

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 26, 2017 - Fourth Sunday of Lent

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Light for the Journey

Father of light, you see differently than humans.

You chose the young David as your anointed king of Israel.

Anoint us with the oil of gladness, we pray, and help us learn what is pleasing to you.

Your Son, our gentle Shepherd, leads us out of darkness, awakening the light of our faith, and gives us strength to keep our Lenten disciplines.

Illumine the path as we continue our journey to the holy mountain of Easter.

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: 5 pm
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, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

Faith Formation Office: (925) 778-1631

Sacraments: Contact Parish Office: (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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*The Lord is my shepherd; I shall
not want.*

— - Psalm 23:1

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 March 11-12

Weekend Offering.....\$8,739.00

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 26

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation Class Attending 8 am Mass
- Knights of Columbus Founders Day - Plaza
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Monday, March 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, March 28

- 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
- Knights of Columbus Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, March 29

- 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 30

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- The Gospels of Lent - 9:30 to 11 am - Parish Hall
- Confirmation I & II - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall
- Lenten Penance Service - 7 pm - Church

Friday, March 31 *Cesar Chavez Day*

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

Saturday, April 1

- Vigil Liturgy - **5 pm**
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan
- Birthday Blessing

Sunday, April 2

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

Looking Ahead



Fish Fry Fridays

March 4:30 - 7:00 in the Parish Hall.
Drive through service available.

March 31 April 7

Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus Charities.

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

April 1-2: YLI pre-dinner ticket sales celebrating Father Robert's 70th birthday.

Ongoing:

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

Thursday mornings: 9:00 am. Adult formation opportunity—The Gospels of Lent. See page 6.

Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

Rocco Battaglia	Terry Malonosan	Paul Syliangco
Archbishop Brunett	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Dorothy	Archbishop Quinn	Theresa Weathers
Liza Espiritu	John Rien	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 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thursday	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Friday	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sunday	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

Lay Ministers—Week of April 1st & 2nd

5 pm: Lectors– Noela Noel-LoFranco, Mila Ellingwood; **Head Cup**– David Simpson; **Head Host**– Pam Confetti; **Host**–Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup**–Melodye Costanza, Christoph Holl, Sharon Simpson

8 am: Lectors– Kathleen Clarke, Pat Kramer; **Head Cup**–Jeannine Ford; **Head Host**– Crispina Malonosan; **Host**– Kathleen Hayakawa, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Stan Stanek; **Cup**–Vianney Mendoza, Peggy Lennan, Jenawati Kwa, Theresa Stanek, Nick Suarez; **Servers**– Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors– Corrine Bielejeski, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup**– Harlan Young; **Head Host**– Gloria Olvera; **Host**– Lesley Eubanks, Yvette Young, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell; **Cup**– Sharon Cissell, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Cynthia Enrique, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez; **Servers**– William Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert - Presiding & Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Norma M. Evaristo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Guarda Billiona †
Sun. 10:00 am	Alberto Nevado †
Mon. 8:00 am	Rafael Melquiades †
Tues. 8:00 am	Tahimik E. Papa †
Wed. 8:00 am	Ramon Alfonso Domingo
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	Patrick Larry Lane †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Harrisburg Fire Lt. Dennis DeVoe, Don Meyer and James Flint**. 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

There is a standing work party Tuesday mornings at 8:15 a.m. to get the parish vegetable garden ready for spring planting. Bring your gloves and gardening tools.



We are also planning a plant sale on the weekend of April 22-23 to raise funds to offset the irrigation costs to the parish. Vegetables and ornamental succulents will be available for a free-will donation. Also, 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.

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

Saturday, May 6th - 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.

Kelly Moore Paints Offering Discounts

Parishioners, family and friends of the Oakland Diocese - by purchasing your paint through the Kelly Moore Paint Company, a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to the Diocese.

A unique Kelly Moore Account Number (605-DI4711) has been set up to allow us to take advantage of wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products. Use the Diocese of Oakland Parishioners KM Club Number 605-DI4711. Paint and supplies must be purchased through this special account to obtain both the discount and the gift back to the Diocese.

As you prepare for Spring cleanup and spruce-up, keep this special offer in mind.

