

St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 20, 2017– Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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Mission Statement:

United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ

Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Fr. Richard Mangini
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.



August 20, 2017
20th Sunday in
Ordinary Time

*Observe what is right, do what is just;
for my salvation is about to come, my
justice, about to be revealed.*
—Isaiah 56:1

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 August 5-6

Weekend Offering.....\$11,966.00

Second Collection (Mission Co-Op).....\$2,799.00

Looking Ahead

August 20: San Damiano Retreat family-style pasta dinner from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. Adults \$25; kids \$10 (under 12) Information and reservations visit www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141.

August 21: Inquiry for RCIA 7:00 p.m. Parish Office See page 6 for more details.

August 21: Turnaround bus trip to Thunder Valley. For more information call the Faith Formation Office at 778-1631.

August 28: YLI #101 of Antioch hosting their Annual Bingo Tournament - more details to follow.

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. Contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions

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

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 20

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Hot August Night Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito Sales - Benefits Stand Down on the Delta - Gathering Plaza
- Simbang Gabi Meeting- after 10 am Liturgy - Parish Hall

Monday, August 21

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA Inquiry - 7:30 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, August 22

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, August 23

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall .
- No Hula Class this evening

Thursday, August 24

- 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, August 25

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

Saturday, August 26

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Hot August Night Luau - 6 to 10 pm - Parish Hall
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, August 27

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Sal Bruno	Tylor Rideau	Theresa Weathers
Dorothy	Kim Tank	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	Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday	Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday	Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16
Thursday	Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51
Friday	Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40
Saturday	Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12
Sunday	Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

Lay Ministers—Week of Aug 26th & 27th

5 pm: Lectors – Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup** – Melodye Costanza; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – David Simpson, Pam Confetti, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Hayakawa, Angela Bueno; **Head Cup** - Sue Howell; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Samantha Peralto, Rick Howell, MaryJo Keister, Jeannine Ford; **Cup** - Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa, Peggy Lennan, Vianney Mendoza; **Server** - Aizaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – Tina Costanza, Cheryna Wright, **Head Cup** – Cory Cook; **Head Host** – Nickie Nevado; **Host** – Noel Fortez, Samantha Peralto, Helga Boardman, Ed Cissell; **Cup** – Denise Moss, Sheila Fortez, Estrella Rusk, Nancy Santos, Sharon Cissell, **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Bruce Taecker
Sun. 8:00 am	Dan O'Connor †
Sun. 10:00 am	John & Conceicao Silva †
Mon. 8:00 am	Vince Iacona †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	Zoila V. Tandingan †
Thur. 8:00 am	Derek Presser †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Brenda Phillips, Winnie DeLeon, Karen Lee and Kathleen Browne**. 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:

- Pork & Beans - 15 oz can**
- White Rice - 1 lb. or 2 lb. bag**

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

Santa Rosalia Festival

**Branch 72, Pittsburg of the
Italian Catholic Federation
invites you to Monterey
for the 84th Annual:**

Saturday September 9th, 2017

Bus leaves Good Shepherd in Pittsburg at 8:30 am.
2nd pickup following in the Sun Valley Mall parking lot
in Concord (near Baja Fresh)

Bus leaves Monterey for return trip at 4:30 pm.

At the festival enjoy:

Food Booths

Entertainment

Parade

Blessing of the fleet

Italian Dancers

Vendors

Bocce



To reserve your bus ticket, contact chairperson
Joann Thilgen at (925) 625-0863

Your check for \$45 confirms your bus reservation. Space
is limited. Please respond by August 25th.

Silver & Gold Activities

Saturday, September 2 at 7:10 PM: A professional baseball game between the Stockton Ports (an Oakland A's minor league affiliate) and their San Jose league opponent (stadium opens at 6 pm). Great seats on the 3rd base side by the dugout for \$13 (+ parking \$5). Easy access with a low key approach to our national pastime. Call Rick @ 439-9225 for information.

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) or call the school at 925-439-1014 for more information.

Hospitality Sunday

Many thanks to **SPRED** for sponsoring the Hospitality Sunday on August 6th with their giant donut holes and pastry. Look forward to the **Catholic Daughters** to provide hospitality on September 2nd.

St. Vincent de Paul Walk for the Poor

St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County has 3 walks scheduled for this year's Friends of the Poor Walk/Run:

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

At St. Isidore Grass Field

440 La Gonda Way, Danville, CA 94526

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

At St. Agnes Catholic Church

3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA 94519

Saturday, September 30, 2017, 9 – 11 am

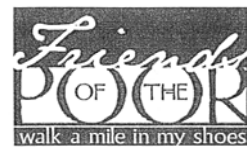
At St. Paul Catholic Church

1845 Church Ln., San Pablo, CA 94806

Your participation will make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate!

