

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 12, 2017 - Second Sunday of Lent

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Prayer of Pilgrim People

Father, you call us to be pilgrim people on a journey.

As Abram and Sarai answered your call to go to a new land, so we want to go willingly where you send us.

Strengthen our trust in you, we pray. As Peter, James, and John climbed the mountain to see the Lord transfigured before their eyes, so we with our mind's eye try to glimpse his glory.

Help us to hear and heed your words: "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; Listen to him!"

Heavenly Father, give us perseverance to reach the holy mountain of Easter, where the splendor of Resurrection is found.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

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
Pastoral Associate,
Formation & Administration

Peter Degl'Innocenti
Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.
Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

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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Christ Jesus...destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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 25-26

Weekend Offering.....\$8,085.00


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.

Saturday Vigil Liturgy moved to 5pm next Saturday 

March 18: Annual St. Joseph Dinner after the Vigil Liturgy.

March 30: St. Ignatius of Antioch Lenten Communal Penance Service 7:00 pm.

Ongoing:
Wednesday mornings: 9:15 am. Hula Class. **Evening session begin 7:30 pm on Wednesday, March 15**

Thursday mornings: 9:00 am. Adult formation opportunity—the Gospels of Lent.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 12 Daylight Savings Time Begins

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

Monday, March 13

- 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, March 14

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Faith Formation - Grades 1-5 - 4:30 to 5:45 pm and 6 to 7:15 pm - Church & Parish Hall
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 15

- 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
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, March 16

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- The Gospels of Lent - 9:00 am to 11 am - Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to 12 Noon - Parish Hall
- Confirmation Class I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, March 17 St. Patrick's Day

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

Saturday, March 18

- Vigil Liturgy - 5 pm
- St. Joseph Dinner - 6 pm to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, March 19

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

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
Dorothy	Archbishop Quinn	Guy Worth
Liza Espiritu	John Rien	
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	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Lay Ministers—Week of March 18th & 19th

4 pm: Lectors— Frances Rojek, Steve Rojek; **Head Cup**— Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host**— David Simpson; **Host**— Nancy DiMaggio, Bernice Campbell; **Cup**— Sharon Simpson, Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza

8 am: Lectors— Sofie Zimmerman, Timothy Cox; **Head Cup**—Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host**— Vianney Mendoza; **Host**— Stan Stanek, Diane Hack, Jeannine Ford, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup**—Theresa Stanek, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan; **Servers**— Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors— Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup**— Jane Sharpe; **Head Host**— Reyna Garcia; **Host**— Ed Cissell, Sharon Cissell, Noel Fortez, Yvette Young; **Cup**— Cecelia Kennedy, Helga Boardman, Cynthia Enrique, Sheila Fortez, Harlan Young; **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	Mildred Wermes †
Sun. 10:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Thur. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Fri. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Alameda County Deputy Sheriff Mike Foley, Ronald Krebs and Gene Herschelman**. 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.

Garden Ministry Work Party

Spring is just around the corner and it's time to get the parish vegetable garden ready for spring planting. We now have a standing work party on Tuesday mornings beginning at 8:15 a.m. to do whatever needs to be done including weeding and general cleanup.

We are also planning a plant sale on the weekend of April 22-23 after all the liturgies to raise funds to offset the irrigation costs to the parish. Vegetables and ornamental succulents will be available for a free-will donation. If you have any empty 4 inch plastic pots that you would like to donate to this event, please drop them off on the bench located in the garden area.

Produce from our garden supplements the canned and dried goods donated to St. Vincent de Paul each week.

*Magnificat SOTI***Calling All Women!****Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Women**

Invites you to join them at a Prayer Breakfast

April 1, 2017 9:30 am - 12:30 pm

Crowne Plaza

45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA

Please join us in welcoming **Sonja Corbitt** as our speaker!

Sonja, the well-known talk show host of the Bible Study

Evangelista, is a Southern girl with the gift of

storytelling! She is also the best selling author of

Unleashed and many bible study materials that “give you a bite of spinach that tastes like cake!”

