

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 3, 2017– First Sunday of Advent

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*First Sunday  
of Advent*

*Candle of*

**HOPE**



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,  
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**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

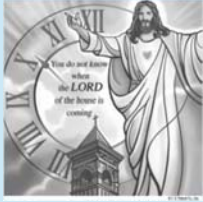
Saturday Vigil: **4 pm (New Time)**  
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am  
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist  
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word  
and Holy Communion  
**Holy Days:** 8 am & 7:30 pm  
**Reconciliation:** Saturday, **2:45 to 3:30 pm**

**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.



**December 3, 2017  
First Sunday of  
Advent**

*Be watchful! Be alert!  
You do not know when the time will  
come.  
— Mark 13:33*

**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 November 18-19**

**Weekend Offering.....\$11,572.00**

**2nd Collection (Campaign For Human Dev.).....\$2,081.00**

# Looking Ahead

**December 8:** Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Holy Day of Obligation - **Liturgies at 8am, 12 noon & 7:30 pm**

**December 13:** “Los Posadas” Journey to the Inn. Journey of Mary and Joseph to Bethlehem, see page 7 for details.

**December 15:** Brentwood Community Chorus Christmas Concert at 7:30 p.m. with a reception following in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!

**Ongoing:**

**Tuesdays:** 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, December 3**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - Both Liturgies
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan

**Monday, December 4**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this month
- Silver & Gold Meeting - 2 pm
- RCIA meets - 7 to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

**Tuesday, December 5**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Meeting -10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Meeting - 10:30 am to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Parent Formation - 6 pm to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall

**Wednesday, December 6**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- RCIC/1st Reconciliation & Eucharist - 6 to 7:15 pm - Parish Hall

**Thursday, December 7**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

**Friday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am, 12 Noon and 7:30 pm

**Saturday, December 9**

- Vigil - 4 pm
- Second Collection for Religious Retirement

**Sunday, December 10**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Religious Retirement
- Confirmation I & II Meet - 12 noon to 1:15 pm - Parish Hall

***Pray for the Sick***

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

Angelina Alphonso	Dorothy	Kim Tank
Rocco Battaglia	Robin Goncalves	Peter Villalpando
Rosita Bonayon	Linda Morrison	Theresa Weathers
Tom Bresciani	Tylor Rideau	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>	Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
<b>Tuesday</b>	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
<b>Thursday</b>	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
<b>Friday</b>	Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
<b>Saturday</b>	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 85:9-14; 2 Pt 3:8-14; Mk 1:1-8

***Lay Ministers—Week of Dec 9th & Dec 10th***

**4 pm: Lectors** – Vince Augusta, Susan Batterton; **Head Cup** – Dave Simpson; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Beth Enea, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Sharon Simpson, Melodye Costanza, Tim Cox

**8 am: Lectors** – Sofie Zimmerman, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup** – Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – MaryJo Keister, Diane Hack, Jeanne Reilly, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** – Sue Howell, Rick Howell, Natalia Joyce, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Server** – Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiiah Laxamana

**10 am: Lectors** – Cory Cook, Tina Costanza; **Head Cup** – Harlan Young; **Head Host** – Lesley Eubanks; **Host** – Yvette Young, Sharon Cissell, Dilcia Aparicio, Ed Cissell; **Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy, Sheila Fortez, Noel Fortez, Reyna Garcia, Al Necor **Servers** – Noah Mirano, Jean Paul Fortez

Fr. Mangini Presiding and Preaching at 4 pm  
Fr. Robert Presiding and Fr. Mangini Preaching at 8 & 10 am

***Mass Intentions for the Week***

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Joann Russo †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Joseph Stralovich †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Rosario Perez †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men & Women
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	Hanny Reingold
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All First Responders
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Marian Favalora †

***Rest in Peace***

Please pray for the souls of **Tony Corral, Guillermo Munõz, those names inscribed in the Book of Remembrance and on the All Souls' envelopes.** 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:

**2 lb. bag white rice**  
**Canned Tuna - 5 oz.**  
**Chicken Noodle Soup - 10. 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)

## *Christmas Food Basket*

Saint Vincent de Paul Society  
 Will take calls on  
 Monday Dec. 4th and Tuesday Dec 5th  
 From 9 am to 12 noon and 1 pm to 4 pm  
 757-7450 in English  
 Food & Clothes will be handed out only on  
 Friday December 15th  
 Between the hours of  
 9am and 12pm

### **Limited to the first 300 callers.**

Please only call the number listed. Keep calling until you get a live person on the other end. The phone lines will be very busy and are in working order.

## *Most Holy Rosary School*

Holy Rosary School is now Accepting Applications for grades Pre-K through 8th grade for the School Year 2018-2019.

Holy Rosary also offers Pre-School Learning Center for 2 & 3 year olds.

