

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

May 28, 2017 - The Ascension of the Lord

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## Go and Make Disciples

Father of life, your Son returns.  
Co-creator and intimate partner,  
he ascends to sit at your right hand.  
He has conquered sin and death,  
his hands marked by the wounds of  
his love.

As the Lord passes from our sight,  
we practice lifting our hearts,  
that we might rise with him one day.  
Now he calls us, as he did the  
first Apostles,  
to go and make disciples throughout  
the world.

May we know you are with us always.  
May we follow without fear.  
May your Kingdom come.  
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 28, 2017**  
**The Ascension of  
the Lord**

*“They have kept your word.”*

— John 17:66

**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 13-14**

**Weekend Offering.....\$9,318.63**

**Second Collection (Cath. Charities).....\$2,569.00**

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, May 28 Ascension of the Lord**

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

**Monday, May 29 Memorial Day**

- *Offices Closed*
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Memorial Day Bingo - 11:30 am to 3 pm - Parish Hall

**Tuesday, May 30**

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

**Wednesday, May 31**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

**Thursday, June 1**

- 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, June 2**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament-8:45 am to Noon

**Saturday, June 3**

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group - 9 to 11 am
- Silver & Gold Dow Wetlands Nature Walk - 9 am
- Birthday Blessing
- 2nd Collection for the Parking Lot

**Sunday, June 4 Pentecost Sunday**

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing
- 2nd Collection for the Parking Lot
- Hospitality Sunday Sponsored by Social Events - Plaza

**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

<b>Monday</b>	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16; Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Lk 1:39-56
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

## Lay Ministers—Week of June 3rd & 4th

**5 pm: Lectors** – Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Rhoda Herrera, Carol Fanfa; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Pam Confetti, Melodye Costanza

**8 am: Lectors** – Kathleen Hayakawa, Pat Kramer; **Head Cup** – Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Jeanne Reilly, Diane Hack, MaryJo Keister, Nick Suarez; **Cup** – Vianney Mendoza, Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kawa; **Servers** – Antonio Alvarez, Isaiah Laxamana

**10:00 am: Lectors** – Cheryna Wright, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup** – Cory Cook; **Head Host** – Reyna Garcia; **Host** – Nickie Nevado, Jane Sharpe, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez; **Cup** – Denise Moss, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Samantha Peralto, Cynthia Enrique; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert - Presiding & Preaching

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 5:00 pm</b>	Mike Ambrosini †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Jack Pakulak †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Gavin Cano
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women†
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Care Givers
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Manolo Mariano †

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Barbara Morris Fisher**. May her soul 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.

## Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you can help or need help call (925)757-0941  
Food Pantry - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9-10 am - Parish Center \*

Food Bank Fresh Food Truck - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 1 -2 pm Church Parking lot \*Most Holy Rosary.

If you can just once a month visit a needy family with us to offer them help call (925)757-0941

For every type of help from the country call 211 or go to [www.211database.org](http://www.211database.org)

## 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](http://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 Mass 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. 347 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: \$25,493.

## *St. Peter Martyr News*

St. Peter Martyr School is accepting applications for Preschool, Pre-Kindergarten, Kindergarten, and grades 1st-8th. 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](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org)) or call the school at 925-439-1014 for more information.

## *Silver & Gold Activities*

**Saturday, June 3 (9:00):** A leisurely stroll through the Dow Wetlands Reserve. Interesting "nature" walk starting from the Humphrey's Restaurant parking lot on the river.

**Saturday/Sunday, June 24/25:** (from 10 am to 10 am): **Relay for Life Walk**...a parish sponsored walk for **all** parishioners (young and old alike). Tent at Deer Valley High School on the football field. Greet, support, visit...and walk to support those who have had cancer.

## *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](http://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

I have to chuckle at God's humor in dealing with us humans in today's ascension story in the Acts of the Apostles. "Why are you standing there looking at the sky?" There is a similar phrase in Job 38, "Where were you when I made the heavens?" These phrases remind us that we DO NOT KNOW God's ways. We are called to follow God in the "unknowing." These sayings are hard for us because we would like to know and no one can blame the apostles for wanting to have Jesus physically close in a way they can understand him. We want that, too, to have Jesus spell it out for us. We want a road that is clear.

