

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 26, 2017 - Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement:

United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ

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Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4 pm (**5 pm beginning Mar. 18**)

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 (**3:45-4:30 pm beginning March 18**)

Reminder

Faith Formation Office: (925) 778-1631

Sacraments: Contact Parish (925) 778-0768

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

For Ministries, Activities & Outreaches in Parish: see
Parish handbook, available in the Office.



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Can a mother forget her infant, be without
tenderness for the child of her womb?
Even should she forget I will never forget
you.
—— Isaiah 49:15

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 11-12

Weekend Offering.....\$10,408.10

Looking Ahead



Fish Fry Fridays

Every Friday during Lent 4:30 - 7:00 in the Parish
Hall. Drive through service available.

March 3	March 10
March 17	March 24
March 31	April 7

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

March 6: Safe Environment Training at 7 pm in the
parish hall. Online registration is required. See page 4.

March 8: Stations of the Cross in Silhouette at 7:30
pm.

March 18: Saturday Vigil Liturgy returns to
5 pm for the Spring and Summer months.



March 18: Annual St. Joseph Dinner after the Vigil
Liturgy. Mark your calendar now & watch for more
info.

March 30: St. Ignatius of Antioch Lenten Communal
Penance Service 7:30 pm.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 26

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

Monday, February 27

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED - Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, February 28

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Meet - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation classes

Wednesday, March 1 - Ash Wednesday

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Ashes
- 12 Noon & 5:30 pm- Liturgy of the Word & Ashes
- 7:30 pm - Sung Evening Prayer & Ashes
- No Faith Formation classes

Thursday, March 2

- 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 Confirmation Class I & II
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, March 3 World Day of Prayer

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to 12
noon
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm – Parish
Hall

Saturday, March 4

- Vigil Liturgy - **4 pm**
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for Parking Lot

Sunday, March 5

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing at both Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parking Lot

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	John Rien	Guy Worth
Roxanne Greth	Paul 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	Sir 17:20-24; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday	Sir 35:1-12; Ps 50:5-8, 14, 23; Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday	Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday	Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
Friday	Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
Saturday	Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
Sunday	Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Lay Ministers—Week of March 4th & 5th

4 pm: Lectors– Vince Augusta, Therese Kain; **Head Cup**– David Simpson; **Head Host**– Sharon Simpson; **Host**– Rhoda Herrera, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**– Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza, Christoph Holl

8 am: Lectors– Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup**– Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**– Jeannine Ford; **Host**– Kathleen Hayakawa, Nick Suarez, Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister; **Cup**– Vianney Mendoza, Samantha Peralto, Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers**– Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– Rose Necor, William Necor **Head Cup**– Reyna Garcia; **Head Host**– Cory Cook; **Host**– Jane Sharpe, Bobby Zabroski, Helga Boardman, Cynthia Enrique; **Cup**– Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers**– Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Danny Silveira †
Sun. 8:00 am	Frances DeVasio †
Sun. 10:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Wed. 8:00 am	Ash Wednesday
Thur. 8:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Fri. 8:00 am	Paul & Fara Constanza †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **all those who are homeless or forgotten**. 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:

Corn - 15 oz can **Green Beans** - 15 oz can
Canned Fruit - 15 oz can **Spaghetti** - 16 oz

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

2017 Bishop's Appeal

COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS

NEXT WEEKEND!

For more information on the 2017 Bishop's Appeal please visit

www.oakdiocese.org/giving

All gifts no matter the amount are welcome.

Daughters of Charity Retreat

THE DAUGHTERS OF CHARITY have a March Religious Vocation Discernment Retreat for women age 18 - 40. **March 10 -12, Los Altos Hills, CA. Contact:** Sr. Lisa Laguna, D.C. 650-949-8890 or 213-210-9903 srllaguna@doc1633.org or www.Daughters-Of-Charity.com/retreats/

Safe Environment Training



Just a reminder for anyone who is involved in any ministry here at St. Ignatius of Antioch...it has been three years since our last training! **This training is mandatory.** We will have one last live training session for anyone who did not complete the VIRTUS training online. The date is:

Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm

You must register with VIRTUS online by going to the website: www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment and click on the VIRTUS Registration icon **before** the training. Anyone who does not have access to a computer, please contact Maryann in the church office.

If you cannot attend this session, you may still complete the training online. See the web link above.

Ash Wednesday Liturgy Schedule

Lent begins on Wednesday, March 1. Our Ash Wednesday schedule of liturgies are as follows:

- ◆ **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
- ◆ **12:00 Noon** Liturgy of the Word with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
- ◆ **5:30 p.m.** Liturgy of the Word with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes
- ◆ **7:30 p.m.** Sung Evening Prayer with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes



Antioch YLI #101 Cookbook Project



In honor of their 95th anniversary, Antioch YLI #101 is compiling a cookbook full of treasured recipes from St. Ignatius of Antioch. If you have a favorite recipe that you would like to share, please email your recipe to Tina Gutilla at

kfgutilla@gmail.com, or phone Tina at 925-642-1465.

