

St. Ignatius of Antioch

May 21, 2017 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

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Send Us Your Spirit

Father of all creation, your Son told us that the way to love him is to keep your Commandments, and for those who do, the Advocate will come.

Give us wisdom and strength to understand and follow the Law so we may receive the Holy Spirit. Fill us with the gifts of the Spirit, so that we too, like your disciples, may be sent out to testify to the Resurrection of your Son.

Let our Easter alleluias rise up within us, and spur us on to service. 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.



**May 21, 2017
Sixth Sunday of
Easter**

“I will ask the Father, and he will give you...the Spirit of truth.”

— John 14:16-17

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 May 6-7

Weekend Offering.....\$12,114.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$4,975.00

Schedule of Events

Sunday, May 21

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Knights of Columbus Attending 8 am Liturgy
- Breakfast Burritos Sales after 8 & 10 am Liturgy - Plaza

Monday, May 22

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA (Mystagogy) - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, May 23

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am

Wednesday, May 24

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- RCIC - (Mystagogy) 6:00 to 7:15 pm - Office
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, May 25

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- G I F T New Study Sessions - Queen of Heaven - 9 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, May 26

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, May 27

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Second Collection for Catholic Communications

Sunday, May 28 Ascension of the Lord

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Catholic Communications

Looking Ahead



May 29: Memorial Day - Office Closed

May 29: Memorial Day Bingo sponsored by our Faith Formation Ministry. See page 7 for details.

June 6: Relay for Life BUNCO. Proceeds to support the American Cancer Society. Watch for more details.

July 23: French Boy’s Choir in concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch. Mark your calendars now for this wonderful event.

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.

Thursday: Growing in Faith Together (G I F T) sessions - 9:00 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Linda Morrison	Kim Tank
Archbishop Brunett	Archbishop Quinn	Peter Villalpando
Dorothy	John Rien	Theresa Weathers
	Paul Syliangco	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	Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a
Tuesday	Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday	Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15
Thursday	Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20
Friday	Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23
Saturday	Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday	Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

Lay Ministers—Week of May 27th & 28th

5 pm: Lectors – Therese Kain, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Fran Barbanica, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Sharon Simpson, Melody Costanza, Marla Plurkowski

8 am: Lectors – Timothy Cox, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup** – Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host** – Jeanne Reilly, Samantha Peralto, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Jeannine Ford, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers** - Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

10:00 am: Lectors – Tina Costanza, Cecille Mirano.; **Head Cup** – Cory Cook; **Head Host** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Host** – Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Helga Boardman, Lesley Eubanks; **Cup** – Lee Oliver, Gloria Olvera, Steven Andreatta, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert - Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Adelina & Jose Correia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Manuel Martins †
Mon. 8:00 am	Mother's Day Novena
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Tahimik E. Papa †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Fri. 8:00 am	All Care Givers

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Jack Pakulak and James Ekstrom**. 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:

Tomatoes - 15 oz can
Pork & Beans - 15 oz can **Tuna** - 5 oz

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex.

YLI - Hospitality Sunday

Our Young Ladies Institute provided hospitality on the first Sunday of the month with a delectable assortment of pastries, donuts, coffee and juices. They are please to announce that \$38.00 was collected and donated to the parish.

Stand Down on the Delta 2017

Stand Down on the Delta 2017 for homeless and at risk Veteran's is coming to the Contra Costa Fairgrounds August 11 –14. **Volunteers are going to be needed**, Please see page 6 for information on how you can help.

Quo Vadis Camp July 9 - 12

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. **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 next Marriage Preparation Session is scheduled for Saturday, June 10th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The sessions are held at St. Vincent's Marinwood, Saint Vincents Dr., San Rafael, CA. The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call (415) 699-8348.

Mobile Mall News

- **Sort** - Saturday, June 3rd from 9 am to 12 pm; Dominican Hall, Most Holy Rosary
- **Sort** - Saturday, July 1st from 9 am to 12 pm; Dominican Hall, Most Holy Rosary

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

2017 Bishop's Appeal



Thank you to everyone who so generously responded to the Bishop's Appeal. We are now at 81% of our goal. 344 households have responded thus far. **If you haven't yet responded to the Appeal, please consider doing so. All gifts are welcome.** Use the

Bishop's Appeal Envelopes in the pews and place them in the regular Sunday collection basket.

Parish Goal: \$31,146. Gifts & Pledged to Date: \$25,268.

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.

Silver & Gold Activities



Tuesday, May 23 at 9:00 am

Join us for breakfast at Denny's on Lone Tree Way in Antioch. Please RSVP to Nancy at 757-8555.

The French Are Coming!

