

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 11, 2016 - Third Sunday of Advent

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## Third Sunday of Advent Candle of Joy



**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
Pastor

**Fr. George Griener, S.J.**  
Assisting Clergy

**Deacon Gary Hack**  
Permanent Deacon

**Don Pearson**  
Director of Music, Organist,  
Artist-in-Residence

**Frances Rojek**  
Director of Faith Formation

**Peter Degl'Innocenti**  
Pastoral Associate

**Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.**  
Pastoral Associate

**Maryann Peddicord**  
Pastoral Secretary

**Estrella Rusk**  
Financial Secretary

**Rich Confetti**  
Facilities Manager

**Yvette Young**  
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.



**December 11, 2016  
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*Those whom the LORD has ransomed  
will return and enter Zion singing,  
crowned with everlasting joy.*

——— *Isaiah 35:10a*

**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 26-27**

**Weekend Offering.....\$8,829.00  
2nd Collection –Thanksgiving Collection.....\$2,112.00**

**New Building Fund**

**Donations This Week.....\$3,580.35  
New Building Fund Balance.....\$945,372.41**

**Schedule of Events**

**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

**Monday, December 12 - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe**

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this month
- RCIA Meets - 7 pm - Parish Office

**Tuesday, December 13**

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Los Posadas “Journey to the Inn” - 6:15 to 7:30 pm - Church & Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation

**Wednesday, December 14**

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No Faith Formation

**Thursday, December 15**

- Divine Mercy and Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T- 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation

**Friday, December 16**

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

**Saturday, December 17**

- Christmas Pageant Rehearsal - 9 am to 10 am - Church
- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm** - (*note New Time*)

**Sunday, December 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Lessons & Carols Concert - 3 pm - Church - Reception to follow - Parish Hall

**Looking Ahead**



**Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule:** See Bulletin page 4 or Father’s Insert



**THIS WEEKEND:** Don’t forget to drop off your unwrapped gifts for the weekend. Thank you.



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



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

**December 26:** Office closed.

**January 20:** Mark your calendar now - first organ concert of the New Year. Details to follow..

**January 21:** The crab feed is back! Join us at the annual Knights of Columbus crab feed in the parish hall after the Saturday vigil liturgy. Watch for ticket sales to begin shortly.

## 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

<b>Monday</b>	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
<b>Tuesday</b>	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-19, 23; Mt 21:28-32
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 45: 6b-8, 18, 21b-25; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Lk 7:18b-23
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 54:1-10; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12a, 13b; Lk 7:24-30
<b>Friday</b>	Is 56:1-3a, 6-8; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Jn 5:33-36
<b>Saturday</b>	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

## Lay Ministers—Week of December 17th & 18th

**4 pm: Lectors**— Lisa Marie Cayaban, Melodye Costanza; **Head Cup**— David Simpson; **Head Host**—Sharon Simpson; **Host**—Carol Fanfa, Mary Angelica Cayaban; **Cup**—Marla Plurkowski, Christoph Holl, Pam Confetti.

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

**10:00 am: Lectors**— Rose Necor, Cheryna Wright; **Head Cup**—Amante Asuncion; **Head Host**—Steve Andreatta; **Host**—Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Al Necor, Cynthia Enrique, Lesley Eubanks; **Cup**—Lee Oliver, Gloria Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Samantha Peralto; **Servers**—Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Mike Ambrosini †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Sheryl Young Benson †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Anselmo Oyos †
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Braiden M. Goodsell
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Fara Costanza †

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Sergio Agrimont, Rose Malfitano, Anna Tran and the Victims of the Oakland Fire**. 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.

## St. Joseph Missals

St. Joseph Missals with the readings for the new liturgical year are available from parish office. The cost is \$4.00.

## 2016 Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

### Christmas Eve, Saturday, December 24, 2016

- 4:00 p.m. The Children tell the story of Christmas (Organ, Cantors; Carols; *No Incense*)
- 10:00 p.m. Festive Celebration of Holy Eucharist for Christmas Night – The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ; The Blessing of the Christmas Trees and the Blessing of the Creche; Procession and Incense

### Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Festive Celebration of Holy Eucharist for Christmas Morning; Procession, Cantors and Organ, Carols (No Incense).
- 10:00 a.m. Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas Day; The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ; Procession and Incense

### The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, Friday December 30, 2016

- 8:00 a.m. Celebration of Holy Eucharist

### New Year's Eve, Saturday, December 31, 2016

#### The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

- 4:00 p.m. Vigil Liturgy for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

### New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2017 – The Solemnity of Mary, The World Day of Prayer for Peace, The Octave Day of Christmas.

- 8:00 and 10:00 am Festive Celebrations of Holy Eucharist; Birthday blessings.

## 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

## Mobile Mall News

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

**December 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.

## 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 RSVP to Maryann or Frances in the parish office.

## 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 for more information.

## 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 Addults 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**

With Christmas around the corner and the media telling us of all we can buy, I would like to offer some alternative suggestions to help families learn to give rather than receive this holiday. We learn from the readings that we must, “Reject godless ways and worldly desires to live temperately, justly and devoutly in this age” (Christmas Eve liturgy, St. Paul to Titus 2:11-14) Here are some ideas to make that a reality.

