

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 20, 2016 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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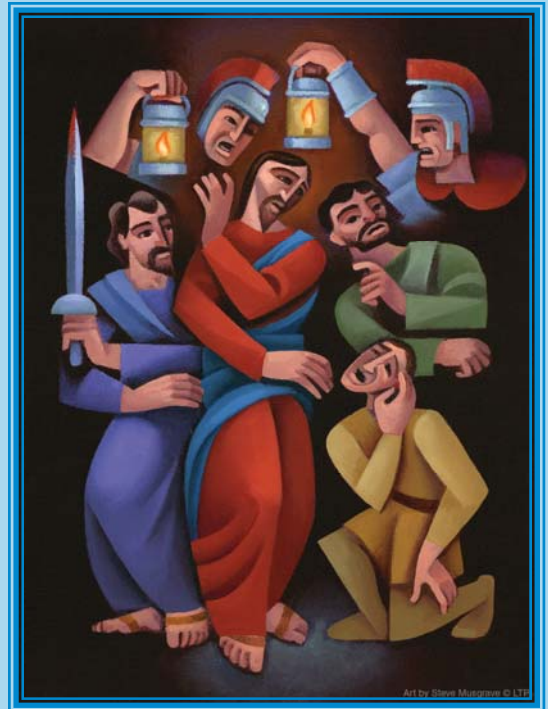
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Compassion

Loving God,
you sent Jesus, who reveals your glory,
to pay the price for our sins
so that we might share in eternal life.
On the night he was betrayed,
he remained obedient to your will and,
humbling himself, was led to the Cross.
Even in the midst of his arrest,
Jesus showed compassion by healing the servant.
Show us compassion, O God, when we abandon you.
Heal our suffering, which can lead us to deny your majesty.
Grant courage to those who are weak and raise up the fallen.
Strengthen our love for you so that
our hearts and minds may remain focused on Christ's Paschal
Mystery
and forever delight in his triumph over death.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.



Fr. Robert K. Rien
Parochial Administrator

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
Permanent Deacon

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Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 5 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, 3:45 to 4:30 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.



**March 20, 2016
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord**

*The Lord God is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.*

— Isaiah 50:7a

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 March 5-6

Weekend Offering.....\$11,137.00

Second Collection

Parking Lot Loan.....\$4,216.91


Bishop’s Appeal

Donations this week.....\$1,267.00

New Building Fund

Payments/Donations this week.....\$4,000.00

New Building Fund Balance.....\$850,088.37

Looking Ahead 

March 24 (Holy Thursday): Paschal Triduum begins. See complete schedule at right.

April 15: Community concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch beginning at 8:00 pm. See page 6 for more information.

April 16-17: Garden Ministry plant sale after all weekend liturgies. Proceeds used to offset the irrigation costs to the parish.

April 17: Annual Antioch/Pittsburg CROP Hunger Walk takes place. See page 7 for more information.

April 18: ACS Relay for Life BUNCO night. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. More information will follow in upcoming bulletins.

Schedule of Events

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

- 8 am & 10:30 am Liturgies

Monday, March 21

- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this week

Tuesday, March 22

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

Wednesday, March 23

- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- No Faith Formation

Thursday, March 24 - Holy Thursday

- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- No Faith Formation
- Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 pm

Friday, March 25 - Good Friday

- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- 12 Noon - Outdoor Stations of the Cross
- 3 pm - Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion and Death
- Tenebrae & Veneration of the Cross - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 26 - Holy Saturday

- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- The Great Vigil of Easter - 7:30 pm

**Sunday, March 27 - Easter Sunday -
The Feast of the Resurrection 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

Readings for the Week

Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Thursday	Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26;
Friday	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16,
Saturday	a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6; f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11; g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19; h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Lay Ministers—Week of Mar 26th & Mar 27th

Refer to signup sheets attached to bulletin board adjacent to the Sacristy

Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Palmera & Jose Soares †
Sun. 8:00 am	John Fraga †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold †
Thur. 8:00 am	Holy Thursday
Fri. 8:00 am	Good Friday

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Ruben Tapia**. May his soul and 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.



Mobile Mall News

Sorting for the upcoming clothing distribution will take place on April 2, 2016 - 9am to 12 pm at Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

Distribution - 10 am at Fremont Elementary School, 1413 F Street in Antioch.

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

Mobile Mall Needs: Tall kitchen trash bags

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 . . . \$19,262

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

Are we also like Peter and deny Christ over and over? Christ calls us to be all we can in our Marriage Sacrament each and every day.

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends is August 5-7. Early registration is recommended. Contact Greg & Mary @ 925-754-1284 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Emergency Shelter for Women & Children

Gary Kingsbury from the Antioch Shelter Project will be doing a presentation for the Antioch City Council on Tues., April 12 at 7 p.m. He would like to "pack the chamber" with supporters for the emergency shelter for women and children in Antioch.

Please join him for this presentation and encourage others to do so as well. Any assistance is greatly appreciated...thank you for all your support!

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.

Silver & Gold April 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 April activities.

- Saturday, April 8 - 9 am: "Stretch and Stroll" at Contra Loma
- Tuesday, April 12th - 10am - tour the El Campanil (optional) lunch at Riverview or Rick's on Second.
- Wednesday, April 20th - 9 am - Breakfast for Birthdays and Anniversaries.

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

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Thoughts for Holy Week

This week has special meaning for Christians. It is a time to travel with Jesus as he goes to the cross. Some of us make the stations and attend church services. Some of us have even travelled to Jerusalem to see the narrow streets where Jesus suffered his last journey. Some churches perform the drama in the streets of their own town. All of us look within to align our lives with this main event of our faith. It is a time of quiet prayer and reflection, a time to remember Jesus' sacrifice.

