

St. Ignatius of Antioch

September 10, 2017– Twenty-third 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

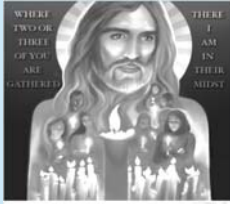
Saturday Vigil: 5 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & 7:30 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday, 3:45 to 4:30 pm

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.



September 10, 2017
23rd Sunday in
Ordinary Time

“If two of you agree on earth about anything for which they are to pray, it shall be granted to them by my heavenly Father”

—Matthew 18:19

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.” —Matthew 6:21

Stewardship of Treasure

Our goal for weekly plate collections is: \$12,500.00

Weekend Offering for August 26-27

Weekend Offering.....\$8,611.00

Looking Ahead

Sunday, September 17: There will be a Eucharistic Minister training session after the 10am Mass. If you are interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister please plan to attend. All are welcome. For more information please contact Harlan Young at 925-858-8451.

Sung Evening Prayer and candlelight procession for the 100th Anniversary of Our Lady’s Apparition in Fatima on **October 13, 2017**. More information 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, September 10

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Diocesan Priest Retirement
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Knights of Columbus Tri-Tip Sales - Gathering Plaza

Monday, September 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- RCIA Meets - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, September 12

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 to 10:30am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Silver & Gold Meets - 2 pm - Parish Hall
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Office
- Festival Committee Meets - 7:30 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, September 13

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- New Study Session: “Grains of Wheat” - 9 am to 1 pm - Church
- Hula Class - 9:15 to 10:15 am - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, September 14

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

Friday, September 15

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

Saturday, September 16

- Vigil - 5 pm
- Catechist Commissioning
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Sock Drive Donations

Sunday, September 17

- 8 am & 10:00 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Catechist Commissioning - both Liturgies
- Sock Drive Donations

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	Col 1:24 — 2:3; Ps 62:6-7, 9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday	Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2, 8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday	Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3, 10-13ab; Lk 6:20-
Thursday	Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday	1 Tm 1:1-2, 12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a, 5, 7-8, 11; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Saturday	1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
Sunday	Sir 27:30 — 28:9; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Rom 14:7-9; Mt 18:21-35

Lay Ministers—Week of Sept. 16th & 17th

5 pm: Lectors – Candace Alexander, Noela Noel-LoFranco; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Rhoda Herrera, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Melodye Costanza, Christoph Holl, Pam Confetti; **Servers** - Nathan Skrdlant, Gabriel Skrdlant

8 am: Lectors – Tim Cox, Samantha Peralto; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host** – Kathleen Hayakawa, Jeanne Reilly, MaryJo Keister, Diane Hack; **Cup** - Theresa Stanek, Stan Stanek, Jenawati Kwa, Ruth Beck, Nick Suarez; **Server** - Isaiah Laxamana, Chauncey Lewis

10:00 am: Lectors – Rose Necor, Lee Oliver, **Head Cup** – Cory Cook; **Head Host** – Reyna Garcia; **Host** – Ed Cissell, Nancy Santos, Mark Costanza, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso; **Cup** – Gloria Olvera, Cynthia Enrique, Sharon Cissell, Carol Dollete, Harlan Young, **Servers** – Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

Fr. Robert Presiding & Deacon Gary Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 5:00 pm	Bruce Taecker
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Victoria Vera †
Mon. 8:00 am	Leo Lawrence Beck †
Tues. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Wed. 8:00 am	All Travelers
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **The Victims of Hurricane Harvey and Sacramento Co. Sheriff Deputy Robert French**. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in

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

San Damiano Retreat

San Damiano Retreat has special events in

September and October

September 17, 4 pm: Join San Damiano for their annual auction and enjoy a delicious luau meal and entertainment. Tickets are available at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9140, Ext. 315. Cost is \$75 per person.

September 28; Labyrinth Retreat at San Damiano. A labyrinth is a geometrically designed walking path leading to and from a central point. Dorothy Charbonneau will be your mediation and prayer guide. Cost is \$40 and includes lunch. Please register at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141, Ext. 315.

September 29 - October 1; "What is yours to Do?". San Damiano invites you to discern your soul's work during this special Franciscan spirituality retreat. Led by Anne and Terry Symens-Bucher, with music by Jesse Manibusan. Please register at www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141, Ext. 315.



A Message From the Ladies of YLI

YLI once again would like to ask our parish family to help out during the Holy Rosary Harvest Faire. The YLI is looking for all bakery goodies, especially cookies, cupcakes, breads, pies or any other wonderful dessert that your family would love to share with the YLI booth.

Holy Rosary Harvest Faire dates are
September 22nd, 23rd and 24th

Please call Joanne Bilbo @925-757-4169 or Emily Silva @
925-757-0229 with any questions

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.

