

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 13, 2016 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

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Fifth Sunday of Lent

Boldly Confess

God of power and might,
by crushing death on the Cross, your Son, Jesus,
revealed your majesty and restored us to life.
Give us ears to hear your voice
and call us out of the darkness of the tomb.
We humbly ask that you protect us from sin and death.
Like your servant Martha,
help us to boldly confess our faith in Jesus
so that we might rise with him and share in eternal life.
Send your Holy Spirit to strengthen our faith
and rouse us to share the Good News
so others might know of your mercy.
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
Parochial Administrator

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
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Artist-in-Residence

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Director of Faith Formation

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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.



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*I consider everything as a loss
because of the supreme good of
knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.*

— Philippians 3:8

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 February 27-28

Weekend Offering.....\$9,256.80

Second Collection

Bishop’s Appeal..... \$3,560.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week..... \$835.00

New Building Fund Balance..... \$847,007.70

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.**

LAST OF SEASON -March 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. Sponsored by our Social Events Committee.



The next community concert, entitled “**An Evening in Paris**” is coming in April. Watch upcoming bulletins for more details.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 13 - Fifth Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services

Monday, March 14

- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall

Tuesday, March 15

- 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, March 16

- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Faith Formation - Grades 2,4 and 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- Chrism Mass - 7 pm - Cathedral of Christ the Light

Thursday, March 17

- 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 to 12 pm - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation-Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall
- Communal Penance Service - Sung Evening Prayer - 7:30 pm

Friday, March 18

- Eucharist – 8 am
- Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall (last one for this year)

Saturday, March 19

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm (*note time change*)
- St. Joseph Dinner - 6:30 to 10 pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, March 20 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8 am & 10:30 am Liturgies

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	Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62]; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday	Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday	Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
Thursday	Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
Friday	Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
Saturday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Sunday	Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; John 11:1-45

Lay Ministers—Week of Mar 19th & Mar 20th

4 pm: Lectors– Sue Batterton, Therese Kain; **Head Cup**–David Simpson; **Head Host**– Marla Plurkowski; **Host**–Bernice Campbell, Mary Angelica Cayaban, Nancy DiMaggio, Carol Fanfa; **Cup**–Rowena Cayaban, Sharon Simpson, Clem Bushman, Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza; **Server**–Padraig Tionson

8 am: Lectors–Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup**–Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**–Pat Dunleavy; **Host**– Jeannine Ford, MaryJo Keister, Jeanne Reilly, Nick Suarez; **Cup**–Peggy Lennan, Ruth Beck, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Mary Kendrick; **Servers**–, Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– Lee Oliver, Cheryna Wright.; **Head Cup**–Cory Cook; **Head Host**–Dilcia Aparicio; **Host**–Harlan Young, Yvette Young, Ed Cissell, Cecelia Kennedy; **Cup**–Cynthia Enrique, Sharon Cissell, Reyna Garcia, Nancy Santos, Jane Sharpe; **Servers**– Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Valentine Castro †
Sun. 8:00 am	Frank Griego †
Sun. 10:00 am	Yolanda Tabacco †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	Pauline Rohlfs †
Fri. 8:00 am	Gilmore Usman, Sr. †

Rest in Peace

During the Lenten Season, please pray especially for all souls. May the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Marriage Preparation Programs

This Marriage Preparation program fulfills the requirement for Catholic Couples preparing for marriage in Northern California. Sessions fill up so early registration is recommended. These one-day sessions are held at:
 St. Vincent’s Marinwood
 1 Saint Vincent Drive
 San Rafael, CA

- Saturday, April 2; 8:45 am - 5:15 pm
- Saturday, April 16; 8:45 am - 5:15 pm
- Saturday, May 14; 8:45 am - 5:15 pm

Visit www.sffamilylife.com for current session availability or call (415) 699-8348.

Main Gate Entry Codes Changed

For security reasons, the main gate entry codes have been changes. If you need access outside of parish office hours, contact the parish office (778-0768) to check out a remote for the gate. We apologize for the inconvenience but recent vandalism on our property has necessitated this change. Thank you for your understanding.



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.

- Thursday, March 17 - 10 am: Tour of our adopted parochial school, St Peter Martyr, and perhaps Church of the Good Shepherd.
- Saturday, March 26 - 9 am: "Stretch and Stroll" at Los Medanos College starting at the "Lake."

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

Bishop's Appeal



Thank you to everyone who made a pledge or one-time gift to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal - Sharing God's Mercy last weekend. All gifts, no matter the amount are appreciated and welcome. Donations are still being accepted and can be dropped in the weekend plate collection. Please use a Bishop's Appeal envelope or place it in a separate envelope marked "Bishop's Appeal."

2016 Goal . . \$31,145 Rec'd to date . . . \$17,995

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH)

Summer Day Camp Volunteers CCIH is putting together summer programming for kids (toddler through middle school), and we need your help. *Many of these kids are formerly homeless or very low-income.* In the past, volunteers (teens and adults) have organized small groups to host different "camps." These activities take place at our housing sites (Pleasant Hill, Concord and Pittsburg) for a couple hours/day for 1-4 days during the week. All camps are supervised by on-site CCIH staff.

Become a Volunteer Tutor: We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our afterschool Homework Club that goes from August through June. Volunteers are needed at our Pleasant Hill, Concord, Bay Point and Pittsburg locations to help provide academic support to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week. High school juniors and seniors encouraged to apply as well.