Save Sunday, July 23rd at 7:30 pm when the French Boy's Choir will sing a concert at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church as part of their 2017 American Tour. The choir consists of 30 boys, the conductor and staff. Their program will be mixed sacred and secular music with something for everyone to enjoy. Invite your family, your relatives, and friends to come to this very special concert. We want to have the choir leave Antioch after singing their concert to a packed church.

There will be no tickets, but a free-will offering will be taken and we need housing for the choir for two nights - Saturday, July 22nd and Sunday, July 23rd. Could you host some of the choir for two nights? There is a minimum of two boys that have to be hosted together and they need to stay with the same host both nights. Everyone who is hosting the choir must take the VIRTUS training online and also be finger printed, which are requirements of the Diocese of Oakland. This is not difficult and we will make this as easy as possible for you. You will find hosting some of the choir to be one of the greatest experiences to share the culture of two countries and make new friends from France .

If you want to host some members of the choir, please call the parish office at 778-0768 and let us know.

Holy Rosary News

Holy Rosary School serves families in the far East Contra Costa County. We currently have openings for Prekindergarten, Kindergarten, and 1st through 8th grade. Tuition assistance is available for all eligible families. We are excited to share that BASIC FUND www.basicfund.org has extended their application deadline for all new student applicants seeking a Catholic education. We are offering tours by appointment and look forward to meeting new families and students.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

We live in a world that bombards us with messages. The email, TV, and cell phones give us thousands of electronic messages each day. Chances are that we miss the messages that our human family and friends send us because we are on overload. Author Dan Ariely* says that compulsively checking email (or phone messages) is an unhealthy attachment. Email allows one to communicate with colleagues and friends all over the world, yet the constant stream of announcements, advertisements and deleteable information consumes our time and is a distraction from seeing the beauty of nature and the human interaction right before us. We go to email hoping for positive messages from those we love, but how much time do we spend sorting and deleting unnecessary information each day? The author compares this to BF Skinner's experiments with rats. The rats learn how to get food through trial and error. We go through lots of messages to get the one that's important to us. But is this how you want to spend your life?

Today's Gospel is full of messages: the message of love, the message announcing the coming of the Holy Spirit, the message that Jesus is always with us and will not leave us orphans, the message of communion between the Father and the Son and between the Son and us. "One day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you." We seem to understand the first part. Jesus is in God and because of their communion, Jesus can express the love that God has for us. It is the second message that is harder to take in. "You are in me and I am in you."

I grew up in an era in the church that emphasized the sinfulness of human nature. It was pounded into me that I was not worthy, that I must do penance, that God counted every foible and was going to tell me about them when I entered the pearly gates. It took me years to get a different message. Jesus is in me. If I am faithful to prayer, to spending time listening to "that still small voice" as my mother used to say, the love actions that flow through me would confirm that Jesus is in me and I in Him. We call this grace. We know this because the Gospel message says, "Whoever loves me will be loved by the Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

So what messages will you listen to this week? Will you see the love and admiration in your children's eyes? Will you be able to listen to the feelings of your partner or friends and respond from the depth of your faith in Jesus? What messages we take in or what messages we reject is a choice. What messages will you take in and what will you let go? I must make the intention to choose to listen to that still small voice. I must choose to stop the bombardment of useless messages and hear the people in my life. If I have a meal with someone and they are spending time on their electronic device, I might say something like, "Are we here to be with each other, or do you want me to leave?" While emails and texts are helpful in some ways, they have taken control of our humanness. Take back your life this week. Be present to Jesus in prayer and to the human messages of those who cross your path. See the people in front of you with the love of Jesus that flows in you. Believe that He is with you as He said. Be good to yourself because He is in you. Choose what messages you will respond to. You might be surprised at what Jesus will reveal to you.

*Ariely, Dan, *Predictably Irrational*, (New York, Harper Perennial, 2009), pp. 156-161

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Breaking Bread and Prayers

For a long time, there has been a prayer group devoted to Our Lady of Fatima that has been meeting in the homes of its members. Like the early Church, homes were where the breaking of the bread and the praying of the prayers took place. As the Church grew the homes could no longer hold the growing numbers and a special dedicated building had to be secured. The same is true today. The Fatima group has grown so large that permission was asked and granted for the use of our church. Our very own parish Financial Secretary, Estrella Rusk, is the de-facto leader of the group that meets on the first Saturday of each month. The praying of the prayers has always been well taken care of by this group, so now that they have a proper church building, the logical next step was the breaking of the bread; i.e., a Mass.