Marriage Preparation Program

The next Marriage Preparation Session is scheduled for Saturday, October 7th - 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.

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

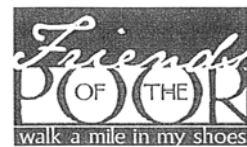
At St. Paul Catholic Church

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****Disasters**

So much bad news has occurred in the past month, I feel compelled to reflect and respond to it:

The next time you eat fresh fruit or enjoy a good salad consider the source. California grows 80% of the fresh fruits and vegetables in the country. 2.5 million workers, about half undocumented, pick our foods. According to the National Farm Workers Ministry, most of these workers lack health insurance, Worker's Comp., disability coverage, and the right to overtime pay or the right to form unions. They are paid low wages and are exposed to dangerous pesticides. What is the human price for the fresh food on our tables?

Then there is Houston with the floods the size of Lake Michigan with half a million seeking disaster aid. Houston is the fourth largest city in the country and the petro-chemical hub of the nation. Hurricane Harvey is added to the names of other catastrophes such as Katrina, Ike, and Sandy setting record levels of destruction caused by higher water temperatures increasing the storm surges, wind speeds, and greater amounts of rainfall. It takes years to "recover" from these events. New Orleans is only about 2/3 recovered from Katrina (2005) after a dozen years. A friend there told me the drains and sewage near her house are still not working. I learned a new term "Anthropocentric Climate Disruption" or ACD, change in the weather due to human interference. What happens when the flow of gasoline is disrupted?

On the local level, the Antioch Shelter project is now "deactivated." Gary Kingsbury reports that even though the land agreement was promised in 2014, and the Antioch Council directed the City Staff to deliver it in April 2016, it is still not forthcoming. That means that the fifty bed shelter for women and children is not happening. Anyone have any pull with the City that can move this along?

Then there is the District Attorney race. Five candidates responded to the questionnaire and Forum held by the CoCo Racial Justice Coalition. The questions ranged around which candidates held most closely to the values that residents have voted for over the last few years. Very few candidates seemed to align with these values. See: scribd.com/document/3569608061/coco-DAcommunity-scorecard-and-fact-sheet. Then contact your supervisor with your recommendation.

So let us think about and pray for the rescue of flood victims, the status of immigrants, the farm workers who pick our fruit, the homeless women and children in Antioch due to the city's delay, and those in jail awaiting a District Attorney who will be fair and just. We have to think about a world where we rescue each other from services that don't work, from deprivation of gas and oil, from unfair jail and bail for misdemeanors. Our world is changing fast. Do we believe that we have the power to bind and to loose, to pray and be listened to by God? We need each other in faith to build a steady and hope-filled future.

Parish Perspective**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate*****Feeling the Squeeze***

Recently I came across a card, slightly larger than business size; on one side was an artist's rendition of the Cathedral of Christ the Light and on the other was a prayer for the resolution of the debt on it. We don't have a new parish hall, offices, and class rooms we can't afford to pay for like the situation the diocese has with the cathedral. Perhaps fate has allowed us to dodge a financial bullet. But we do need more structural space. A hall with walls that flap in the wind just won't cut it in the long run. Granted, our tent has served us well but it has its limits; especially in the colder, windy, rainy climes of winter.

An expansion of our existing hall where we can sit dry, warm, and carry-on a conversation without having our teeth chatter or lose our train of thought because we can't stop thinking about how cold it is, is far better than a tent. I can vividly recall one late cold fall day when we had an event in the tent and knowing it was going to be cold two huge heaters (the kind you see pointed at the bench of football players) were going full-blast at the front of the tent. It was a good lesson in the laws of thermodynamics and how air can't be heated beyond a few feet if there's any kind of breeze going.

Likewise, as we experience the last scorching days of summer no A/C unit would be able to keep people cool enough, even if we had the tent up this summer. So, what do we do? We sign our release forms allowing any funds we have contributed to the "new building" to be used for what we need here and now; an expansion of the existing hall! Those who have experienced "sold-out" events in our current hall, such as the St. Joseph Dinner or St. Nicolas Dinner know the angst one feels as others try to squeeze by people seated at tables with drinks in their hands and pray no one takes an unscheduled shower! I've done some of these squeeze-by maneuvers between people seated in chairs and admittedly, I'm not as slim as I used to be, but I believe I've been closer to some of my fellow parishioners than I have been to my doctor. I don't mind "rubbing elbows" with my brother and sister parishioners as a figure of speech, but my sport coat is starting to get holes in it at the elbows.

Once again, the steps we need to take are within our power. Sign the release, and PRAY that we have enough funds to do a first-rate job of it. Pray that the City of Antioch won't try to squeeze us like a grape in a wine press (or a parishioner between two tables at a dinner). Pray that the city of Antioch won't read what I just wrote and retaliate. Pray that, most of all, God's good blessings will be on us.

