

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 21 2016 - Second Sunday of Lent

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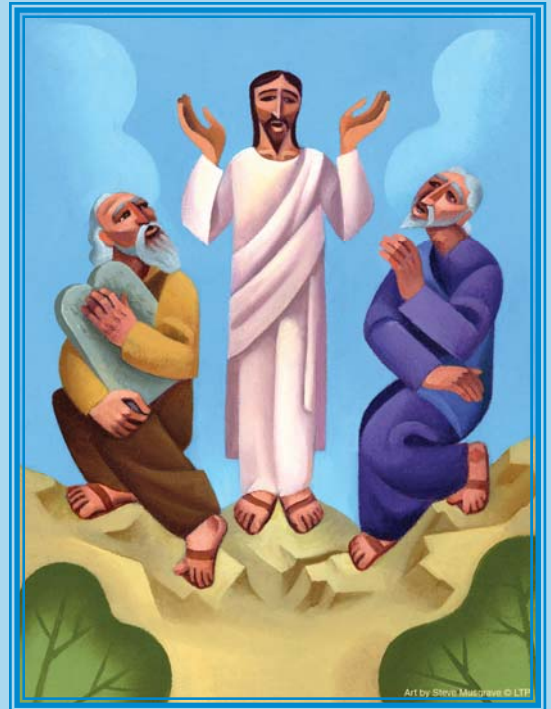
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The Second Sunday of Lent Fullness of Life

God of the covenant,
in the Transfiguration you revealed Jesus as your beloved Son.
Help us to see the glory of your Son
and forever be in awe of his presence.
Grant that, during our Lenten journey,
our hearts be filled with the light of your Son
so that we might remain steadfast on the path of discipleship
we committed to in Baptism.
Help us to empty ourselves and embrace your Passion
so that, on the day of Resurrection,
we may joyfully share in the fullness of life.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Fr. Robert K. Rien
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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 21, 2016
Second Sunday
of Lent**

*The Lord is my light and my
salvation; whom should I fear?
—— Psalm 27:1*

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 February 6 - 7

Weekend Offering.....\$11,183.00

Second Collection

Parking Lot..... \$3,827.62

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$2,267.00

New Building Fund Balance.....\$844,897.04

Looking Ahead



Daylight Savings Time: Begins Sunday March 13 at 2:00 a.m. **This means that the Saturday Vigil Mass “springs forward” to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 19, 2016.**



February 18: Adult Formation Series: The Face of God in Actions of Mercy” continues 7:30 pm in the parish office. Facilitated by Carolyn Krantz.

February 26, March 4, 11 & 18: 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.



March 19: Annual St. Joseph Feast Day Dinner in the parish hall. Ticket sales begin next weekend. This is always a ‘sold-out’ event. Get your tickets early.



Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 21 - Second Sunday of Lent

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

Monday, February 22

- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA meets - 7 pm - Office

Tuesday, February 23

- 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 24

- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Faith Formation - Grades 2,4 and 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- Family to Family meeting - 6 to 7 pm - Office

Thursday, February 25

- 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
- Faith Formation-Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall
- “The Face of God in Actions of Mercy”- Carolyn Krantz 7:30 pm - Office
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, February 26

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

Saturday, February 27

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales - after Liturgy

Sunday, February 28 - Third Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- YLI at 10 am Liturgy
- St. Joseph Dinner Ticket Sales - after each Liturgy

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	1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Lay Ministers—Week of Feb 27th & Feb 28th

4 pm: Lectors– Susan Batterton, Therese Kain; **Head Cup**– Clem Bushman **Head Host**– David Simpson; **Host**–Fran Barbanica, Bernice Campbell, Kevin Daley, M.J. Nagtalon; **Cup**–Bill Barbanica, Mary Ng, Sharon Simpson, Forrest Towe, Melodye Costanza **Server**–Pdraig Tiongson

8 am: Lectors–Terese M. Stanek, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup**–Sue Howell; **Head Host**–Pat Dunleavy; **Host**– Stan Stanek, Diane Hack, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Cup**–Peggy Lennan, Rick Howell, Ruth Beck, Jeannine Ford, Mary Kendrick; **Servers**–Isaiah Laxamana, Antonio Alvarez

10:00 am: Lectors– Rey Dollete, Sr., Gary Milano.; **Head Cup**–Lesley Eubanks; **Head Host**–Gloria Olvera; **Host**–Carol Dollete, Estrella Rusk, Fiona Fowles, Kevin Fowles; **Cup**–Cecil Jemera, Shirley Jemera, Reyna Garcia, Al Necor, Samantha Peralto; **Servers**– Alessandra Necor, Lorenzo Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Our Parish Family
Sun. 8:00 am	John Fraga †
Sun. 10:00 am	Samuel Azurin Family †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	Frank Sorrentino †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Barbara Roberts, Stanley Zielezienski and Thresia Joseph**. 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



Just a friendly reminder. Please don't leave ANY valuables in plain sight when visiting the church. **Always lock your car.** 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 March 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. Here are our March activities. Watch for coming details.

