

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 4, 2016 - Second Sunday of Advent

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Second Sunday of Advent Candle of Peace



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Pastoral Associate

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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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*The earth shall be filled with
knowledge of the LORD as water
covers the sea.*

— Isaiah 11:9

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 19-20

Weekend Offering.....\$11,772.00
2nd Collection -Campaign for Human Dev.....\$2,047.00

New Building Fund

Donations This Week.....\$1,006.33
New Building Fund Balance.....\$941,792.06

Schedule of Events

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

Monday, December 5

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this month
- Advent Retreat - A New Beginning - 8 am & 7:30 pm

Tuesday, December 6 - St. Nicholas Feast Day

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Advent Retreat - A New Beginning - 8 am & 7:30 pm

Wednesday, December 7

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Advent Retreat - A New Beginning - 8 am & 7:30 pm

Thursday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Advent Retreat - A New Beginning - 8 am & 7:30 pm
- Immaculate Conception Evening Prayer - 7:30 pm

Friday, December 9

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, December 10 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Breakfast with Santa- 9am to noon - Parish Hall
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm** - Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration with reception to follow - Parish Hall (**note New Time**)
- Giving Tree Project - Narthex
- Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious
- Faith Formation Bake Sale - following Liturgy - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, December 11 - Third Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Giving Tree Project - Narthex
- Second Collection - Retirement Fund for Religious
- Faith Formation Bake Sale - following both Liturgies - Gathering Plaza

Looking Ahead



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.

December 20: Join us for a showing of “The Star Over Bethlehem” in the parish hall at 7pm.

December 26: Office closed.

January 4, 2017: Hula Class - Parish Hall beginning at 9:15 am.

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 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30
Thursday	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

Lay Ministers—Week of December 10th & 11th

4 pm: Lectors—Therese Kain, Vince Augusta; **Head Cup**—Pam Confetti; **Head Host**—Melodye Costanza; **Host**—Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup**—Rhoda Herrera, Marla Plurkowski, Forrest Towe.

8 am: Lectors—Peter Degl’Innocenti, Pat Kramer; **Head Cup**—Sue Howell; **Head Host**—Jeannine Ford; **Host**—Rick Howell, Jeanne Reilly, Stan Stanek, Nick Suarez; **Cup**—Theresa Stanek, Tim Cox, Mark Costanza, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**—Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors—William Necor, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup**—Harlan Young; **Head Host**—Jane Sharpe; **Host**—Ed Cissell, Yvette Young, Helga Boardman, Sharon Cissell; **Cup**—Cory Cook, Steve Andreatta, Dilcia Aparicio, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers**—Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. George Presiding & Preaching on Saturday
Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. George Preaching on Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Sun. 10:00 am	Samuel Azurin †
Mon. 8:00 am	Dorothy Potts †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Wed. 8:00 am	Hanny Reingold
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	All Care Givers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Officer Collin Rose, Tammany Brooks, Jr., Det. Benjamin Marconi, Dorothy Potts, Basil Sales, Fr. Paul Devine, Jack Eustis & Harmon Hallett**. May their souls 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 9 a.m. and noon.

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

Office Volunteers Needed

The Pastoral Office is looking to supplement the wonderful volunteers who assist in the office on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. If you are interested and can commit to a regular schedule, please contact the office (778-0768) for more information.

YLI Needs Your Help



YLI is collecting travel size shampoos, conditioners, hand lotion, shower soaps, toothpastes (sample size from your dentist) & toothbrushes.

Also mouthwash & hand sanitizer which must be alcohol free.

A collection box will be placed in the Narthex from Saturday December 3 through Sunday December 11. The ladies of Y.L.I. will be making gift bags which will include the toiletries as well as new socks, fresh fruit and cookies. Your generosity will be appreciated by those with a greater need in our community. Thank you,

Committee Chairperson, Jeannine Ford

Thanksgiving Basket Outreach

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Thanksgiving outreach in partnership with St. Vincent de Paul. Our parish contributed over 200 baskets (with a special thanks to St. Peter Martyr School, our Faith Formation students and our CYO teams).



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.

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 **A**dults **L**earning to **L**ive the **E**xperience of **D**iscipleship (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

If you are like me, Black Friday is not a happy day. I long ago adapted the phrase, "Not one dime on Black Friday!" But this year the advertisements seemed particularly numerous, with everyone encouraging the culture to "buy, buy, buy." Pope Francis in *LaudatoSi* #222 says, "Christian Spirituality proposes a growth marked by moderation and the capacity to be happy with little. It us a return to that simplicity which allows us to stop and appreciate the small things, to be grateful for the opportunities which life affords us, to be spiritually detached from what we possess, and not to succumb to sadness for what we lack." He encourages us to lead a life that is "simple, balanced, consistent, and capable of seeing what is essential." We need encouragement and endurance to be Christians that counter the culture of consumerism at this time of year.

