

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 5, 2017 - First Sunday of Lent

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## Mercy and Preparation

Father of all creation,  
even when the serpent tricked our first parents,  
when they disobeyed you and lost your friendship,  
even when we are tricked by the man serpents of our time,  
and commit sin before you and our brothers and sisters,  
you never abandon us.  
You have sent us your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Through his sacrifice, you continue to offer mercy,  
so that all your people may be made righteous.  
In these Forty Days of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving,  
may we walk with our sisters and brothers who are  
preparing to enter the baptism waters of Easter,  
and earnestly prepare ourselves to renew our own baptismal  
promises.  
We ask this through our Lord Jesus your Son, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for  
ever and ever. Amen.



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Pastor

**Frances Rojek**  
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Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

**Rich Confetti**  
Facilities Manager

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

## 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.



**March 5, 2017**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

*“The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.”*

— Matthew 4:10

**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 18-19*

**Weekend Offering.....\$12,857.87**

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, March 5**

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

**Monday, March 6**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED - Catechist Prep - 5 to 6:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Safe Environment Class - 7 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

**Tuesday, March 7**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall

**Wednesday, March 8**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Faith Formation - Grades 2, & 6-8 - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall
- RCIC - 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Office
- Stations of the Cross Silhouette sponsored by Middle School Classes - 7:30 pm - Church

**Thursday, March 9**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- The Gospels of Lent - 9:30 am - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Class I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

**Friday, March 10**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm – Parish Hall

**Saturday, March 11**

- Vigil Liturgy - 4 pm

**Sunday, March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

**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.

**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	Archbishop Quinn	Guy Worth
Roxanne Greth	John Rien	
	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**

<b>Monday</b>	Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mt 25:31-46
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15
<b>Wednesday</b>	Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32
<b>Thursday</b>	Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12
<b>Friday</b>	Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26
<b>Saturday</b>	Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48
<b>Sunday</b>	Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

**Lay Ministers—Week of March 11th & 12th**

**4 pm: Lectors**— Lisa Marie Cayaban, Melodye Costanza; **Head Cup**— Pam Confetti; **Head Host**— Melodye Costanza; **Host**—Carol Fanfa, Fran Barbanica; **Cup**—Marla Plurkowski, Christoph Holl, Tim Cox

**8 am: Lectors**— Terese M. Stanek, Angela Bueno; **Head Cup**—Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host**— Crispina Malonosan; **Host**—Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Jeanne Reilly, Diane Hack; **Cup**—Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Nick Suarez; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

**10:00 am: Lectors**— Cory Cook, Sofie Zimmerman; **Head Cup**— Steven Andreatta; **Head Host**— Lesley Eubanks; **Host**—Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Dilcia Aparicio, Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup**— Lee Oliver, Mark Costanza, Al Necor, Gloria Olvera, Samantha Peralto; **Servers**— Jean Paul Fortez, Ryan Sims

Fr. Robert Presiding & Preaching

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Joann Russo †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Alberto Nevado †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Maria Lourdes Lazareto
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Edna Jacobs †
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the soul of **CHP Officer Lucas Chellew**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

**2017 Bishop's Appeal**

**COMMITMENT WEEKEND IS THIS WEEKEND!**

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

**[www.oakdiocese.org/giving](http://www.oakdiocese.org/giving)**

**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.

**One People One Fight - PICO Campaign**

On Wednesday March 15, PICO (People Improving Communities through Organizing) is organizing an action to demonstrate support for immigrant related bills currently going through the legislative process in Sacramento - SB 54-The California Values Act, SB 31-opposing the collection of data (The Muslim Registry), and AB 3 and 6-Training and support for lawyers helping people through the complicated immigration system. See today's insert for more information about supporting this effort with your presence.

## 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:

**This Monday, March 6th at 7:00 pm**

You must register with VIRTUS online by going to the website: [www.oakdiocese.org/offices/safe-environment](http://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.

## Marriage Preparation Program

Marriage.” The Marriage Preparation Registration for the Winter 2017 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, March 18th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 8th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent’s Marinwood  
Saint Vincents Dr., San Rafael, CA

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call (415) 699-8348.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas

Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court 1450, St. Mary Margaret, Pittsburg is hosting a Spring Luncheon at Good Shepherd Hall (3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg) on Saturday April 1 at 1:00 pm.

**Tickets: \$20. Children 12 and under \$10.**

**Easter Bonnet Concert for Adults & Children.**

For tickets, call Josie (423-2265) or Cynthia (437-7486).

## 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.

## Pasta Dinner Nights—San Damiano

Join us for Pasta Dinner Nights from 4:30 - 6:30 pm.

