

St. Ignatius of Antioch

November 27, 2016 - First Sunday of Advent

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*First Sunday
of Advent*

Candle of

HOPE



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Pastor

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Permanent Deacon

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Artist-in-Residence

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Pastoral Associate

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Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

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Administrative Asst.

Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4pm
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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“You ...must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come.”

— Matthew 24:44

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 November 12-13

**Weekend Offering.....\$8,716.63
2nd Collection for Parking Lot Loan.....\$2,600.00**

New Building Fund

**Donations This Week.....\$375.00
New Building Fund Balance.....\$940,785.73**

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 27—First Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Catholic Daughters Fundraiser for Church - Gathering Plaza
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Giving Tree Project - Narthex

Monday, November 28

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA Meets - 7 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, November 29

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- Faith Formation: 4:30 to 5:45 pm, 6 to 7:15 pm - church and parish hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, November 30

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am - Novena following
- Faith Formation: 6 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 1

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T- 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation: Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall

Friday, December 2

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:30 am to Noon

Saturday, December 3

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm - *New Time*
- Coat Drive sponsored by the Confirmation class and Knights of Columbus
- Second Collection for Parking Lot
- St. Nicholas Dinner
- Giving Tree Project - Narthex

Sunday, December 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Faith Formation Confirmation Class attending - 8 am Liturgy
- Coat Drive sponsored by the Confirmation class and Knights of Columbus
- Second Collection for Parking Lot
- Giving Tree Project - Narthex

Looking Ahead



December 3: St. Nicholas Dinner after the 4 pm Liturgy. See page 7.

December 3-4: Coat drive. Bring new and gently used coats to weekend liturgies. See page 7.

December 3-8: Year of Mercy Parish Mission facilitated by Sister Patricia Bruno and Father Jude Siciliano. See page 7..

December 10: Breakfast & pictures with Santa 9am - noon in the parish hall. See page 6.

December 11: Deadline to return your Giving Tree donations.

December 18: A Concert of Lessons and Carols with a reading of the Christmas Story. The 70 voice Deanery Choir will perform. 3:00 pm. See page 6.

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Terry Malonosan	Peter Villalpando
Archbishop Brunett	Linda Morrison	Theresa Weathers
Liza Espiritu	Al Perez	Guy Worth

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	Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Lay Ministers—Week of December 3rd & 4th

4 pm: Lectors— Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup**—Sharon Simpson **Head Host**—Melodye Costanza; **Host**—Tim Cox, Carol Fanfa; **Cup**—Christoph Holl, Mary Ng, David Simpson; **Server**—Padraig Tiongsan

8 am: Lectors— Youth Lector, Youth Lector; **Head Cup**—Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**—Crispina Malonosan; **Host**—Mark Costanza, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, MaryJo Keister; **Cup**—Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Jeannine Ford, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors— Robert Solano, Alicia Solano; **Head Cup**—Gloria Olvera; **Head Host**—Lesley Eubanks; **Host**—Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Bobby Zabroski, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup**—Amante Asuncion, Cynthia Enrique, Samantha Peralto, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos; **Servers**—Alessandra Necor, William Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. Jude & Sister Patricia Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Danny Silveira †
Sun. 8:00 am	John Reilly †
Sun. 10:00 am	Bill Duarte †
Mon. 8:00 am	Inocencio Papa †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Terry Pedras
Thur. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Stanislaus County Sheriff Deputy Dennis Wallace**. May his soul 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:

Mac & Cheese - 7oz. box **Tuna** - 5 oz can
Sliced Peaches - 15 oz can **Pork & Beans** - 15 oz can

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex. Please NO OPENED or EXPIRED packages.

Adult Confirmation

If you have not yet received the sacrament of Confirmation and will be 18 years of age or older on February 18th, 2017, then Adult Confirmation classes are for you. Confirmation will take place on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at 10AM at The Cathedral of Christ the Light.

The Diocese of Oakland has set the date and opened registration for 2017. Classes will be held (Tuesday evenings) January 17, 24, 31 and February 7 from 7:30 to 9 pm in our parish office.

Contact Pastoral Associate Peter Degl'Innocenti at (925) 756-6172 for registration forms or more details. The Diocese will impose a registration deadline at some point in the near future. Don't delay, call now.

Silver & Gold

Wednesday, December 14 at 9:00 AM: Breakfast following morning Eucharist in the Social Hall for those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries for September, October, November and December. Please call Maryann/Frances in the parish office for your free reservations (778-0768).

Christmas Food Basket

St. Vincent de Paul will take reservations for Christmas food baskets on the following 2 days only:

- Monday December 5th and Tuesday December 6th
- From 9:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M. and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

757-7451 (English) 757-0941 (Spanish)

Limited to the first 300 callers

Distribution will take place at Holy Rosary on Friday December 16 between 9am and noon.

Please only call the numbers listed. Keep calling until you get a live person on the other end.

Office Volunteers Needed

The Pastoral Office is looking to supplement the wonderful volunteers who assist in the office on weekdays from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm. If you are interested and can commit to a regular schedule, please contact the office (778.0768) for more information.