But it is not to be. The road is often rocky and the fog of daily tasks and meetings makes things confused and unclear. "This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven." The disciples' experience of the resurrected Jesus reminds me of the phrase, "Now you see him, now you don't." There are times in our lives we see God's work very clearly and there are times we can't seem to find Him. This is because He sends his Spirit among us and it is very hard to capture the moment the Spirit comes and goes. We like the "feel good" times when our path is clear and we feel Jesus with us. We cry out when it is dark and we can't seem to find our way.

Then there is the command, "Be witnesses to the ends of the earth." This changes our focus of attention. Instead of worrying about where God is, we must focus on delivering the message of love to all the world. When we find ourselves stuck and unclear, change direction and ask how are we being witnesses of love. When one offers to witness to God's love, that is grace. That is the Spirit's Presence. Then we don't have to ask where God is in our lives. "God is love and s/he who abides in love abides in God and God in them.

Yet this "coming and going" makes us uneasy. We often stand there "looking up to the sky," until we realize that God's ways are not our ways. The Kingdom of God is within us. He sees things we don't and comes and goes at His own choosing. We are not in control, God is. He makes the times and the seasons.

When we look out on the weary earth and see wars, homelessness, sickness, violent deaths, and the decline of life on our planet, we ask "Where are You, God?" as Jesus on the cross said, "Why have You abandoned me?" It feels like we are abandoned. In this moment, Jesus gave his consent to suffering and offered it for the world. So we, too, in moments of darkness must lovingly offer our trails for the sake of the world. Being a witness is a choice based on faith in the hope that He "will come in the same way" to enlighten and bring justice.

So don't stand there looking at the sky or longing for the "feel good" feeling of Jesus presence. We don't know His comings and goings, but we know He is with us as He promised. Reflect and then choose the way God wants you to be His witness, His act of love, in the world today. Pope Francis says, "The smallest, the weakest, the poorest soften us. They have the "right" to take our heart and soul."

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### Get Some Exposer

The old saying goes "What you don't know can't hurt you." But, in reality we know that the more we know the better off we tend to be. We may spend weeks researching big-ticket-items we plan to buy before plunking down our hard-earned cash. When we expose ourselves to the many different possibilities about something, the better we feel and the more secure we are that we've made the right choice. So it is with the newest study sessions we have on Thursday mornings (aka: GIFT Sessions). The new study series is called *Queen of Heaven, Mary's Battle for You* published by the Dominican Press.

From the very first lesson, new concepts and possibilities about the role of Mary in relation to God's plan and her relationship to us, today, are brought out in such a way as to engage the mind to see in a new light. As an example, the question of the incarnation was postulated to go beyond the saving action of Jesus to redeem a fallen humanity as an action God would have taken anyway, even without the fall of Adam and Eve. Why? Because God loves us as he loves himself and his Son. He loves us so much he would share his divine love and life with us regardless.

That is why Bishop Fulton Sheen said, "Before time began, God dreamed of Mary." Taking this new concept of God wanting to become incarnate with us, even before creating us; how would the angels take this bit of news? That question is explored in the lesson also. It could be the very reason why Lucifer, who was the greatest of all the angels and second only to God himself, would have been knocked-down from his lofty standing and be required to serve humanity-in-God as greater than himself. This might have been more than old Lucifer's pride and ego could handle and the cause of his revolt in Heaven against God. It could be why the fallen Lucifer, now named Satan, tempted Eve in the garden first; rather than Adam. Perhaps Satan thought that Eve was to be the direct mother of the incarnation, of Christ. If he corrupted Eve and introduced sin into the world God's plan would be ruined, right? Ah, but as clever as the serpent Satan was he could not comprehend the power and plan of God to produce Mary as the Immaculate Conception, free of sin and corruption.

Many such points of discussion and theological possibilities arose within the lesson. If you have a strong devotion to Mary or have some serious doubts and questions, you will have a learning experience and have something important to add to the "mix" of discussion. Stop by if you can, every Thursday morning at about 9:00 am.

# **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](http://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.

**Calling All Women!**  
Magnificat SOTI,  
a Ministry for Women  
invites all to join them at a Prayer Breakfast  
June 24, 2017 9:30-12:30  
Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord  
Please note that we are returning to the Crowne Plaza!

Please join us in welcoming Fr. Jim Sullivan as our speaker! Father Sullivan was raised in northern California and since 1992 has been involved in catechesis and teen ministry. He is the chaplain at Bishop O'Dowd High School, an author and a witty and engaging speaker! Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33 (\$40 after June 17th).  
Go to [www.magnificatsoti.org](http://www.magnificatsoti.org) for more information about our guest and tickets or call Jennifer at 503 709 8449 for reservations.

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