All Friends of the Poor Walk funds remain in Contra Costa County to help the poor via SVdP Programs including food pantries, Free Dining Room, Free Medical Clinic, Dental Program for the uninsured, Job Training Program, Daytime Homeless Shelter, Thrift Stores for clothing/furniture

Register for Friends of the Poor Walk/Run at "Society of St. Vincent de Paul of Contra Costa County" and click on the link below



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

Last month, Sr. Joan Chittister wrote an article for the National Catholic Reporter that caused me to reflect on the current state of affairs in this country. The article began with a beautiful picture of the Statue of Liberty at sunset. When I think of the words inscribed there, I find myself lamenting about the state of immigration. "Give me your tired and your poor, your huddled masses yearning to be free." Right now our "huddled masses" are running for their lives with 10,000 new ICE agents (Immigration and Customs Enforcement) ready to track them down and the government promising severe penalties for creating sanctuary cities.

Then I read about Our Lady of Health Catholic Church in Las Cruces, New Mexico, that took up the cause of the mother of one of these families. Supported by their Bishop, they held a rally at their church, prayed for justice, wrote letters of support for her to ICE and got the stay of deportation granted for this mother of a family who had been here 20 years contributing to the community. "When families are torn apart by our laws, by protocol, by our own agencies, then we raise a moral voice," said Bishop Oscar Cantu of the Los Cruces Diocese. "What are we doing? What are our priorities? What is important to us?" he asked.

Sr. Joan continues that "Our attitudes toward politics, toward politicians, toward the purpose of government and toward moral memory as a dimension of political life will determine our common future." Is politics "the art of the possible" or the gross art of a power grab? We are supposed to be a country with a "commitment to the common good, nobody excluded." What part of the common good is the nuclear dancing with North Korea or the destruction of Mosul? Or polluted air or the rise of the seas that threaten the island communities of the Pacific? In a government where the poor, the sick, the illiterate and the homeless are the shadow society of life, that are flooding our streets, what should be our response as Catholics? Is this the break-up of the American Dream? The Black poet Langston Hughes quoted in the article says:

Hold fast to dreams
For if dreams die
Life is a broken-winged bird
That cannot fly.

We do not have the luxury of discouragement. "We must hold fast to the dream, declare it, require it, demand it." We must join with others who have a moral compass and are moving in the direction we would like the country to go. "We must embrace inclusivity, civility, compassion and intellectual competence." We must support a public press that knows the difference between "fake news" and good journalistic reporting. Join something and make your voice be heard. "As Dorothy Day is credited with saying, 'No one has the right to sit down and feel hopeless. There is too much work to do.'"

As a small Catholic Community in East County, we have worked hard to support veterans, the homeless, our refugee family and other projects, but it is not enough. Discuss this with your family and friends this week. What are you being called to do to uphold the dream?

<https://www.ncronline.org/blogs/where-i-stand/makeamerica-america-again-0>

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Simply Amazing

It's amazing how some of the most safe and secure events can have a decidedly thrilling aspect to them if it is your first time to participate in them. There is, deeply rooted in the human psyche, a sense of danger (no matter how small) when something "new" is about to happen to you. It is in that light of seeking a new thrill that my wife and I bought a pair of tickets to the Choir's annual Cabaret. Granted it's not going to be as dangerous or thrilling as sky-diving for the first time or facing-down the charge of a lion in the long grass, but you don't have to plan on taking along an extra set of clean underwear either. This will be a "first" for us and perhaps for you also. More will be reported in the weeks to come since by the time this goes to press the Cabaret will have already seen its night. We should all have an urge to do something or see something new in the Church's repertoire of annual events and especially those once-in-a-life-time events like the French Boys' Choir or Don's playing the organ to a unique silent film.

So, if the Cabaret has passed, what's coming up that we might do, that we've never done before? How about the turn-around day trip to Thunder Valley Casino on August 21st in support of our Faith Formation programs? Many of us may have been to a casino at one time or another, but have we done so with this particular group from our own Church? Have we supported Faith Formation in any special way before? This seems like a good fun way to contribute to the church and have fun in the process. Who knows, you might just come back with more money than when you left (well, it is possible).