St. Joseph Missals

If you would like to purchase a St. Joseph Missal with the readings for the new liturgical year, please contact the parish office at (925) 778-0768. The cost is \$4.00.

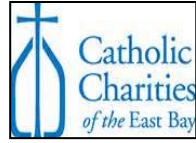
Mobile Mall News

Next Sorting - Thursday, December 15th from 3:15 - 6:30 pm, Holy Rosary Gym.

Distribution - Friday, December 16th, 8:00 am - 12:30 pm, Holy Rosary Gym.

The donation barrel for gently used clothes, towels and sheets is located in the Narthex. For more information about this ministry, please call 757-4020.

Catholic Social Services Directory



Know someone in need?

Not sure how to help?

Check out **FAITH IN ACTION**, the Catholic Social Services Directory

Web address: FAITHINACTIONOAKDIOCESE.ORG

YLI Holiday Boutique at Holy Rosary

Antioch YLI #101 is hosting a Holiday Boutique fundraiser on Monday, November 28 from 6pm - 8pm at Holy Rosary, Father Vicente Dominican Hall.

The boutique will feature Mary Kay Cosmetics, Lula Roe Clothing, Sentry Touchstone Crystal, Younique Cosmetics, Jamberry Nails, 31 Gifts, Beads by Ann, Angel Card Readings, handmade Rosaries, Young Living Essential Oils, Nini's Potions, Damsel in Defense, baked goods, raffle and more.

If interested in a booth or for more information, contact Tina at 925-642-1465.

Los Posadas "Journey to the Inn"

Join our Faith Formation Classes on Tuesday, December 13 for the traditional Journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem. Prayer service begins at 6:15 pm.

Celebration follows in the Parish Hall until 7:30 pm. Sponsored by our Confirmation Class and the Knights of Columbus.



Formation Opportunities at Holy Rosary

Catholic Adults Learning to Live the Experience of Discipleship (CALLED) sessions are offered on Tuesday evenings at 7 pm in the Church. This is a great opportunity to connect with the Church's rich teachings.

Advent with the Prophet Isaiah, a 4-part examination of the Prophecies with Fr. Bart Hutchenson, OP. Tuesday morning and Thursday evening sessions offered.

For complete details, see the poster in the Gathering Plaza under Parish News or call the Holy Rosary Parish Office at 757-4020.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Gratitude is a cardinal response to the gift of life and family. At this time of year, it is easy to let the chill of the weather and world events influence what should be the basic response to our God-given gift of life. We live in troublesome times and it is easy to let the discouragement cloud our time of Thanksgiving. Family squabbles, economic difficulties, decisions made in haste and thoughtlessness, tend to eat away at the basic instinct of turning to God in gratitude for what we have been given. We find ourselves complaining more than praising. The TV and our apps encourage us to grasp after material goods without seeing the poverty that eats away at the good nature of so many of our citizens. We turn to our faith to guide us. Our faith has given us the Eucharist which means Thanksgiving. Our faith gives us hope in God, the Author of life, so we can hold on in difficult circumstances.

Our church fills its tables with Thanksgiving baskets, and Gubbio socks, and backpacks for needy school children. Fathers work to provide the food for the table. Mothers try to make a great meal with all the traditional foods: turkey and dressing, green bean casserole, cranberry relish, sweet potato, pecan and pumpkin pies. Children help decorate and set the table. At the time of grace, we each mention what we are thankful for in this year of 2016. Positive actions overcome our faults and fears because we have a Savior who came to redeem us and His Word is everlasting. As Alpha and Omega, He calls us into being more than we can imagine. He stands at the end of time as well as at the beginning putting all things together in love. At the end of the year we have Christ the King of the Universe and at the beginning of Advent we are reminded to "Stay awake because you know not the day or the hour."

We must resist the "thief" who tries to steal our happiness and "throw off the works of darkness." A suggestion that will help us overcome discouragement is to make a list of our blessings. Another is to imagine our own end-time and see what we need to do to accomplish the mission we have been given. If you are a mother or father, find one way to be a better one and do one action this week that takes a step toward that goal. If you are a child, find one way to be more helpful and contribute to the family joyfully. If you are single, reach out to those you know in ways that will let them know you care for them. If you are elderly or infirm, expand your prayer to the places of conflict in the world.

I have a picture on my wall of a figure holding the world in a deep embrace. I see this picture when I am consumed by my own disappointments. It encourages me to move out of my own darkness and to send love into the world instead of being so selfishly focused on my own needs and wants. There is a spiritual practice called *tonglen*. It asks that we breathe in the sufferings of this world and breathe out love to all who need it. In prayer this week try this practice first with your immediate circle, then with our area, then with the world and all its needs. If you have a particular area of concern such as human trafficking, domestic violence, refugees, hate crimes, etc, spend time in prayer sending your out-breath of love to those suffering from these injustices. When I am faced with my own discouragements, it is difficult to try to take in more suffering, but that is exactly what Jesus did. He came in love to give love. In Eucharist He continues to do that over and over. May we imitate His example in our prayer and actions this week.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Dynamic Duo of the Faith


If my crystal ball is working and the bulletin publication schedule runs true to course, this should be the first weekend within the Advent season. This Advent is going to be something special. To start, we will once again experience the pastoral magic of Father Jude Siciliano O.P. and Sister Patricia Bruno O.P.