**When:** March 19, May 21, August 20, October 15, November 10 and December 17.

**Where:** San Damiano Retreat; 710 Highland Dr., Danville.

**Tickets:** \$15, Children 12 & under: \$10.

Purchase tickets at [sandamiano.org](http://sandamiano.org) or by calling (925)837.9141

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The Gospels of Lent, Cycle A, provide much material for reflection. I would like to bring my social justice heart to reflect on them and see where the Spirit leads. A social justice heart is a compassionate heart that acts to bring love and fairness to the world. The first line says, "Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert." If we look at our current world with its wars, its greed and its lack of appreciation for life, we could say we are in a desert. Justice and peace seem far away from the daily headlines. Like Jesus, we are hungry for a world with better, more wholesome values. That's when the devil comes and tempts us. We think we have the answer. We think we can turn current events into something better. But Jesus reminds us, "One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that come from the mouth of God."

In other words, we, on our own, cannot assuage the hunger for justice by ourselves. We must turn to prayer and listen to the Spirit to find the answers. I like the phrase, "All politics is local," because it reminds us that we have to begin to practice justice where we are – in our homes, our families, our neighborhoods. Maybe we decide to help with the monthly clean-up of our neighborhoods for Lent, or maybe we decide to give some time to feed the hungry. Maybe we decide to write or call our congress persons, or maybe we ride with others to Sacramento to promote justice. When we act locally, we begin to see the larger picture of justice that Jesus had in mind. When we engage in a lively discussion about politics, we have to center ourselves in prayer so that we can dialogue in kindness and hope rather than anger and despair.

Then the Devil tempts Jesus with pride in his own abilities. "If you are who you say you are (the Son Of God), throw yourself down and the angels will save you from dashing your foot against the stone." I often throw myself into a justice project, only to find I get hurt – I "dash my foot against a stone." I have not prepared by prayer and reflection, by research and information. We know that we are who we say we are. We are Christians and followers of Jesus, but we are instructed in this Gospel, "not to put God to the test." We have lots of abilities, but we have to test ourselves rather than God. We have to bring discernment to whatever social justice project we undertake. There are many things that need to be done. Is this the one that the Spirit of Jesus is calling us to do?

The last test is a temptation to power. It always feels good to be powerful, to exercise power over others. Our own inadequacies make us hunger to feel powerful over others. The problem with that is that social justice is only accomplished when we have power with, not power over. It is nice to imagine we can change things, but worshipping at the feet of power does not bring us closer to the Gospel. "The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve."

"Then the devil left him and angels came and ministered to him." When I read these lines, I think of St. Ignatius' understanding of good and evil spirits, or movements in our souls. When we pray about the call to justice, we experience both confusion and doubt and clarity and peace. We have to pray long and hard to sort through the one to get to the other. There is a basic spiritual principle which says that we should not act until the way ahead is clear, until we have clarity, peace, assurance and love about the action we are to undertake. Death comes through the transgressions of people, but life through the abundance of grace in Jesus Christ.

I would encourage you to pray about justice. What project is the Lord calling you to be a part of? What local group can you join to make a difference? Will you be able to die with Jesus on Good Friday by being at one with the suffering of others? Will you rise with Him on Easter knowing that the trails of this world are in His hands? Will anything be different at the end of these six weeks? The only thing we can change is ourselves. What actions will you consider to make the world a better, more compassionate place? Start by choosing one action for this week.

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### *One Lost Sheep*

There were some firsts and almost firsts at the Cathedral of Christ the Light on the day of Confirmation for adults. Bear with me; firstly, I was the first one there, which wasn't a first. For at least seven years now, I have been teaching Adult Confirmation classes and attending the sacramental rite at the Cathedral. The Cathedral's infamously small parking garage taught this old dog that the trick to getting free parking was to get there early (or first)! I still like the assurance of getting there early.

As I entered the Cathedral a Mass was underway and I took a position in the back row. I'm fairly good at identifying Asian languages and I believe it was Vietnamese. When Mass had ended, I secured a spot in one of the front pews and proceeded downstairs to the sign-in area to check for any changes from last year and give a "heads up" to our confirmandi as they came in. In charge of sign-ins was Deacon John Kortuem from Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Brentwood. Upon seeing me he said "Good morning, Mr. Degl'Innocenti." That was a first-time experience for me in that, 1. he remembered my name, and 2. He pronounced it almost flawlessly. He asked how many adult confirmandi St. Ignatius of Antioch had this year and I responded "four." For the next hour or more I was busy looking for our people. Having found Nicole, Arnold, and Ashley I guided them to check-in, supplied them with worship aids and located seating for them. Just before the celebration began I was at the back of the church looking for the one last person who hadn't shown-up yet. Deacon John asked "Do you have everyone?" I replied "I have one lost sheep." He gave a slight chuckle and scanned through his paperwork. The last minutes were an agony. This would be the first time someone would be a "no show" for their Confirmation. With the Bishop and the entire entrance procession in place and the prelude music playing I had to return to my seat. Deacon John said "If he isn't here, we'll have to scratch him." Defeatedly, I spoke the words "scratch him" and went to my pew.