Mobile Mall News

- **Distribution** - Saturday, April 1st from 8 am to 12 pm; Kimball Elementary - 1310 August Way, Antioch.
- **Sort** - Saturday, April 8th from 9 am to 12 pm; Gym, Most Holy Rosary.

For more information about this ministry, please call

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 1st 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, 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. Call Gary 757-1385 for details

Wednesday, April 12 at 9:00 am Breakfast in the social area after morning Mass for those celebrating either birthdays or anniversaries during January, February, March and April. Please RSVP either Maryann or Frances in the parish office 778.0768.

Saturday, April 29 at 11:00 am Join us for a personally docent guided tour through the Pittsburg Historical Museum on Railroad Ave. (you will be impressed!) with an “optional” lunch at the New Mecca Café. Call Don for more details at 575-9529.

St. Peter Martyr News



St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8. In addition to our strong academic program, students receive spiritual knowledge of our Catholic faith, morals, and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available. Applications are available at the school and on the website: (www.stpetermartyrschool.org) or call the school at 925-439-1014 for more information.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The Gospel of the Man Born Blind, like the Samaritan Woman before it, is divided into several parts. First is the set up for the story. In Jewish culture, a person with illness was thought to have caused the deformity. "Was it his sin or that of his parents that caused him to be born blind?" How often do we tend to blame the poor and disenfranchised for their situation? Jesus responds that "It was to let God's works show forth." His works show forth in the "little ones." When we help the poor, the disabled and discouraged, when we see them as a part of ourselves, we are showing forth God's works.

Next there is the healing with dirt and saliva. Jesus gives something of Himself, something of the earth, and commands that the man go and wash. We do not "see" unless we are true to our baptism, the washing that helps us to experience all people and events with the eyes of God. Then the story reverts to the nosy neighbors who get involved with a reinforcement of their culture. They take him to the Pharisees who we know represent those who are not after the truth, but want to get rid of Jesus so they can maintain their power. The Pharisees blame Jesus for healing on the Sabbath. But there are a few who ask how such wonderful signs can happen without God's power. So they put off answering the question and go back to the healed man who starts with the realization that Jesus might be a prophet. They bring in the parents to witness to the man's condition and the parents pass it back to their son. They are afraid of those in authority.

When they bring the man in a second time, he affirms God's work in the healing. The Pharisees make the distinction that they are Moses disciples and show their true colors. They don't want to change from what they know, even if God forcefully makes the point by healing. The man then tries to point out the obvious. "You are not listening! Such signs can only be done with the grace of God." The prideful Pharisees then throw him out for trying to teach them.

Jesus seeks the man out and raises his awareness to understand that He is the Son of God. Then comes the crucial point: "I came into this world to divide it, to make the sightless see and the seeing blind." If you think you "see", beware! You are really blind!

When I reflect on this Gospel with a Social Justice heart, I see the richness of God's understanding. I also see my own Pharisal tendencies. Do I blame others for their situation? Do I hold on to the comfortable ways I know and am not open to the change God is doing in the world? What blinds me? What helps me see? Do I align myself with the bastions of power or am I open to new ways of seeing? Do I think I have all the answers? Can I accept words of wisdom from children and those I consider less than myself? Can I learn from the homeless, the incarcerated, from those in deportation proceedings? Do I see myself as one with their suffering and do what I can to alleviate their pain? In prayerful discernment, we learn to ask the right questions. Where is God in the events of the past few months? Where do I see courage, hope and the merciful embrace the poor? Am I a Pharisee or, like the Man Born Blind, am I open to seeing in a new way? Am I willing to be thrown out, divided from friends and family for my connection to Jesus? Can I identify the parts of my life that I am tenaciously holding on to like the Pharisees? In what part of my life am I open to seeing and acting differently? Meditation on this Gospel is a lifetime experience. There is always something new to "see."

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

To Such As These

Once again, the parish of St. Ignatius of Antioch was shining brightly as a star because of one of our many shining altar servers. On March 11th, the Knights of Columbus convened the *Bishop's Vocation & Priest Recognition Dinner* at Carondelet High School in Concord. The huge, nearly half football field sized, dining commons was filled to capacity with representatives and awardees from parishes all across the Diocese of Oakland.