Enter Fr. Ricardo Chavez. We all recognize Fr. Chavez as one of the reliable fill-ins for whenever Fr. Robert is on vacation, attending a chaplaincy training program, or away for any extended period of time. Fr. Chavez agreed to celebrate Mass in honor of the feast day of Our Lady of Fatima which takes place later this month. True to form, Fr. Chavez's wit and humor showed forth when he entered the church and looking about quipped "Is it Palm Sunday?" Yes, our giant urns with their even more gigantic palm fronds still show themselves bright green against most of our wall space (and it still looks good). After reaching the presider's chair he eyed the many potted plants and said, "I hope my allergies hold-out against all these flowers." Within 20 minutes the flowers claimed victory over a sneezing and dry throated Fr. Chavez as water was fetched to help in his relief. I scarcely can imagine how things might have gone before the 2nd environment change when we had more plants in the church. I don't have the allergy problem that Fr. Chavez has, but one time while taking the chair for a communion service, there were so many plants I had to peer through the branches and leaves of a ficus to see who was lecturing. I felt like I had been drawn into a jungle like the Robin Williams character in the movie *Jumanji*!

After the Mass, a light but decadently flavorful reception was offered in the church hall. It was a thoroughly delightful way to start the weekend. There may be more such Masses on the first Saturday of each month on the horizon ahead. For sure the prayer group will be there to feed us spiritually. Just remember to bring your allergy meds in case there is a certain plant with your name on it. I think there's one with my name on it too. So, especially for us allergy sufferers; Our Lady of Fatima...pray for us!

STAND DOWN ON THE DELTA 2017

for Homeless and at risk Veteran's
August 11-14, 2017

Contra Costa Fairgrounds



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Registration open March 23rd - August 7th

Planning meetings are at 7pm on the 1st Thursday of the month

Location: Antioch Veterans Memorial Bldg, 403 W 6th st Antioch, CA

Stand Down on the Delta is a bi-annual, four-day encampment for homeless and/or at-risk Veterans to come together and receive support from their communities. While at Stand Down, veterans are provided with court and legal services, DMV, addiction counseling, clothing, food, shelter, hygiene services, wellness, medical, dental and a goal of Delta Veterans Group in hosting the **Stand Down on the Delta** event is to treat the Veteran participants with respect and dignity, as well as honoring our female Veterans and families of the Veterans. Our Nation's Veterans have made the ultimate sacrifices for our freedoms, which is why we strive to make **Stand Down on the delta "All about the Veteran"**. Please visit www.deltaveteransgroup.org for more information on how you can contribute to our Nation's fine Men and Women Veterans of the United States Armed Forces.

Some of the Services Available at Stand Down Are:

- COMPLETE MEDICAL
- TRANSITIONAL HOUSING
- MENTAL HEALTH
- COURT/LEGAL SERVICES
- DMV I.D. SERVICES
- SUBSTANCE ABUSE ASSISTANCE
- ON-SITE PET CARE
- EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
- VETERANS BENEFITS
- WELLNESS & CHAPLAIN SERVICES
- MEALS/ CLOTHING/ HYGIENE
- LIVE MUSIC ENTERTAINMENT



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FRENCH BOYS' CHOIR
in CONCERT

Maîtrise des Hauts de France
Young Singers of Lambersart
Conductor Jérôme Cupelli

Sunday,
July 23
7:30 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch
Catholic Church
3351 Contra Loma Blvd
Antioch
Free Admission





Defusing Hatred Program
Learn nonviolent communication skills and develop tools for responding to uneasy situations and hate speech.

Hosted by: St. Ignatius of Antioch
Presented by: Rev. Will McGarvey
June 25 after the 10:00 am Liturgy
Schedule: 11:30: light lunch
12:15 - 2:30: workshop


Our parish is hosting this program with the hope of building communities of care and protection of the vulnerable around us, especially in this time of heightened tension and public acts of aggression.

Join us for an informative, visual presentation followed by conversation and hands on experience through role-play.


We will do a quick survey of history of hate crimes in Contra Costa County and review the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights.




We are a generous parish!
And you do make a difference!
Thank you
St. Ignatius of Antioch



Some of the tremendous donations for the *Mary Project* last weekend.



A sampling of *Winter Nights Shelter* supply donations from last weekend.



And let's not forget your faithful support of the *St. Vincent de Paul food pantry* each week

Memorial Day
 **BINGO**

Monday, May 29th
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Doors Open 11:30 AM - Lunch at Noon
Games Begin 12:45 PM

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

\$25 per person includes
10 Games and Lunch
Daubers - \$1 each

Tickets available after Masses
May 20/21 and May 27/28
or by calling
Steve at 925-642-2329

BINGO				
12	18	41	47	61
7	26	39	54	70
4	27		49	63
5	23	35	58	73
3	30	32	52	75