St. Ignatius of Antioch CYO Basketball 2017-2018 Season

The CYO Basketball program is looking for BOYS and GIRLS 3rd - 8th Grade to participate in the Contra Costa CYO East Diablo League (Players on all levels)

For more information and to register, go to www.stignatiusofantiochcyo.com

or contact Brenda at 510-812-6670
CYO Basketball Registrar



FEAST OF SAN LORENZO RUIZ DE MANILA SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

10 AM Eucharist

ST. IGNATIUS of ANTIOCH CHURCH

President: Father Robert Rien, Pastor
Reception Follows in the Parish Hall



"If I have a thousand lives... I will still give them all to God".

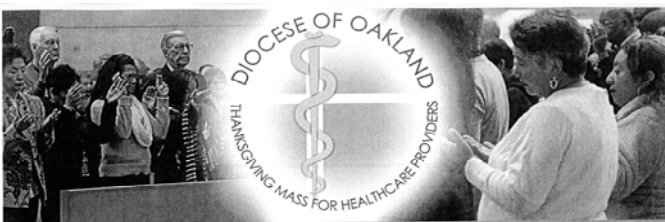
For our Filipino brothers and sisters, if possible, please wear traditional Filipino attire.

For more information and for food and other donations for the Reception, please contact the ff:

Cecille Mirano – (925) 451-1613

Charlie Mirano – (925) 487-1062

Nancy Santos – (925) 628-4046



blessing healers • building community

Thank & honor those in physical, mental & spiritual healthcare professions.

Saturday, September 30, 2017

Mass: 10:00 am Mass

Celebrant: Bishop Michael C. Barber, SJ

Reception: After Mass

The Cathedral of Christ the Light

2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612



We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication & generosity.



For more information:

Sandra Martinez
Diocese of Oakland
smartinez@oakdiocese.org
510-257-8371

Fr. Stephan Kappler, PsyD
Kairos Psychology Group
skappler@kairospsychologygroup.com

Details, updates, & invitations at

oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers

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.

Building Presentation Announcement from Steve Rojek

I am following up on the letter that Fr. Robert wrote in the bulletin recently regarding the history and the current status of our Building Expansion. He reminded us of our dream in 2011 of a Parish Center, with classroom, offices, and a Great Hall. The estimated cost at that time was about 3.5 million dollars. We had a Capital Campaign and were able to raise about one million dollars. That put us a little short, so we adjusted our dream to a hall only, but due to several factors, including the recovery of the economy, the price tag was still somewhere around 3.5 million.

And so, we faced reality, and as was explained during the Town Hall meetings earlier this year, the goal was adjusted again. After analyzing what we really need, the decision is to get done what we can with the money we have.

The Reader's Digest version is this, in consultation with an architectural firm that has done church construction, and another firm that specializes in commercial kitchens, both of whom have done work in this Diocese, and with the knowledge of how much we can spend, we know from them that we can expand and update our kitchen, replacing most of the appliances, and expand the hall to seat 200 comfortably, and get cozy with up to 240. Please be aware that no funds from the parish or the Building Fund were spent on these consultants. A generous donor has been covering these costs.

We have consulted with the Diocese and have been advised to make a good faith effort to inform those who pledged and contributed to the Capital Campaign, and you then sign off that you are aware and approve of this. And so, for the next 3 weekends there will be tables and clipboards with papers that look like petitions out in the Gathering Plaza with some friendly folks at the tables to get your signatures. We would greatly appreciate your help and cooperation with this. After the 3 weekends, we will then make efforts to contact through the mail those we don't have signatures for.

A couple of other items I would like to cover – we do not have architectural drawings or scale models of what the expansion will look like. The eventual plans will depend on what we can do with the money we have. Nothing is final until all the pieces are in place. As Fr. Robert explained in his letter, we will have to jump through some fiery hoops that include the Diocese and the City. Our experience tells us that, without a doubt, there will be surprises that will increase our costs. One good thing that needs to be announced, the Diocese has given us a dispensation regarding the payoff of the parking lot loan. Due to Fr. Robert's diligence and the great support of the parishioners, and paying down the loan at \$5000 a month, we are being allowed to pursue this project without having to first pay off the balance of the parking lot loan. We still have to continue to make our monthly payments, but the Diocese is bypassing their usual requirement.

You will continue to see routine maintenance work going on, and from time to time, some special capital projects that are needed to keep our facility up to date and efficient. It's just like your car, regular maintenance is important, and from time to time, we get to spend money on parts that are needed.

Secondly, in order to keep rumors and "Fake News" to a minimum, I will be the spokesperson for this phase of the project. The Parish Staff has been instructed to direct any questions that you may have to me.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support. With God's help we will see the fruits of all of our efforts.