In addition to the bishop being present, some of the highest-ranking officials of the Knights of Columbus in the State of California were conducting the ceremonies and ushering along the evening's agenda. Our own Grand Knight Dave Simpson and his wife Sharon were in attendance as well as 4th Degree Knights Bobby Zabroski and Steve Rojek with his wife Frances.

Now for the meat and potatoes of the matter; awarded that evening for altar server of exceptional service and dedication was Aizaiah Laxamana. Aizaiah is the primary (and only youth) altar server at the Sunday morning 8 am Mass. He is one of the most dedicated and reliable altar servers I have ever seen. He is truly deserving of receiving such an award at the hands of the bishop. We are grateful and blessed for his service to us and the Lord.

In conversation throughout the dinner I learned from Aizaiah's mother Lynn, who was in attendance with the rest of the Laxamana family (father Amiel and Aizaiah's twin brothers Mateo and Amiel Jr.) that Aizaiah volunteered for altar server duty on his own accord without prompting by either parent. Aizaiah takes his duties as altar server very seriously and makes every effort to be on time each Sunday. The inward strength that this young man has to his convictions and faith are reflected in his outward humility and unassuming nature. He is quiet and reserved most all of the time, unpretentious and just waiting to serve in silent reverence at the proper time.

We also thank our many altar servers who continue to do such wonderful work throughout the year. There is always a need for more servers especially at the 5 pm evening Vigil Mass on Saturdays and whomever might want to join Aizaiah (what a great mentor you would have) at the 8 am Mass on Sundays. Jesus said, referring to the children and youth around him, "To such as these belongs the kingdom of heaven." To our altar servers we can say, "To such as these belongs the future of the Church." How lucky we are that, like Aizaiah, we have the finest.



The Gospels of Lent Series

Continues on Thursday mornings at 9:00 am in the Parish Hall. Centered on the Gospels, this series will give you the opportunity to enrich your spiritual life through Contemplative Prayer.

Offered by Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate.



Antioch YLI #101 is hosting their Annual Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday April 30, 2017

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church

Enjoy a wonderful pasta dinner served from 3:00 - 6:00 p.m. and celebrate Father Robert's 70th Birthday at the same time.

Ticket sales begin after weekend liturgies beginning April 1-2.

Adults: \$15

Children under 10: \$5

LENTEN FISH FRY FRIDAYS

FRIDAYS THROUGH APRIL 7
4:30 - 7:00 PM



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



Winter Nights
*A Project of the
 Interfaith
 Council of Contra
 Costa County*

Our Parish is scheduled to provide meals and volunteers to the shelter residents from Monday, May 15 through Friday, May 19, 2017.

The shelter residents will be housed in Pittsburg during this week.

Groups of parishioners band together and cook and serve the evening meal and provide lunch supplies for use the following day.

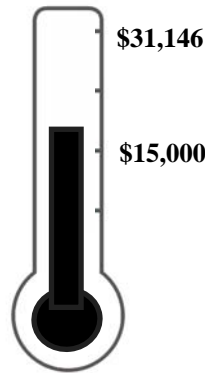
Watch upcoming bulletins as more information becomes available.



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

2017 Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal. We are now at 56% (\$17,758) of our goal. 234 households have responded thus far.



If you haven't yet responded to the Appeal, please consider doing so. All gifts are welcome. Use the Appeal Envelopes in the pews and place them in the regular Sunday collection basket.

Join the conversation —

**Women Deacons?
 A Dialogue.**

A presentation by Bishop Randolph Calvo with S. Mary Peter Travis, OP and S. Gloria Marie Jones, OP
 Panel and audience discussion with luncheon.

Join Us

Saturday
 April 8, 2017
 10am to 3pm
 Dominican Center

\$40.00*
 Presentation & Lunch

RSVP
 by March 29, 2017

*Reduced student rate available

Register at
<http://bit.ly/2027WomenDeacons>

(530) 933-6334



Participate in an exploration of the history and contemporary perspectives on the role of Women Deacons in the Catholic Church.



CENTER FOR EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY
www.rsa@dominicansa.org

**The parish website
 (www.stignatiusofantioch.org)
 has a new look.**

Take a few minutes and browse. Send any comments or suggestions to

st.ignatius@sbcglobal.net