- Wednesday, March 9: "Stretch and Stroll"
- Thursday, March 17: Tour of Good Shepherd and St. Peter Martyr hosted by Father Robert.
- Saturday, March 26: "Stretch and Stroll"

For more information, call Deacon Gary at 757-1385.

Bishop's Appeal—Commitment Weekend**MINISTRY
FOCUS***Clergy Formation and
Support*

The Diocese provides support for clergy from initial formation into retirement. Appeal funds are used to support those in seminary formation preparing for a lifetime of service to the faith community of the Church of Oakland. These men are pursuing a special call to service and need our prayerful and financial support on their vocation journey. The cost to the Diocese to support these seminarians in their studies is one of the largest budget items. As more men discern their call to serve the Church of Oakland and the East Bay, these costs will continue to grow.

Continued updating, renewal, and education for priests who currently serve the Diocese is important for a vital and growing Church. The Diocese, with Appeal funds, provides renewal programs, sabbaticals, and continuing education for our priests.

In their retirement years, our priests deserve our thanks for their lives of service. Funds from the Bishop's Appeal will be used to provide supplemental retirement and long-term care for our elderly priests.

The Diaconate is a special ministry of service vital to ongoing programs in our parishes and reaching out to people in places such as the prisons and hospitals in our area. The Deacons who serve our Diocese are also provided continuing education, formation, and support in their ministry.

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!

If you would like more information on the 2016 Bishop's Appeal or make a gift online, please visit www.oakdiocese.org/giving

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 March 12, 2016 - 10 am at Kimball Elementary School; 1310 August Way 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 donations to the weekend liturgies.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH)

Our parish has a tradition of supporting the CCIH Homework Club at Los Medanos Village in Pittsburg with a Christmas party and a school year-end BBQ. This is a wonderful project of CCIH that works with the school aged residents.

Report cards are out and the students in the Homework Club receive \$5 gift cards to Jamba Juice or Starbucks for improved performance. This is a wonderful incentive and the kids respond to it. We are looking to stock up our supply of gift cards for the end of the 3rd quarter. Please drop your gift cards off in the parish office or place them in the Sunday collection in an envelope labeled CCIH. We will take care of delivering them. Thank you.

Main Gate Entry Codes are Changing

For security reasons, the gate entry codes will be changed in the near future. Once a date is set for the change, a notice will appear in the bulletin. "Clickers" will be made available for check out when the code is changed.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Clothe the Naked

What does it mean to be stripped, to have your intimate secrets brutality available to those who would laugh at or deride you? What does it mean to be exposed to the elements, to be cold and without protection? We know that this was part of Jesus' suffering on the way to Calvary, and that He willingly endured this abuse for our sake. He taught a spiritual way that invites us to both give of our material goods and to maintain an attitude of simplicity. "See the lilies of the field. They neither toil nor spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not clothed as one of these (Lk. 12:27ff).

What is the invitation of this corporal work of mercy? One response is to clean house of those unnecessary clothes, shoes, jewelry, etc. and give them to an agency that helps the poor. Another response is to purposefully buy less. Another is to pray daily that the Lord will invite us to clothe ourselves more deeply with His love and stop the fear and insecurity that comes from grasping after material things. This is a life-long task that is only accomplished through prayer. It only takes a car accident or a bout with a serious illness to remind us that we "can't take it with us."

There is a song that says, "Put on a garment of praise." In other words, ask the Lord to clothe me with His glory rather than the trappings of commercialism. This is a hard lesson that goes against the culture. So much of the television we watch is based on buying something. It encourages us to get a better car, a house in a better neighborhood, the latest style in shoes, or a brand name that sells for many times more than it should. The hardest question is how to help our young ones, who are so attentive to peer pressure, get this Gospel concept. It is not enough to help them distinguish between needs and wants. A good way to teach them is to arrange for them to experience poverty first hand. I will never forget my trip to Haiti in 1999 where we lived on chicken, rice and plantains every day for two weeks. I had to work on myself not to complain. Living this corporal work of mercy is something we have to pray about on a daily basis. What attachments is the Lord asking us to let go of in this time? Are people who come into our presence clothed with God's love? The key is to focus on what Jesus is asking of us in this year of Mercy 2016.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

License?

This year's Ash Wednesday has been rather distinct in the fifteen odd years that I've been participating in ministry at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church. For one thing, it was busy. How busy was it?

It all started around 7 am as the main gate creaked open and I drove on in as soon as the opening was wide enough to let my Jeep pass through. I was expecting the church to need everything to be done for Eucharist and the imposition of ashes but to my surprise, Fr. Robert had everything that could be set out already in place. "He must have done this after the end of the 7 PM Vigil for the funeral we would do at 10 AM that morning" I thought to myself. Shortly after 9 AM the last of the ashes had been administered and the Liturgy ended. As the ash marked assembly was leaving, the funeral goers were arriving and making their way into the church not unlike salmon trying to swim upstream against the flow. No sooner had the funeral ended when the church was prepared for Liturgy of the Word and Ashes (Presided by Dn. Gary while Fr. Robert was at the cemetery doing the Committal). At the end of the noon service I was able to steal away home and have a very late breakfast. Before 2 o'clock rolled around I had been on the road and was doing Liturgy of the Word and Ashes for the homebound at various locations in Antioch. By 3:30 I was at home base for a rest and then back at the church for the 5:30 service and judged that the turn-around time didn't warrant a trip home, so I stayed waited for the 7:30 service.