But I would invite you to a deeper understanding of this week. Besides our own sorrows, I would invite you out of your own circle to look at the sufferings of our brothers and sisters all over the world. When you think of Jesus' phony trial, pray for those who do not have the right to be innocent until proven guilty. When you think of Jesus' beating, think of those who are beaten into submission by human traffickers. When you think of the soldiers mocking Jesus, think of those who are bullied in our schools. When you think of the women of Jerusalem, think of all the mothers who are powerless to defend their immigrant children from arrest, detention and deportation. When you think of the apostles' desertion, think of those who are betrayed by those they trusted.

I am reminded of people like Sr. Dorothy Stanger from Dayton, OH, who was murdered for her support of local tribes in the Amazon. Or Bertha Caceres who was assassinated last week in Honduras for championing the environment and indigenous rights. Or the Jesuit martyrs of El Salvador and many more. These Christians united their lives with Jesus in sacrifice for others. Their sacrifice makes us ashamed to complain about the small sufferings we undergo. We need to offer ourselves freely to be with Jesus. "Into Your Hands, I commend My Spirit."

In other words, make this Holy Week a time to expand your prayer to the needs of the world. This is what the Liturgy does in the Great Intercessions of Good Friday. Jesus died for all people for all time. Expand your prayer to be with him as he suffers for all. As each event occurs, send thoughts of grace and strength to those who are suffering injustice beyond one's own circle. We are so blessed to have the basic necessities of life. Let us unite ourselves with Jesus on the cross for the suffering of those experiencing injustice everywhere. "Lord through your cross and resurrection, You have redeemed the whole world." Let us be one with His intention as we go through this week to resurrection.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Perhaps a Glimpse

Palm Sunday, a day of rejoicing in the greatness of the Lord while yet it is still a time of Lent. So much of Jesus' life was without fanfare, accolades, recognition, and even without thanks (remember the ten lepers?). So why did God ordain a time of praise and triumph for Jesus? Why now at the end of his ministry when death was just around the corner? Perhaps the last question is itself the answer. Death was coming to Jesus within the week.

Throughout Jesus' life, and especially during his ministry, his life was about others. Never has there been a single human life lived that was more dedicated and committed to the welfare and service of others. Even as a youth when his parents found him missing on the way home. They did not find him playing with other youths in whatever were the equivalent of today's malls, hang-outs, and arcades. He was found at work in his heavenly Father's house.

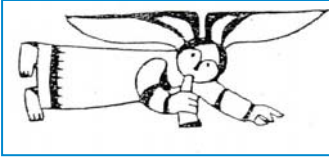
We might be tempted to label him a "workaholic" or say he had O.C.D. But it goes way beyond that. Not even workaholics can go 40 days in a desert or work "on the road" for 3 years straight without disastrous damage to physical and mental health, but Jesus was able to do all that.

Jesus was given human life to accomplish the works God sent him to do. Jesus' life belonged to him, but Jesus' life was not for him, but for every living human being and all humanity throughout time. If we are to be truly Christ-like, our lives (though they belong to us) must be for each other, not ourselves.

Jesus was about to give all of his life for us in one last supreme act of selfless sacrifice. Perhaps God in his mercy gave Jesus a glimpse of the glory he would receive from the Father. Palm Sunday with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem is a merciful act of the Father to give inspiration and courage to his Son. Perhaps the accolades and shouts of joy were not so much a desire of Jesus to be exalted, but perhaps a glimpse of what we, humanity, should look like. A united people at peace and living a joyful life in thanks and praise to God and to the Son of David who sits on the throne of mercy and justice.

Palm Sunday might have been just what Jesus needed at that time before the great sorrow of his passion.

We, too, know that feeling because the palms we wave so joyously today will become the ashes of sorrow we apply to our foreheads for next year's Lent.



Upcoming Community Concert



April in Paris

St. Ignatius of Antioch presents:

*An evening of joyful French music featuring
Mr. Don Pearson on the Roger's Trillium Pipe Organ.*

Friday April 15 at 8:00 pm.

*Reception in the Parish Hall
immediately following.*

*Free will offering
requested.*



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



Garden Ministry Plant Sale

April 16-17

**After all weekend
Liturgies**

**Proceeds help offset the
vegetable garden's
irrigation costs to the parish.**

**Fresh produce from the garden
supplements the canned and dry goods
donated to St. Vincent de Paul each
week.**

**Stop by and learn about the garden.
Pick up a tomato plant or an
ornamental plant for your garden.**

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

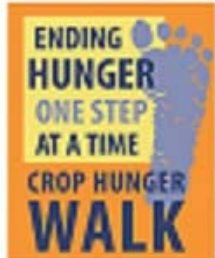
8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

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



CROP WALK

This year's Antioch/Pittsburg East County Hunger Walk takes place on Sunday, April 17, 2016. The event starts and ends at St. Andrews Lutheran Church (2507 San Jose Dr, Antioch). Registration is at 2:30 pm and the walk begins at 3 pm.

The CROP Walks are held throughout the country to raise awareness of local and global hunger issues as well as funds for both local and international organizations fighting hunger. 75% of the money raised at walk on April 17th will go to support the poverty and hunger fighting ministries of Church World Service. The St. Ignatius of Antioch local share is designated for the Holy Rosary St. Vincent de Paul Society Conference.

For more information or if you would like to join or donate to the St. Ignatius of Antioch team, just follow this link:

<https://www.crophungerwalk.org/pittsburgca/SIOA>