The Global Catholic Climate Movement suggests some practices for Advent which might be helpful to help us put this attitude into our spiritual practice:

- Make three changes in your normal holiday rituals which cost less money.
- Pray for a deeper understanding of what is happening to our planet (See catholicclimatemovement.global/advent-prayer-resources/)
- Have a family discussion about giving and give to a charity on someone's behalf
- Practice the Advent pause. Become aware of your internal energies that leads you to buy more and buy unnecessarily.
- Give gifts packed with meaning such as wreaths, handmade cards and gifts, baked goods, etc.
- Give the gift of time by babysitting, doing chores, preparing a dinner, spending an hour with a sick relative or friend.
- Opt for "less is more" in your decorating this year. Use natural evergreen and holly branches.
- Save on paper by wrapping in newspaper, junk mail, old maps and phone books.
- Prepare sustainable, nutritious meals.
- Take your family to a park to enjoy the beauty of nature or to a museum to appreciate the wonders of this world.
- Go through your closets and empty them of extra clothes, shoes, jewelry and give them to the Mobile Mall, SVDP or Goodwill.
- Invite someone who is lonely to share your holiday meal.
- See more ideas to simplify the holidays at simplifyholidays.org

In other words, be intentional about your actions of preparation for Christmas. We center our house decorations around the crib. Let us center our hearts around the Christ Child who was born in a stable without any of the trappings of the world. He told us in so many ways how to be in this world. "Blessed are the poor in spirit..." "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of the needle than for the rich to enter heaven" etc. He saw the delusion of attitudes of grasping, of wanting the better place, of competing for more things. Spend some time this week talking to your family about simplifying Christmas. That's the best Advent preparation anyone can make.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A Smattering

Well, we have a lot of catching-up to do. Here is a smattering of subjects that have been happening ever since the Holiday Season began.


First, way back when, the parishioners and music lovers of the community were treated to an organ concert performed by someone other than the maestro himself, Don Pearson. This concert was performed by the masterful hand of organist William (Bill) Vaughan. Bill selected an array of musical compositions that showcased his virtuosity, knowledge of organ music history, and desire to thoroughly entertain the listener. This included works by Fred Swann, Arcangelo Corelli (with a name like Arcangelo Corelli, you know he was destined to be somebody!), J.S. Bach, W.A. Mozart, Elgar, Archer, Zipoli (no relation to the Zippo Lighter people), Jenkins, and Elliott. Yes, that's a lot of composers and it made for a very full evening of great listening. Some of the pieces were readily familiar as theme music from popular TV commercials.

The most surprising feature of the evening was the introduction of Bill's 10-year-old student and prodigy, Tim Warncke. Tim was slated to play the Prelude and Fugue in F Major by J.S. Bach. As Tim approached the mammoth instrument, I noticed that there wasn't any music available for him to read. I thought, "This is going to be short and simple if he's going to do it from memory." J.S. Bach, short, simple? I should have known better! His performance was as long, complex, and musically tight as any I have heard from anyone; Bill and Don aside. During the applause, I commented to Pam Silva seated next to me, "If he can play like that, he'll never go hungry." People will always pay to hear great music.

Once again, our Thanksgiving Basket outreach program was a complete success. It was fun, for a change, to shop and buy more things for someone else than for ourselves. As my wife and I roamed the aisles of the supermarket collecting the listed items, one side of the cart became noticeably larger than the other until most of the space was taken over by the Basket items! It was like the old black-and-white horror film *The Blob*; but instead of people being absorbed to their doom, we were being absorbed into a wonderful spirit of giving and selflessness. To top it all off, the total at the register wasn't that bad.

So, there you have it. Just two subjects and not the smattering I thought I'd be offering. I wonder if two items constitute a smatter? If not, then that leads me to ask the question of myself...What's the "smatter" with me?

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



Giving Thanks!

As 2016 draws to a close, St. Ignatius of Antioch parish is taking time to reflect upon what we've accomplished this year and all that we have to look forward to in 2017.

Undoubtedly, we are a parish blessed with the love, prayers, and support of so many generous individuals.

Without the kindness and generosity of our parishioners, so much of what we accomplish in ministry and outreach would not be possible.

As you count your blessings this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Please know that every gift, no matter the amount, is both celebrated and appreciated!

