

St. Ignatius of Antioch

April 9, 2017 - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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Through Water and Word to the Cross

Father of all nations and peoples, again we begin the procession.

Holding our palms, singing hosannas, we pass by the font, the place of Baptism, as we ponder the Passion and Death of your beloved Son.

Give us, your holy people, well-trained tongues that we may speak to the weary a word that will rouse them.

Help us to embrace the downtrodden and suffering.

Lead us to acts of justice, mercy, and compassion.

As we enter this holy time, help us to pick up the Cross and walk the paschal way, proclaiming that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of the Father.

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 forever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

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

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

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

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.



April 9, 2017
Palm Sunday of the
Passion of the Lord

God greatly exalted [Christ] and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

——— *Philippians 2:9*

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 25-26

Weekend Offering.....\$ 8,645.23

Schedule of Events

Sunday, April 9 Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

- 8 am & **10:30** am Liturgies
- YLI Spaghetti Dinner Ticket Sale - Plaza
- Caring Hands Handing out Literature - Plaza

Monday, April 10

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED
- No Faith Formation

Tuesday, April 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- No Faith Formation

Wednesday, April 12

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

Thursday, April 13 Holy Thursday

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- No Confirmation I & II
- Evening Mass of the Lords Supper - 7:30 pm
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament to 10:30 pm - Parish Hall

Friday, April 14 Good Friday

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- Ecumenical Service - 12 noon
- Passion of the Lord - 3 pm
- Tenebrae - 7:30 pm
- Second Collection for the Holy Land

Saturday, April 15 Easter Vigil

- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- Great Easter Vigil - **7:30 pm** - Reception to follow for the newly initiated - Parish Hall

Sunday, April 16 Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8 am & **10:30** am Liturgies

Looking Ahead



April 16 (Easter) The 10:00 a.m. Liturgy moves to **10:30 a.m.** for this Sunday.

April 18: Winter Nights Shelter planning meeting at 7 p.m. in the parish hall. See page 7 for more information.

April 22-23: Garden Ministry Plant Sale after all weekend liturgies. Vegetables and ornamental succulents available.

April 30: Annual YLI Spaghetti Dinner. See page 7 for details.

May 13-14: Mary Project weekend. Watch for more details about the wonderful annual parish community outreach project.

May 20: St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life annual pasta dinner after 5 pm Liturgy.

Ongoing:

Tuesday mornings: 8:15 a.m. Garden Ministry work party. Lasts about 1 hour. Bring gloves and tools. Tasks may include planting, weeding, and general garden maintenance.

Wednesdays: 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class in the parish hall. Note: no class on April 12 (Holy Week).

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 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 - 19:42
Saturday	Readings for the Great Easter Vigil
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9

Lay Ministers—Week of April 15th & 16th

Refer to signup sheets attached to bulletin board adjacent to the Sacristy

Fr. Robert - Presiding & Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Lenora & Antonio Fernandes †
Sun. 8:00 am	Bong Yea Park †
Sun. 10:00 am	Manuel Martins †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Thur. 8:00 am	Holy Thursday
Fri. 8:00 am	Good Friday

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Manuel Soliz, Sr. and Kermit Kerr**. 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.

Exploring Affordable Housing Options

Have more space than you really need? Want to reduce your housing costs? Learn how the new Junior Accessory Dwelling Unit (JADU) legislation and code changes make sharing your home more feasible. On **Wednesday, May 17, 10:00 am to 12:00 pm**, Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church will host a seminar with a cast of experts on code issues, redesigning space and financing alterations. There will also be speakers on making home sharing safe and the pluses and minuses of sharing. The church is at 55 Eckley Lane, Walnut Creek. For more information: Contact Mary Fenelon at 202.257.5223 or maryfenelon@gmail.com. This is an East Bay Housing Organizations Affordable Housing Week presentation sponsored by the Multifaith ACTION Coalition and co-sponsored by the MDUUC Social Justice Council and the League of Women Voters Diablo Valley.

Quo Vadis Camp

Quo Vadis is Latin for where are you going. Quo Vadis Camp is a three day event that aims to assist young men in discerning their vocation as they grow in relationship with Christ.

July 9 - 12, 2017

Young Men ages 13-18 are invited.

Registration \$50

Space is limited

For more details, contact Cielo Branco at 510.267.8356 or Cbranco@oakdiocese.org. For registration forms visit www.oakdiocese.org/vocations

Marriage Preparation Program

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

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.

San Damiano Retreat May 13, 2017

"Spirituality and Conscious Aging: Finding Meaning and Purpose in Our Retirement Years." Jim Briggs is the recently retired Executive Director of the School of Applied Theology. He will share his insights on the benefits, challenges, and opportunities of entering this "next chapter" of life.