After the homily, the Rite of Confirmation began. As I delighted in seeing our people confirmed I was still sad for the missing sheep. With a turn of my head to the opposite side of the cathedral where another line of confirmandi was forming, I recognized our fourth and no longer missing confirmand. I kept my eyes on him to be able to attest to the fact that he had indeed been confirmed by the bishop that day. With the relief of him being there came the urgency to let Deacon John know that he did show up. This job is not for the faint of heart. Luckily, the good deacon was the acting usher for our side of the church and when the confirmandi and their sponsors stood and exited the pews, I rose last to tell Deacon John of the lost sheep's presence. He told me he had spoken to them when they arrived and everything will be taken care of, as far as paperwork is concerned. It turned out that an earlier terrible traffic accident on Hwy 242 had traffic backed-up for miles and hours. So, through no fault of his own, the "almost" first no-show became instead the memorable and celebrated highlight of this year's confirmations. And yes, the precious sheep has a name. His name is Kyle.



# 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.



## YLI Annual Bunco Tournament

Monday, March 27th  
Dominican Hall  
Most Holy Rosary Church  
1313 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



# Stations of the Cross in Silhouette

This 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  
6:30 PM  
\$30

Music of Italy  
Jenny Matteucci, Soprano Soloist & Daniel Lockert, Piano

Raffle - Live Auction

Menu:  
Appetizers Mediterranean Salad  
Italian Pasta Vegetables  
St. Joseph's Bread  
St. Joseph's Dessert Table

Limited Seating - Get Your Tickets Now!  
This event always sells out

## LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

EVERY FRIDAY THROUGH APRIL 7

4:30 - 7:00 PM





All God's People  
- United in Faith -  
2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL

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

### THIS IS COMMITMENT WEEKEND!

Commitment Weekend is here! To successfully achieve both our parish goal and the overall diocesan goal of \$2.5 million, we need your help! A pledge to the Appeal will help us reach out to thousands in the East Bay through diocesan ministries, programs and services.

#### *Participation is the Key Ingredient*

If you have not had an opportunity to make a pledge by returning your card through the mail, please complete a pledge envelope found in the pew and place it in the collection basket today. **YOUR GIFT MAKES A DIFFERENCE!**

#### *The Benefits of a Monthly Pledge*

Bishop Barber asks you to help support vital diocesan ministries and services by considering a pledge payable monthly through December 31, 2017. If you can give \$15, \$20, or \$30 each month through December, it equals \$150, \$200 or \$300 when spread out over the year. Everyone's financial situation is different, so everyone is asked to consider making a sacrificial gift at a level that is appropriate for him or her. Every pledge of every size is needed and appreciated. Please keep in mind:

- ◆ A pledge allows you to make payments at your convenience (monthly, quarterly, semi-annual or annually).
- ◆ The decision on a specific amount is a decision each family is asked to make after prayerful consideration. While no gift or pledge is too small or too large, please consider a gift proportional to your means.

## MINISTRY FOCUS

### *Clergy Formation and Support*

The diocese provides support for clergy from initial formation into retirement. A portion of the Appeal funds are used to support those in seminary formation preparing for a lifetime of service to the faith community of the Church of Oakland. These men are pursuing a special call to service and need our prayerful and financial support on their vocation journey. The cost to the diocese to support these seminarians in their studies is one of the largest budget items. As more men discern their call to serve the Church of Oakland and the East Bay, these costs will continue to grow.

Continued updating, renewal, and education for priests who currently serve the diocese is important for a vital and growing Church. The diocese, with Appeal funds, provides renewal programs, sabbaticals, and continuing education for our priests.

In their retirement years, our priests deserve our thanks for their lives of service. Funds from the Bishop's Appeal will be used to provide supplemental retirement and long-term care for our elderly priests.

The diaconate is a special ministry of service vital to ongoing programs in our parishes and reaching out to people in places such as the prisons and hospitals in our area. The deacons who serve our diocese are also provided continuing education, formation, and support in their ministry.