The deadline for submitting your recipe is March 10, 2017. Thank you for helping YLI #101 to create this cookbook.

Mobile Mall News

- ◆ **Sorting** - Saturday, March 11th from 9 am to 12 pm - Holy Rosary Gym
- ◆ **Distribution** - Saturday, March 18th from 8 am to 12 pm; Orchard Park Elementary 5150 Live Oak Ave. Oakley.

For more information about this ministry, please call Barbara at 706-2802.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides.” Learn how to “not sweat the small stuff” and enhance your marriage by attending Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is July 14-16 at San Damiano Retreat Center. Early registration is highly recommended. Contact Mike & Jeanne @ 925-672-2016 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Summer at Carondelet is Back



This year, we are offering a variety of co-ed middle and high school courses to help your kids get an academic edge this summer. We also have programs specifically for girls with our middle school sports clinics and a Girls Leadership program designed for 4th & 5th graders which allows them to explore their leadership skills. We can't wait to see you this summer!

Visit us at <http://www.carondeleths.org/summer> for more information about these exciting classes.

Classes begin Monday June 12, 2017.



JOIN US FOR
Pasta Dinner Nights

When: January 15th, February 19th, March 19th, May 21st, August 20th, October 15th, November 19th, and December 17th

Time: 4:30 - 6:30 PM

Where: San Damiano Retreat
710 Highland Drive | Danville, CA 94526

Cost: Adults: \$15 | Children 12 and under: \$10

PURCHASE TICKETS
sandamiano.org
(925) 837-9141

Menu

Spaghetti (with meat and vegetarian sauces)
Salad
Garlic and French Bread
Dessert
Beverage



SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

In October of 2016, just five months ago, Pope Francis at his Jubilee audience spoke of dialogue as an important aspect of mercy. Dialogue is sorely needed in our divided world. I began thinking about ways to create dialogue among people with different ideas and opinions. I dug out an old book called *The Miracle of Dialogue* by Reuel L. Howe, a classic written in 1963. The first chapter is called "The Importance of Dialogue." I could not agree more that dialogue is what is needed among our divided families, friends and nation. He states, "Dialogue is to love what blood is to the body. When the flow of blood stops, the body dies." Whether I am talking to friends or watching the news it is evident to me that people do not know how to communicate in this fashion. As a result, communication is often shallow or argumentative with no real exchange of meaning or insight on how to live under the current condition in which we find ourselves. People either decide to avoid a deeper conversation, fight with the other person, or worse, decide not to make the effort.

Dialogue allows people to know and understand one another. It is also an expression of charity because it can help us investigate and share ideas and projects that lead to the common good. When we intentionally set out to dialogue with another, we are respecting God's life in the other and working to cooperate in His creative work. Indian people have a greeting, "Nameste". Each person bows to the other, honoring the God in both. Would that we could say, "Nameste" to those with whom we have a disagreement.

So what are the elements of dialogue? How do we recognize it? The principle of dialogue is "openness to the other side with a willingness not only to speak but to respond to what we hear." (p.40)

What are the barriers to dialogue? The first is language. We have to check that what we said, or heard from another is what they meant. To do this we have to ask clarifying questions like "Are you saying..." or "Do you mean...?" The next is the use of images. Images seldom have a universal meaning because they are tied to our emotional experience, particularly our anxieties. Our anxieties cause us to want affirmation or to justify our position. In true dialogue, one's intention is not self-justification, but rather the intention to listen and understand the other, even if we do not agree. "When we talk to others with the sole purpose of getting them to do what we want, we are exploiting them."(p.37)

Dialogue is about putting aside our needs and agendas and listening for the meaning the other is trying to convey. To listen and explain and to ask with kindness is part of dialogue. Barking at the other or shouting does not reveal an open heart, no matter how frustrated one may be. We look for the common areas of agreement and affirm them. We look for the meaning beneath the words. We look for ways to come to agreement about the next step forward. We are all searching for the meaning of life, that is what living is about. In dialogue we have a two-fold responsibility, "to explain the meaning of the terms used and to help people relate the meaning to their lives today." (p.28)

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Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Doing

Recently, I presided for a communion service that had an excerpt from Mark's gospel. It was the well-known passage where Jesus asks his disciples "Who do the people say that I am?" and then asks them "Who do you say that I am?" The disciples inform Jesus that the people say he is Elijah, Moses, or one of the other prophets and for their own part all are silent until Peter answers saying, "You are the Christ." In a stunning move, Jesus then speaks openly to the disciples about his rejection, passion, and death at the hands of the religious authorities and his resurrection after three days.

Now, to understand the significance of his revelation we must remember that Mark's gospel is about the "messianic secret" that Jesus' identity is never fully known until after the resurrection. Peter tries to "save" Jesus from such a horrific fate by rebuking Jesus only to be rebuked himself. Peter could only see the individual elements of what would happen to Jesus. Peter couldn't see the big picture of what was going on, even though he was in the midst of it. What remained "secret" at this point in the gospel is the new covenant that will be made by Jesus' sacrifice on the cross. Not until the Last Supper will Jesus give to his disciples the Cup of Blessing, the cup of the New Covenant for the forgiveness of sins. Even so, Peter and the others remain "in the dark" about inheriting eternal life through the new covenant.