For more information on these and other retreats and to sign-up, please visit www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.

Kelly Moore Paints Offering Discounts

A unique Kelly Moore Account Number (605-DI4711) has been set up to take advantage of wholesale pricing on paint and paint related products and when you participate, a portion of your purchase will be gifted back to the Diocese. 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 Mass News

- **Sort** - Saturday, May 6th from 9 am to 12 pm; Gym, Most Holy Rosary
- **Distribution** - Saturday, May 13th from 8 am to 12 Noon - John Muir Elementary, 615 Greystone Drive, Antioch.

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

Hospice Volunteers Needed

Patients who are nearing end of life have a variety of needs that can be filled by volunteers. Some patients have little or no support and are in need of companionship. Volunteer visits can include reading, journaling, helping with hobbies and relieving family members and friends.

Have you ever considered becoming a hospice volunteer? Volunteers must be at least 18 years of age and have not suffered a close personal loss in the last 12 months. The commitment is usually 1 - 2 hours per week. Thorough training will be provided to help volunteers feel comfortable with their assignments. There are patients in your town who are awaiting volunteer assistance.

If you want to volunteer or get more information, contact Laurie Herbert at Gentiva Hospice at 925-737-0203 or Laurie.Herbert@Gentiva.com

Silver & Gold Activities

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

Holy Week—the time when we walk with Jesus through His suffering and death into resurrection, the holiest time of the year, the time out of time when what happened 2000 years ago is relived by Christians all around the world. How will you spend it? What are the justice pointers of then and now? There are so many aspects to reflect upon, that it is difficult to list just a few for your meditation. It might be helpful to journal our thoughts and inspirations as we attend services on the different holy days.

First, it is a week of contrasts. The Palm Sunday procession with its “hosannas” is contrasted with the Good Friday chants of “Crucify Him” and the procession to the cross. The “love one another” of Holy Thursday with the “all will betray me.” The Peter of denial (“I don’t know the man”) with the Peter who becomes the rock of the new church. The fearful Christ in the Garden (“Let this cup pass from me”) with the total acceptance of, “Into Your hands I commend my spirit.”

It is helpful to note the different awareness’s of the individual characters of the story. Judas who thinks he is doing the right thing ends up in despair. The women who stand by the cross in sadness are the first to discover the joy of the risen Christ. The Pharisees who think, “It is better that one man die for the nation” end up manipulating Pilate only to see the veil of the temple being torn from top to bottom and their way of life disrupted. Pilate himself who wants to listen to Jesus but cannot resist giving in when threatened with being reported to Caesar. Even the weather goes from sunshine to storm. Then there are the “little people” pulled into the event... Veronica with her veil, Simon of Cyrene forced off the road to help Jesus, the soldier who gets it, “Truly this was the Son of God,” and Joseph of Arimathea who has the courage to ask for the body. Which one are you? We all can identify with each and every one in their sinfulness and in their faithfulness.

It is hard to be with Jesus in His suffering. It’s lonely. It’s messy. It’s disorienting. Why doesn’t God do something! God lets it happen to teach us an attitude about suffering. Acceptance of the will of the Father is a hard lesson. When we suffer we ask “Why?” “Sometimes in our lives, tears are the lenses we need to see Jesus,” says Pope Francis.

There is a traditional Hebrew hymn sung at Passover called Dayenu meaning, “It would have been enough.” Some of the verses are: “It would have been enough if God had breathed his Spirit into us and not shared with us his heart... It would have been enough if God had shared his heart with us and not watched over us when we strayed from his love. It would have been enough if God had watched over us when we strayed from his love and not delivered us from the bonds of slavery... It would have been enough if Jesus had shown us how to serve on another and not left this meal as a reminder of his love. It would have been enough if he had left this meal for us and not revealed his Father’s love for us. It would have been enough if Jesus had revealed his Father’s love for us and not called us to carry on his work in the world...”

In a world full of contrasts and betrayals, of sinners and saints, of different awareness’s of what is right, of different ways of seeing God, different definitions of truth, we are called by the Spirit to be witnesses of resurrection in the midst of death, light in the midst of darkness, hope in the midst of tragedy, peace in times of conflict. We can do this because we are committed to be with Jesus and to walk the road to Calvary with trust in the Father’s love for us. We are committed to work for liberty and justice for all, to be expressions of the Father’s love to the weak and the frail. The reign of God is within us! May you be aware in this holiest of weeks!