Bring your bibles and come join us as Sonja shares her message to

“love and lift all you’ve been given.”

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after March 25th.

Go to www.magnificatsoti.org for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503-709-8449 for reservations

Marriage Preparation Program

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.

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 or by calling (925)837.9141

Mobile Mall News

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

◆ **Distribution** - Saturday, April 1st from 8 am to 12 pm; Kimball Elementary 1310 August Way, Antioch
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).

Silver & Gold Activities

Saturday, March 18 at 9:00 am. A leisurely “walk and talk” around the lake and parts of the campus at Los Medanos College. Distance and time is decided by the group. Meet in the parking lot by the lake.



Saturday April 1 at 9:00 am. Meet at Worth Shaw Park on James Donlon Blvd. Join us for a 1/2 hour (+/-) walk through the grounds and ball fields on April Fool’s Day. There is an optional HILL that you might want to challenge (no fooling) . . . or not.

For more information, call Gary 757-1385.

Best Lent Ever!

We all know the things that make us happy, but we don’t always do them. Lent is an opportunity to change that. This year we invite you to do something different. Sign up for Best Lent Ever, a **FREE**, video-based email program featuring internationally acclaimed speaker and *New York Times* bestselling author Matthew Kelly.

Sign up at BestLentEver.com

LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS		
	FRIDAYS THROUGH APRIL 7	
4:30 - 7:00 PM		

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

For those that missed last week, I am reviewing the Gospels of Lent with a social justice heart. This week's Gospel tells the story of the Transfiguration. When something is "transfigured" or transformed, it is changed from what we know to something new. In the complicated world in which we live, it is easy to see that we need transformation, we need people with moral character and integrity to be leaders for change. Jesus was/is such a person. He knew he was God's Son and he wanted to teach his disciples-in-training how to become God's son and daughters. So he took his closest friends up a high mountain.

Imagining a world at peace, a world without violence, a world where people love each other, where the poor are cared for. That is a very high mountain to climb. Then he gives his disciples-in-training a vision of what it is like to live in God's grace, to be transformed, to live with those who have gone before, whose lives entitled them to be with God, the Father. There appear with him Moses, the giver of the law and Elisha, the prophet. Jesus wants the disciples-in-training to "get it". Being with the Father means that we see the world in a different way. But Peter, James and John don't get it.

"Let us build three tents," so we can keep the vision with us, in our grasp. It's so pleasant to be in a world of light, a world where there is kindness and joy. Peter did not know that the vision is already with us. We know the Law that leads us to righteous. We know what it means to "read the signs of the times" in the light of Gospel like prophets do. But we doubt, we question, we are afraid, we avoid. How do we transform this chaotic world into what it was meant to be? All that is necessary is to "listen to Him" to hear Jesus Word in our hearts.

So that is the first task of transfiguring our world--to pray. We have to take the current issues of the day and pray with them to see what part of the world Jesus would like us to change. Maybe it's about housing, or immigration, or homelessness, or criminal justice or climate change. What concern has Jesus placed in our heart? Where do we lend our energies and talents? When we hear the Gospel of Matthew, many options come to mind.

This is the hard part because the world presents many injustices. Yet we know that we will be judged on whether we fed the hungry, gave drink to the thirsty or welcomed the stranger as Matthew 25 instructs us. But what part is ours to contribute to? Are we afraid to step out into the challenges before us? Do we roll up into a ball in some comfortable place and avoid what is before us? Jesus comes down and touches our fear-filled hearts. "Rise and do not be afraid."

