included insurance policies, annuities, and long term health insurance needs. Howard has helped a lot of families within our parish, and a great deal of them are grateful for what he has done for them especially in light of the huge stock market fluctuations of late. Like most things in life, when great success is achieved a great reward follows. So it is with Howard. He has been promoted to manage a wide area of the western states and has relocated to the Sacramento area. As a parting gift for all that our Knights have done to make that possible for him, he gifted the tent to us in his appreciation.

His appreciation was indeed boundless as he tried to give voice to all the wonderful people of our council and especially to Father Robert. Father Robert was not present at his station of Council Chaplain during the meeting when the tent was presented (he was engaged in the Vigil portion of the Funeral Rite for one of our deceased parishioners). If he were present, he might have blushed at the endless accolades of appreciation Howard so eloquently mentioned.

So, the next time you happen to see the Knights busy at work trying to raise a little money to do the Lord's Work and provide for our parish which they so dearly love, and if you happen to see the new tent, just reflect a little on the man who served the Knights who serve you. Thank you Howard for all you've done.



YLI Bunco

Date: Monday, February 22
Time: Doors open 5:30 pm
Place: Dominican School Hall
Holy Rosary Church
Cost: \$20 per person

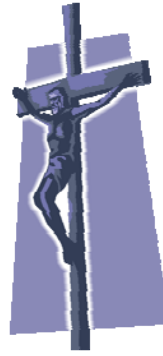
Cash Bunco Prizes - Raffle Prizes

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Call **Dorothy Lamendola 754-5648**
Or **Jeanne Ford 757-9650**

Don't know how to play?
We will teach you.

Mark your calendar & Bring a Friend



Stations of the Cross In Silhouette

**Wednesday
February 17
7:30 PM**

**Presented by our Faith Formation
Middle School Students**

**This will be the only Stations of the
Cross in the evening during this Lent.**



New Series for Adult Formation

The Face of God in Actions of Mercy

This four session series will highlight the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy using scripture, reflection, discernment and sharing among participants.

The goal is to discover God's face in the poor and suffering for this Year of Mercy through connecting with community members and organizations in activities that speak of Christ's mercy.

The sessions begin at 7:30 pm on Thursday, February 18th in the St. Ignatius of Antioch parish office and will be facilitated by Carolyn Krantz, M.Div. Free will offering is requested.

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent!

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BEST LENT EVER

Sign up for a FREE program of
daily inspirational emails at:
DynamicCatholic.com/Lent

Way of the Cross

**Presented by
The Mystery Players of
Salesian College Preparatory
(Richmond CA)**

**Will Be Performed at
St. Agnes Parish
(3966 Chestnut Ave., Concord)
Friday, February 19 at 7 pm**



SHARING GOD'S MERCY

2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL



WHAT DOES THE BISHOP'S APPEAL FUND?

The Bishop's Appeal is a direct appeal to the people of the Diocese to ask them to make a pledge or gift to supplement the Diocesan ministry budget, It is a chance for all parishes and missions of our Diocese to join together in support of the following vital ministries.

Pastoral Ministries & Services

- Liturgy
- Respect Life and Justice Programs
- Vietnamese, Filipino & Latino Ministries
- Ethnic Pastoral Centers
- Marriage & Family Life
- Marriage Preparation Programs
- Youth Retreat Center
- Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) Operations
- Catholic Scouting
- Young Adult Ministries
- Children & Youth Ministries

Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need

- Operating Subsidies
- Capital Expenditure Grants
- Emergency Funding Support

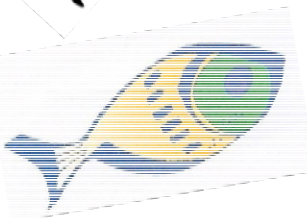
Safe Environment Programs

Religious Education & Formation

- Faith Formation Programs
- Evangelization & Outreach Efforts
- RCIA
- Religious Education Teacher Training
- Serra Catechetical Institute
- St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry

Clergy Formation and Support

- Permanent Diaconate Program
- Office of Vocations
- Seminarian Education and Formation
- Priest Retirement and Long-term Care
- Continuing Education Programs



Fish Fry

Saint Ignatius of Antioch

Coupon for \$1 off per meal



**\$14 per meal;
\$13 with coupon.**

**Served from
4:30 - 7:00 pm.**

**Eat-in at Parish Hall
or drive-thru.**

**Note: One coupon covers
the whole Family.**

**Remaining Friday Dates:
February 19 & 26
March 4, 11 & 18**

**Complete fish
dinner - includes
beer battered fish,
coleslaw
fries and a drink**