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A Luddite’s Life

The Adult Confirmations that took place at the cathedral mid-February are just over a month in the past. The machinations at the Diocese have produced the certificates of those who received the sacrament that day and I received them for distribution. In past years, the Diocese has taken nearly 6 months to print those documents and I’ve had to fend-off inquiries from the newly confirmed who must have had visions of their certificates sitting in my “In Box” covered in dust and draped with spider webs just waiting for me to mail them out. This year the Diocese performed with such relative break-neck speed that I didn’t receive a single call asking, “Where’s my certificate?!!” Obviously, someone at the Diocese knows how to manipulate the technology of the online registration systems and has found a way to verify baptismal certificate data to produce printed documents in record time. Here at St. Ignatius of Antioch things aren’t quite the same, at least with me; I’m still a Luddite.

Refresher course: Luddites were those who, at the dawn of the Industrial Revolution, went about smashing machinery destined for factories that threatened the Luddite’s Cottage Industries. Now the term refers to those who shy away from technology or are inept with its use. I believe I fall into the latter group. So, there I was with the nice manila envelopes containing the much-awaited certificates all properly addressed. All they needed was postage printed from the digital postal meter in the church office. “No problem” I thought to myself, “I’ve done this before” (Yeh, like a year ago!).

Power button, push, power is on. OK, next step is a choice; International, Domestic, or Special (?). Push Domestic. So far, so good. Next choice First Class, Bulk, or Package. Hmmm, the voice of Maryann, our parish secretary, comes back to me floating on the thin fog of my memory “It’s a ‘Flat’.” No “Flat” button. Heart rate and respiration rise as tell-tale beads of sweat start to form on my brow. I’m certain one false button push will lock up the meter’s circuits and result in a tiny drifting plume of smoke. I look over to Maryann and as calmly as I can manage say “This is a Flat, isn’t it?” “Yes, she says as she rises from her desk and comes to my aid (rescue really). “Let’s see, you need the envelope on the scale, not in your hand, and... I better start this all over again, just to be sure...” I can’t blame her, I once racked-up \$2.75 in postage trying to print a 46-cent stamp. In the blink of an eye the meter is reading a dollar and cents amount reasonable with the weight of the envelope and not something akin to what an average car payment would be if I were left to my own devices. The edges of the envelopes were fed through the meter to record and print the postage and then stuffed with the certificates and bend resistant stiffeners. Doing it in that order prevents jamming the meter and recording extra postage; yeh, that was me another time learning the hard way.



*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.

Join us for a planning meeting on Tuesday April 18 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall.

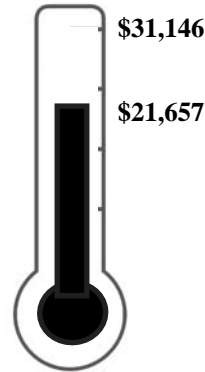
Opportunities to participate include:

- Forming or joining a cooking crew for an evening meal.
- Donating Supplies.
- Tutoring and assisting with the children in the evenings.



2017 Bishop's Appeal

Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal. We are now at 70% (\$21,657) of our goal. 293 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.

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

Overnight Trip to Reno

DEPART: SUNDAY – MAY 21, 9:30 A.M.
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

RETURN: MONDAY – MAY 22, 3:00 P.M.
LEAVE SILVER LEGACY

FARE: \$135.00
TRANSPORTATION
DOUBLE-OCCUPANCY ROOM
CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST
(DANISH/COFFEE/JUICE/WATER)
\$20.00 FREE SLOT PLAY
\$20.00 FOOD VOUCHER
SANDWICH/CHIPS/DRINKS
(ON RETURN TRIP)
BELL SERVICE
GRATUITY FOR DRIVER

CONTACT: FRANCES ROJEK – 925.778.1631

Not responsible for vehicles parked overnight.

Fare nonrefundable.

Proceeds benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish and St. Ignatius of Antioch Faith Formation.

YLI #101 ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

**AND CELEBRATION OF FATHER
ROBERT RIEN'S 70TH BIRTHDAY**

WHEN

**Sunday, April 30, 2017
3:00pm-6:00pm**

WHERE

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
3351 Contra Loma Blvd, Antioch CA**

**FAMILY AND
FRIENDS
WELCOME**

TICKETS

\$15 Adults

\$5 Children (under 10)

RESERVATIONS

**Call Jeannine Ford at
925.757.9650**

**Tickets also available at
the door**

Take out meals available

BENEFITTING

**Holy Rosary and
St. Ignatius of Antioch**

SERVING

**Pasta with famous meat
sauce**

Green Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Wine (1 glass included)

Punch