Once every two or three years we have been fortunate enough to have this dynamic duo of the Faith preside for a "retreat". These retreats are not the typical retreat you might think of; neither in location, time, or content. This form of retreat is designed to accommodate the working men and women of our parish as well as those whose schedules are more "open". For maximum convenience, the retreat is held right here in our church. Everybody knows where the church is and it doesn't mean putting a lot of extra miles on the car to get to a classic retreat site, say like...San Domiano. The retreat is cost free, but of course free will donations are gladly welcomed. The retreats start at 7:30 in the evening so most commuters should find time to attend. Then there is the all-important issue of content. There is something uniquely special about these two spirit filled individuals and how they present material that sets the light bulbs above our heads "on" in a continual sequence of "Ah-ha!!!" moments. God has given this pair a special spiritual gift of communicating the core principles and meanings; and also the fineries of a season's, sacraments or Feast Day's purpose.

A Fr. Siciliano / Sr. Bruno retreat is certainly a "lived" experience. It is a powerful and moving way to enter into the spiritual seasons that are so important to us. When so many congregations are asking themselves "What can we do differently this year?" or "What will make this Advent exciting and alive for the people"; a Siciliano/Bruno retreat is what everyone is looking for. It is the consummate answer to getting into the spirit of Advent, Lent, Easter, Christmas, or whatever may be at hand.

This is what will make a difference for you in the new liturgical year. This will rev-up your spiritual engine and send you flying toward the finish line! Come and be renewed. Put yourself in the competent hands of these two masterful retreat givers and then sit back and enjoy the ride to a better Advent than you have experienced in a long time!

ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
Angelic Music for the Parish and the Community.



**Sunday,
 Dec. 18 at
 3pm**

**LESSONS
 and
 CAROLS**

**A Concert of Lessons and
 Carols with a reading of the
 Christmas Story.**

Wonderful music sung by the 70 voice
 Eastern Deanery Choir.

Carols for the congregation to sing.

Reception follows immediately
 in the Parish Hall


A New Beginning

Saturday, December 3 through
 Thursday, December 8
 at St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Advent Season Retreat Facilitated by
 Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP and
 Sr. Patricia Bruno, OP

You can attend either the morning session
 or the evening session.

Daily Schedule


Saturday & Sunday December 3 & 4	Father Jude and Sister Patricia will preach at all liturgies this weekend
Monday - Thursday December 5 - 8	Two daily sessions are offered. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The morning session begins with the 8 am daily liturgy. • The evening session begins at 7:30 pm.



Giving Tree

Our Annual Giving Tree Outreach Effort
This Weekend
 Take an ornament from the tree and purchase an age-appropriate gift.

Return your UNWRAPPED gifts to St. Ignatius of Antioch by
Sunday December 11.
 All gifts will be transported to local schools including St. Peter Martyr for distribution.



A gift from our
 Guadalupe Society
**Celebrate the Patroness of
 the Americas**

Saturday, Dec. 10 at 4pm

Join us at the Saturday Vigil Liturgy as St. Ignatius of Antioch parish honors Our Lady of Guadalupe.


Reception hosted by our Guadalupe Society follows immediately. All are welcome. A free-will offering will be received in the hall to help defray costs.



Bake Sale

Sponsored by our Faith Formation Students.

December 10 & 11
After all weekend liturgies.



Breakfast & Picture With Santa

Saturday December 10
9am - Noon

St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Parish Hall

Cost: \$5 per person. Pay at the door.
 Pancakes - Sausage - Juice - Milk - Coffee



Cocktail Party to Benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch

Hosted by Theresa and Joe Nelms

Sunday, December 11th, 4 - 8 pm

Cost: \$50 per person / \$100 per couple

Proceeds Benefit Our Parish Operating Account

Space is limited! Call the parish office for reservations and directions.



Coat Drive

December 3 & 4

You are invited to bring a new or gently used coat (in good condition) to the weekend liturgies. All sizes, including children's sizes are needed. All coats will go to individuals in our community who need a warm coat this winter.

If you are able to help, please consider supporting this outreach effort. Thank you.

Co-sponsored by our Confirmation class and the Knights of Columbus.



11th Annual St. Nicholas Dinner

Come Home for Christmas!

Saturday Evening December 3, 2016

5:30 PM

\$30.00

Menu:

- Appetizers
- Winter Salad
- Barbecued Tri Tip & Chicken Breast
- Savory String beans
- Rice with vegetables
- Bread and Butter
- Dessert



Don't forget to bring your bells to welcome St. Nicholas!

Limited Seating!
(This is an Adults Only event)



This event is sponsored by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee with our Knights of Columbus