At the 7:30 Sung Evening Prayer service we were short one Minister of Ashes. Not having the foggiest idea who to conscript I turned to Don Benson and said "How about you?" Don replied that he didn't know how to be a Minister of Ashes or if he had the talent for it. I asked him if he knew how to make the sign of the cross. "Yes" he replied. "Good" I said, now can you stand on two feet while repeating the phrase "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the gospel?" "Yes" was his repeated reply. "Good" I said again, "You are now a licensed fully accredited Minister of Ashes with all the rights and privileges thereof." Don had the look on his face that said to me, "That was easier than graduating from Bar Tending School!" Don proceeded to function flawlessly as a minister and we did truly need and appreciate his reverent help that evening.

A great deal of thanks is due to all the ministers who helped in any of the liturgical movements this past Ash Wednesday. What a supportive way to start a blessed season of Lent.



SHARING GOD'S
MERCY

**2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL
THIS IS COMMITMENT
WEEKEND!**

Commitment Weekend is here! To successfully achieve both our parish goal of \$31,146.45 and the overall Diocesan goal of \$2.5 million, we need your help! A gift or pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through Diocesan ministries, programs and services.

Participation is the Key Ingredient to Success! If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection basket today. 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. Every gift makes a difference.



**Winter
Nights
Shelter**

Our Pastoral Council, Knights of Columbus and a team of other parishioners have volunteered to provide meals for the Winter Nights Rotating Shelter when it 'rotates,' to Pittsburg this month. **All the meals are covered.**

The shelter also has an ongoing wish list and are currently looking for gas cards, gift cards (Wal-Mart, Target, Safeway, Payless Shoes Source, Ross or Marshalls), socks, bus and BART cards, packing and duct tape, Clorox or Lysol wipes, twin size fitted sheets, flash lights and bath towels. **If you want to donate any of the above, please drop them off in the parish office and designate them for Winter Nights.**

**Have You Ever Thought
About Becoming a Sister?**

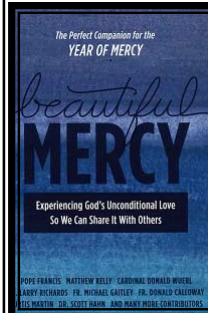
Single Catholic women ages 18-40 are invited to a prayerful and reflective *Religious Vocation Discernment Weekend Retreat* with the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul in Los Altos Hills. CA.

March 4-6, 2016,

For reservations or more information contact Sister Lisa Laguna, D.C.

650/949-8890, 213-210-9903, or email
srlaguna@doc1633.org

www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com



**Self-Study
Adult Faith
Formation
Opportunity**

Our Adult Faith Formation Team will be offering a companion book for this Jubilee Year of Mercy. It will be available for a free-will donation in the near future. Watch for the availability date in the bulletin.

Don't Give Up Chocolate for Lent!

Pope Francis put a new twist on the Lent tradition of giving up things. He suggests that fasting should never become as superficial as abstaining from chocolate or fried foods, but in consideration of the deeper significance of "penance" we should think about giving up something that helps others. He quoted these words of John Chrysostom: "No act of virtue can be great if it is not followed by advantage for others. So, no matter how much time you spend fasting, no matter how much you sleep on a hard floor and eat ashes and sigh continually, if you do no good to others, you do nothing great."

LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Daily Liturgies

Monday, Wednesday and Friday
8:00 a.m. Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday
8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Saturday Vigil
4:00 p.m. Eucharist

Sunday
8:00 a.m. Eucharist
10:00 a.m. Eucharist

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 p.m.

Deanery Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 17,
St. Ignatius of Antioch, 7:30 pm

Wednesday, March 2, St. Anthony, Oakley, 7 pm
Monday, March 7, Good Shepherd, Pittsburg, 7 pm
Thursday, March 10, St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, 7 pm
Monday, March 14, Holy Rosary, Antioch, 7 pm
Tuesday, March 15, St. Anne, Byron, 7 pm
Monday, March 21, Our Lady, Queen of the World, Bay Point, 7 pm

Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter

March 19 - Saturday Vigil of Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Eucharist

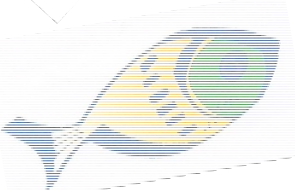
March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

March 24 - Holy Thursday
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

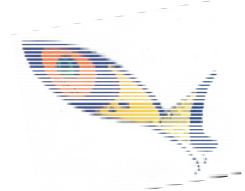
March 25 - Good Friday
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
3:00 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae and Veneration of the Cross

March 26 - Holy Saturday
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer
7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

March 27 - Easter Day - The Feast of the Resurrection of the Lord
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist



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 26
March 4, 11 & 18

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