For more information or to get involved, please visit:
<http://ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer/>

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Jesus has such compassion on the woman in the Gospel reading today as he forgives her and gives her mercy and grace instead of judgment and condemnation. We are in turn called to extend that same love and compassion to others, especially in our marriage relationship.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends is August 5-7. Early registration is recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Mobile Mall News

Sorting for the upcoming clothing distribution will take place on March 25, 2016 - 9am to 12 pm at Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

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
Tuna - 5 oz can
Pork & Beans - 15 oz can

Please bring donations to the weekend liturgies. Thank you. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy, this is a wonderful opportunity to practice one of the Corporal Works of Mercy—to feed the hungry.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis is asking us support Christians in the Holy Land. Through the Good Friday collection, you join with Catholics around the world to stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace in a troubled world.

In these challenging times in the Middle East, your support means that the Church will conduct parish ministry, provide Catholic education, feed the hungry, maintain shrines and operate refugee centers in the Middle East. We ask that you prayerfully consider supporting this important effort.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

To Admonish the Sinner

Most of us who are cradle Catholics carry our “Catholic Guilt” around with us. It takes a lot of counseling or spiritual direction to know that most guilt feelings do not have anything to do with true repentance. Today’s article intends to shed light on the real meaning of the Sacrament of Penance. Like the young man in the Gospel, most of us can say, “All these (the Ten Commandments) I have observed from my youth.” So what is lacking and what is the real purpose of Penance?

The experience of going to confession has changed over the centuries, and certainly found a deeper Gospel meaning with the documents of Vatican II. We, the people of God, celebrate the sacraments, and in this case we are called to be Witnesses of Forgiveness. In more quotations than I can count, Jesus in the Gospel asks us to forgive, even 70 x 7. When I was young, confession was a private affair. Through Vatican II we came to see ourselves as a forgiving Church. No one witnesses this better than Pope Francis in his constant embracing of the poor and lonely. Are there those who are mortal sinners? Yes, through blindness they do not see the need to love. But most of us just walk along and stumble through anger, spitefulness, and general inability to get along with our family and neighbors. What most of us need is a spiritual director or counselor to help us get to the emotional patterns that we grew up with that lead us to non-forgiveness. We also need to humbly acknowledge that without grace, we could not live up to the Gospel. So why a Communal Penance Service?

Sacraments are sacred signs that give meaning to the life of Jesus in today’s world. We have a Communal Penance service to witness forgiveness in a world torn by violence and hatred. We come together as Church, a faulty people trying to practice what Jesus taught us in this world, to say there is a better way to live, there is a way to forgive one another and move forward in love. There may be a time when private confession is helpful in our lives, but we cannot forget that what we do as church is a witness to others in our community. We are people on the road to Emmaus waiting for Jesus to appear and point to all the teachings that lead to a holy life. But we are also a people that go back to Jerusalem to proclaim Jesus insights to those who doubt.

So don’t pat yourself on the back if you are just keeping the Ten Commandments. Are you leading your family and friends toward a loving witness of forgiveness in the world? Do those close to you see you as a loving and forgiving person? Are you able to sit down with a neighbor and help them through a tough experience? Admonishing the sinner is trying to help struggling people to find peace in a wounded world. It is listening to others and asking good questions to help them come to holiness. It is not about laying down rules and giving orders about how they should live. The only person you can change is yourself. True repentance is about helping the wounded along the road even though they are different than you, and may not trust you as we see in the story of the Good Samaritan. It is seeing someone’s true suffering and helping them bear the burden.

So I invite you to come March 17th to our Communal Penance Service where we together can witness the forgiveness of Jesus. When you examine your conscience, try to focus on the one habit or behavior that leads you away from the life of the Gospel. Try to be that open armed lover of humanity that Pope Francis so clearly exemplifies.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

(A blast from the past...)

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.



10th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival Dinner

Saturday March 19, 2016 6:30 PM

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Sold Out

10.00

50/50 Raffle • Silent Auction • Live Auction

Menu: Appetizers Mediterranean Salad
 Italian Pasta Vegetables
 St. Joseph's Bread and St. Joseph's Dessert Table

Sponsored by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee



Volunteer Opportunities in our Parish and Community

Ongoing Parish Opportunities

- **Weekly church cleaning:** Volunteers are needed on Saturday mornings to clean, mop and dust the church and parish hall. Contact Steve Rojek at 757-1276 for more information.
- **St. Ignatius of Antioch Choir:** We are looking to create a special choir for funerals that will help encourage the visitors and guests present to more fully participate in the liturgy and music. Please contact Maryann Peddicord at 778-0768 if you are interested in this new choir ministry.



- **Volunteers in Police Service (VIPS):** This is a volunteer organization committed to assisting the Antioch Police Department in enhancing community safety. Recruitment into this program is currently OPEN for new applicants. For more information and applications, visit:

http://www.ci.antioch.ca.us/CityGov/Police/vips_program.htm



DIOCESE OF OAKLAND
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Job Fair

Saturday, March 19, 2016 9:30 a.m. - Noon

Bishop O'Dowd High School
9500 Stearns Ave.
Oakland, CA 94605

Elementary and Secondary Positions
Teachers and Teaching Assistants
Specialty Teaching Positions (Foreign Language, Technology, Music, Math, Science)
Extended Care Staff

For further information visit the Oakland Diocese Catholic Schools website

www.csdo.org/employment

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
Noon Outdoor Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m. Solemn Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death
7:30 p.m. Tenebrae & 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

Welcome New Parishioners!

St. Ignatius of Antioch welcomed new parishioners at a brunch last Sunday (March 6) hosted by Father Robert and the Pastoral Council.



Fish Fry

Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Coupon for \$1 off per meal

Note: One coupon covers the whole Family.

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

Served from
4:30 - 7:00 pm.

Eat-in at Parish Hall
or drive-thru.

Last Fish Fry of
this Season is
next Friday,
March 18.

Don't miss it!