The great point here is that Jesus asked two critical questions about who he is. What lies hidden or secret is a third question Jesus asked tacitly, "What do you say that I am doing?" In hindsight, it is easy for us to say that if Peter knew who Jesus was and was told what would happen Peter would have known it was about a new covenant; but he couldn't see the "big picture."

Sometimes we can't see the big picture when horrific events occur in our lives. Death, destruction, and terrorism shake our world to its core. We far too often lose sight of the fact that the covenant God makes with us is still in force. Jesus said that he is the fulfillment of the law and no part of it passes away. Jesus is the living covenant with us and no part of him passes away either. We have a pretty good idea of how to answer the question "Who is Jesus?" How we answer the question "What is Jesus doing in our personal lives and in the world today?" is something for us to ponder in our hearts.

FISH FRY FRIDAYS

BEGIN NEXT FRIDAY!



KEEPING OUR PROMISE
TO PROTECT
Child and Youth Protection



IMPORTANT

Safe Environment Training is now scheduled for our parish. See page 4 for more details.

This training is mandatory for all those engaged in any Ministry.

Howe goes on to explain the qualities of a *dialogic person*. The first is to be authentic. A *dialogic person* "is one who responds to others with his whole being, and not just a part of himself, and he is able to listen with his heart as with his mind." (p.70) Second, a *dialogic person* is one who is known by his willingness and ability to reveal himself to others, and his willingness and ability to hear and receive their revelation." That person knows his own convictions, but is equally willing to be open to the convictions of others. A *dialogic person* must be open to the meaning and influence of the dialogue itself. "He listens for the question behind the question, for the fear behind the bravado, for the insecurity behind the pretense, for the courage behind the timidity."(p.78) Third, a *dialogic person* is a disciplined person, accepting the responsibility to give oneself to the discussion and to hear and understand the other person. Fourth, a *dialogic person* is a related person. He/she know that the structures of human relationship are necessary. We need community to become full human beings. "In speaking the word of dialogue a person puts himself on the threshold of truth and becomes a servant of God... It is imperative, then, that a Christian be a *dialogical person* through whom the Word that gives life is spoken."(p.83)

So one can make a change in our divided world by becoming a *dialogic person*. Is there someone in your life with whom communication is difficult? Try to have a conversation with that person this week having the intentionality of a *dialogic person*.

"When two persons undertake it (dialogue) and accept their fear of doing so, the miracle-working power of dialogue may be released." I want this power to be released. I want it for our families and our nation.



Annual Bunco Tournament

Monday March 27
Dominican Hall
Most Holy Rosary Church
1311 A St., Antioch
\$20 per person

Doors open at 5:30 pm

Cash Bunco Prizes - Raffle Prizes
Light Buffet, Coffee, Punch & Cookies

Limited Seating - Reservations Encouraged



Call Dorothy Lamendola - 925.754.5648
or Jeannine Ford - 925.757.9650



The Gospels of Lent

Join us on Thursday mornings at
9:30 am in the Parish Hall.

Series begins Thursday, March 9th.

This series will give you the opportunity
to enrich your spiritual life through
Liturgical Contemplative Prayer.

We will study the Gospels as we prepare
for Holy Week.

Participants will learn how to reflect on
the message in Word and Eucharist.

Offered by
Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate.



Stations of the Cross in Silhouette

Wednesday, March 8, 7:30 PM

**Presented by our Faith Formation
Middle School Students**

**This is the 3rd year in a row that our
Faith Formation students have made this
wonderful presentation to the parish.**

**This will be the only Stations of the Cross
in the evening during this Lent.**



11th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival Dinner

**Saturday, March 18, 2017; 6:30 PM
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall**

**Mark your calendar now. This event features a
fabulous pasta along with the incredible &
delectable "St. Joseph's Dessert Table."**

**Watch for ticket sales to begin after weekend
liturgies.**

**Sponsored by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Social
Events Committee.**



**2017
Bishop's
Appeal
Goal for
St. Ignatius
of Antioch
is
\$31,146.45**

MINISTRY FOCUS

Faith and Formation:

A portion of the Bishop's Appeal goes to help fund the Faith and Formation of our parish communities and many more in the diocese. Programs such as CYO, young adult ministries, and marriage preparation are just a few ministries funded by the Appeal.

As we go forth "United in Faith," it is the responsibility of all Catholics to grow deeper in relationship with God and become more faithful stewards of His gifts as we also share our faith in mission to all people.

Help for All Parishes:

100% of all funds collected over an individual parish's goal are returned directly to the parish. In the 2016 Appeal, 36 parishes exceeded their Appeal goal. Parishes are set to get their rebate checks by the end of February.

100% Participation is our Goal:

Your generosity enabled us to meet our goal of \$31,146.45 (the same as this year). Your gift in 2017 will help us achieve the goal again. All gifts, no matter the amount are most welcome.