1. Pay it forward. Whether you are in the coffee line or the bridge toll, you can surprise those behind you by paying their fee.
2. Give your family experiences of being together. Make a list and let them choose. See a Christmas play, go to a Christmas parade, or to the park to enjoy nature.
3. Give a Christmas dinner to the elderly or serve in a soup kitchen. Loaves and Fishes are right in Pittsburg at the SVDP headquarters.
4. Have a session with the family to make cards for the sick, the elderly, teachers, mail carriers, veterans or those serving overseas. These people who make our life easier are often forgotten at Christmas time.
5. Make a batch of cookies for our fire persons, police officers or healthcare professionals and drop it off at their place of work.
6. For the rest of Advent, do one good deed a day and have a time where each one shares what they did to make a better world.
7. Give time to an organization or cause that you care about. Animal shelters need all the volunteers they can get at this time of year.
8. Have a discussion with your family about living simply. Come up with one or two practical suggestions to be implemented in the New Year.
9. Reach out to a family member or neighbor who has a different opinion than you and tell them that you care about them.

People say “Merry Christmas, Happy Christmas.” As Catholics, we know what makes the feast happy or merry. It is not so much toys and gifts as it is people being together and caring about one another. Gifts and cards are just a way to express that. Telling a family member that they are loved and appreciated, or asking forgiveness for an offense, may be just the gift of love that someone needs to face the New Year. May He who “emptied Himself” to be one with us, bless us all with peace and the courage to reach out to all human beings with that same love that is exemplified by the Child in the manger.

## *Parish Perspective*

**By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate**

### *Grounded*

One of the most critical factors as to whether parishioners enjoy going to Mass on Sunday, or if they dread it, is the caliber and quality of the homily. We here at St. Ignatius of Antioch have been blessed with many great homilists over the years. One of the supporting pillars of a good homily is that it should be “grounded.” Here, “grounded” in the homiletic sense means that the homily should connect with the people to whom the homily is addressed. It should meet the people where they stand. It should touch on some aspect of their current lives, something they can relate to. The more abstract and anachronistic a scripture passage is, the greater is the need to find some way of grounding the homily.

At times the homilist is faced with the difficult question of “How am I going to find anything that can relate to this?” For example, Noah and the world-wide flood; there are floods in our lifetime but never a world-wide flood. Even some of the lesser disasters mentioned in the gospels we dismiss as not being applicable in modern times because of common-sense. For example: Jesus’ parable of the two houses; one built on rock, the other built on sand. We’ve heard this parable countless times and we know that in today’s world no one builds a house (costing hundreds of thousands of dollars) on sand. Yet recently, this passage came up for a Thursday communion service where I was delivering the homily. In asking myself “How can I ground this for the people? Where can I point to a disaster and say, see...there is a house built on sand.” Then it came to me. Not only was there a house, but many “houses” stacked one upon the other in the form of a high-rise condominium building known as the Millennium Tower in San Francisco costing 350 million dollars. The 58-story behemoth of a building is sinking and tilting all because of the soft “sand” it was built on, and the lack of a compensating foundation.

In the parable, Jesus relates the buildings to people who hear his words and either acts or doesn’t act on them. Action is the key. The embarrassment and disaster of the Millennium Tower is due, in part, to inspectors, surveyors, and government officials who failed to take action early on when things could have been changed. They failed to act on their authority. We have the authority of the Holy Spirit to act on the words of Jesus. When we act, we can change things in this world for the better. When we act, we build the kingdom of God both for ourselves and for others at the same time. When we act, we continue to build and re-enforce the foundations of our lives morally, ethically, and spiritually. We also become a model for our children, families, and communities.



**St. Ignatius  
of Antioch**  
presents



*Angelic Music  
for the Parish  
and the  
Community.*

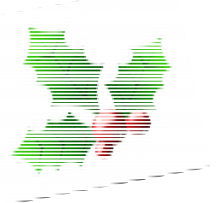
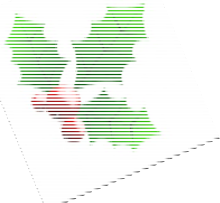
# **A Concert of Lessons and Carols with a reading of the Christmas Story.**

**Sunday, December 18 at 3:00pm**

Wonderful music sung by the Eastern Deanery Choir.

Carols for the congregation to sing.

Reception follows immediately in the Parish Hall



Join us for a video  
presentation of

## *THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM*

**Wednesday, December 20 at  
7:30pm In the  
Parish Hall**



### **SILVER AND GOLD**

For me, it does not matter what we do  
or where we go.

Just being together for coffee, breakfast,  
lunch or dinner, a stroll down the street,  
tours or whatever, all is good.

I have enjoyed all of our gatherings,  
Good people = great fun.

Thanks for the memories  
and the many more to follow.  
Love Ya!

A Silver & Gold Participant



# 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!**