Then comes a strange teaching: "Tell the vision to no one until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead." This vision of the transfiguration is a precursor to the resurrection. One can't convince a deluded world to imagine it differently. One can't change those who follow after greed and power. One can only live like the world that Jesus imagines, an enlightened world of peace and hope. That is our challenge, to live in peace and hope, to be transfigured before the halls of power, to offer a different way of being in the world. This Lent find time to contribute to the light-filled world that Jesus presents in this Gospel.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

The Church has certainly stepped through a doorway, a doorway into the season of Lent. There is no mistaking the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The environment within the church is subdued yet still bright with light. This year's use of the unbleached muslin is a perfect match with the color of the walls so that the icons are not only covered but seem to virtually disappear from view. Strong accents of a bright oxblood red color drape over our newest icons and dot the niches in the corners of the church. In the midst of it all this is the huge rough carved cross that is a reminder to us of who went before us, who we follow, and the purpose and responsibility of our lives. Lent, with its deprivations, change in music, and devotion to the Stations of the Cross does bring about a solemn and somber mood that is generally unavoidable, yet this Lent started on a much more joyous note.

On Ash Wednesday, for the 8 am Mass, the usual daily Mass attendees showed up early as they usually do. Then slowly more and more people began to arrive. Soon more familiar faces from all the different liturgies were entering the worship space. Smiles and hugs of gladness and comfort were exchanged as we recognized among ourselves that this was a special gathering. Soon the church was as filled as it would be for a good turn-out on a Sunday. It was like seeing the Church grow before your very eyes. Everyone came to receive something joyous, not sad. They came to receive the sign of their faith, in ashes, from palms burnt and ground into dust. Though the ashes remind us that our bodies may return to dust just like them, the sign they form; the cross, fills us with the joy of certain eternal life in Christ.

Yes, as Lent continues there will be darker and more foreboding times to come as Holy Week and Good Friday approach. The scriptures will be apocalyptic and the sorrow for our sins will grow as we realize Jesus died for us. We will set our eyes on our own Jerusalem and journey there by the strength of Christ. The path, though, will always be brightly lit by the joyful light of Christ. May we, as our mission statement says, reflect that light. No matter how dark the world may get we always have the light of Christ to lead us to him. Though we may not see him now, we can see his light coming from behind an open door.



The Gospels of Lent

Join us on Thursday mornings at
9:00 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



LITURGY SCHEDULE FOR LENT, HOLY WEEK & EASTER

Daily Liturgies

Monday, Wednesday and Friday

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

Tuesday and Thursday

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and
Holy Communion

Saturday Vigil Eucharist

4:00 p.m. (through March 11)

5:00 p.m. (beginning March 18)

Sunday

8:00 a.m. Eucharist

10:00 a.m. Eucharist

Reconciliation

Saturday 2:45 - 3:30 p.m. (through March 11)

3:45 - 4:30 p.m. (beginning March 18)

Deanery Communal Reconciliation

Thursday, March 30, St. Ignatius of Antioch, 7:00 pm

Thursday, March 30, St. Peter Martyr, Pittsburg, 7 pm

Monday, April 3, Holy Rosary, Antioch, 7 pm

Tuesday, April 4, St. Anthony, Oakley, 7 pm

Wednesday, April 5, St. Anne, Byron, 7 pm

Monday, April 10, Queen of the World, Bay Point, 7 pm

Palm Sunday, Holy Week & Easter

April 8 - Saturday Vigil of Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord
5:00 p.m. Eucharist

April 9 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Eucharist

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

April 13 - Holy Thursday

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Evening Mass of the Lord's
Supper

April 14 - Good Friday

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Ecumenical Service

3:00 p.m. Solemn liturgy of the Passion and
Death of the Lord

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae

April 15 - Holy Saturday

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter

April 16 - Easter Day - The Feast of the
Resurrection of the Lord

8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Festive Choral
Eucharist

Next Saturday Evening



11th Annual St. Joseph's Day Festival Dinner

Saturday

March 18, 2017

6:30 PM

\$30.00

Music of Italy

We Welcome Back

Jenny Matteucci, Soprano Soloist &
Daniel Lockert, Piano

Raffle

Live Auction

Door Prizes

LIMITED

SEATING

Get Your Tickets Now!

This is a

Sold Out

Event!

Menu:

Appetizers

Mediterranean Salad

Italian Pasta

Vegetables

St. Joseph's Bread

St. Joseph's Dessert Table

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