If you're looking for something that won't take all day then how about the upcoming Luau event on August 26th? The menu looks like it should be an adventure in flavors all by itself. And who knows what else will be going on? I've never been to the Luau before either! Will there be dancing? Will there be singing? Will there be a raffle or auction? The adventure is in the finding-out; the thrill is in the participation.

So, let yourself go, take a walk on the wild side, participate in something you haven't done before. You'll be amazed at how much you will have to say and share about it when it's over. Check the bulletin for all the latest things to do, because when you participate... you show the world that you are amazing!



Saturday, August 26, 2017

6:30 pm

Adult: \$15

Children \$5.00



MENU

- Hawaiian Chicken & Pork
- Polynesian Rice
- Hawaiian Green Beans
- Fruit Salad
- Dessert

Entertainment,
Raffle & Door Prizes

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

Sponsored by the Social Events Committee



***RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION
FOR ADULTS (RCIA)***

**Are you, or someone you know,
considering becoming a Catholic?**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish offers a process called the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)*, that provides opportunities for you to come to an informed discernment and decision about this life choice. For more information call the Faith Formation Office at 778-1631. Inquiry begins Monday, August 21st at 7:00pm in the Parish Office.



500 YEARS

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MARTIN LUTHER

*Commemoration of
500 Years
of the
Reformation*

**Ecumenical Celebration
Sunday, October 29, 2017
4:00 pm**

Join Father Tom Bonacci for
Three Tuesday Evenings Before the Celebration
7:30 PM

October 10, 2017
Revisiting the Ecumenical Teachings of
The Second Vatican Council
That All May be One

October 17, 2017
The Feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch
The Core of Reformed Spirituality
Moving Beyond the Divide

October 24, 2017
Dialogue and the Ecumenical Church
A Vision for the Now and Future Church

St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
3315 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, CA

Grand Raffle



- **1st prize - trip to Scandinavia
(limited to \$8,500)**
- **2nd prize \$2000 cash**
- **3rd prize \$1000 Safeway Gift Card**

**For tickets, contact the parish office or
visit the ticket table in the Gathering
Plaza after weekend liturgies.**

Important Message from Father Robert

August 2017

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I am so proud of our parish. Since my arrival 12 years ago, I have witnessed a dynamic community with generational, cultural, racial, spiritual and economic differences come together with love to build a vibrant faith community. I continue to see this each and every day. We may not always agree with one another but we always try to be respectful and endeavor to put the Gospel message into practical use in our community. Celebrating good times and overcoming difficult times have made St. Ignatius of Antioch into the strong wonderful community that it is today.

It has been a long journey since May of 2011 when we embarked on a capital campaign to build a new facility and pay off the parking lot loan. The original cost estimate of 3.5 million dollars was, with the benefit of 20/20 hindsight, probably too optimistic. In a little over 6 years, you have more than generously supported this campaign with your gifts of nearly \$1,000,000.

In our town hall meetings last February, we presented recent estimates showing that construction costs for a parish hall would easily equal or exceed the original estimate for the entire project. We concluded that asking you to enter into yet another capital campaign is simply not an option.

These meetings included discussions of alternative uses for the building fund, including the possibility of upgrading the kitchen and expanding our existing parish hall. Last spring, I sent a letter to the Diocese requesting guidance about pursuing an expansion project with our building fund money. Bishop Barber responded positively and requested a feasibility study that demonstrates that the project could reasonably be expected to be completed using only our funds on hand. Several preliminary meetings have taken place with architects in order to look at design alternatives and prepare the feasibility study for the Diocese and our parish.

Another crucial step in this journey is to seek the blessing to proceed with an expansion of our current facility from those who donated to the 2011 Parish Capital Campaign. I asked the Pastoral Council and members of the Pastoral Staff to develop a plan to obtain parish approval to proceed. **On August 26 and 27, we will begin this process with an address at all Liturgies by Steve Rojek.** I will publish Steve's remarks in my insert for the next few weeks to ensure that we reach the entire congregation.

In addition to obtaining parish consent, other significant challenges remain including (1) obtaining positive results from the feasibility study, (2) successful negotiations with the City of Antioch and (3) obtaining final approval from the Diocese. Failure at any one of these steps would derail the project. However, without your overwhelming consent to move forward, there is no reason to proceed with the other steps. **That's why we are beginning this approval process now.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch has worked, worshipped and played together for nearly 40 years. As I said before, it is a blessing to me to be a member of this community. I completely and whole heartedly endorse this proposal. My hope and prayer is that you will join with me and support this effort as well.

Gratefully,