Application packets are available for pick up at the school office, or visit the website at [www.holyrosarycatholicschool.org](http://www.holyrosarycatholicschool.org). For questions or to schedule a tour: Call 925-757-1270.

## *St. Joseph Missals Have Arrived*

If you would like to purchase a St. Joseph Missal for the new liturgical year through the parish, please contact the parish office at (925) 778-0768. The cost is \$4.00.

## *Shelter Inc.—Contra Costa*

*Help needed to provide, cook and serve dinner at Mountain View Emergency Family Shelter.*

Volunteers are needed to provide and serve dinner for homeless families living at this emergency shelter in Martinez. By providing a meal, you're providing a family dining experience while ensuring no one goes hungry. Your participation and support is greatly appreciated.

Location: 1391 Shell Avenue, Martinez, CA (entrance is on Orchard Avenue).

For more information or questions about volunteering, please contact Stephanie Harrison at (925) 228-6920 or at [StephanieH@shelterinc.org](mailto:StephanieH@shelterinc.org).

## *Adult Confirmation Classes*

All those seeking the benefits of the sacrament of Confirmation who are already baptized and will be 18 years of age or older on January 13th, are urged to call Pastoral Associate, Peter Degl'Innocenti, immediately at (925) 756-6172. Four classes will be given on Tuesday nights starting December 19th at 7:30 pm in the Parish Office. Confirmation will be held on January 13th at the Cathedral of Christ the Light at 10:00 am. Registration deadline is December 22nd. Call now!

## *Christmas Cocktail Party*



Hosted by Joe and Theresa Nelms' from 4:00 to 8:00 pm at their lovely home in Clayton on Sunday, December 10th. This was one of the fundraising items at the Gala Dinner, and the Nelms' wanted to open it up to everyone. Come and tour

their beautifully decorated home in the Christmas spirit and see how each room has its own theme and tree! The cost is \$50.00 per person or \$100 per couple. The proceeds benefit our Parish Operating Account. Space is limited, so please call the Parish Office for reservations and directions. You won't want to miss this holiday extravaganza!

## *Worldwide Marriage Encounter*

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter: we are all the work of your hand.” As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by enjoying a World Wide Marriage Encounter (WWME) weekend with our spouse.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville on January 12-14th or May 18th-20th. Space is VERY limited! Early registration is highly recommended. For more information contact Greg & Mary @ 925-754-1284 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 now or go to [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org).



*Justice Corner*

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Advent from the Latin *ad venire*, means to come, to appear or arrive. Since the fifth century, Catholics have celebrated this time in preparation for Christmas. In France, it started with the feast of St. Martin on Nov. 11th, later with the feast of St. Andrew, Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Then it settled in to the four weeks before Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>. In modern times it has been difficult to observe due to the rise of commercialism and the advertizing of gifts on TV and internet.

It is nice to think of the sweet baby Jesus coming at Christmas, and to tell the story to our children, but as adults, we need to prepare for the Second Coming, the Parousia, when Jesus, King of Glory, comes again to take all the faithful into the Kingdom of His Father. We do not know the day or the hour. Spiritual writers have interpreted this coming in different ways. The scriptures seem to support it will be some cataclysmic event.

I remember in the movie *Out of Africa* when the servant comes to notify Karen that her coffee storage plant was on fire. He says, "Wake up, Memsab, God is coming!" In his mind, this catastrophe was seen as God coming to tell us to do something different. Her livelihood was destroyed. She went back to Denmark and never returned to Africa. However, she was able to capture her experiences and share them with the rest of the world through her stories.

I thought about this with the fires in Santa Rosa. The firemen and women could have said the same thing when they knocked on the doors and told people to get out of their houses. "God is coming" and your lives will never be the same. Many of us have had to face such sudden change in our lives. Fire, earthquake, sudden illness and death all change lives dramatically. I do not mean that God causes these things, but rather that such sudden changes offer an opportunity to see our lives in a different and dramatic light. We realize how fragile and short life is and how unimportant "things" are. They give us an opportunity to abandon ourselves to Divine Providence and trust that God will "Keep us full surely" as Julian of Norwich says.

So, yes, we are remembering the coming of the baby Jesus in Bethlehem 2000 years ago, and yes, we remember that He is coming in glory in the future and "we shall be like Him." Make sure that you are not stuck in the past this season, but rather hold past and future in the same breath. This is hard to do in the flurry of preparation of gifts, decorations, special meals and family squabbles. The only way I know to do it is to carve out some time for prayer in the early morning when the darkness is overcome by light, the dawn gradually comes and the Morning Star (Christ) breaks forth in the sky. Traumatic changes in our lives give us an opportunity to say yes as Mary did and hold all these things in our hearts. She did not expect to become pregnant by the Holy Spirit. She did not expect to have to take an arduous journey on a donkey to Bethlehem, she did not expect to endure the hardships of the missionary life of her Son, nor his painful death on a cross. She endured all these things holding past and future in the present moment listening to the voice of the same Spirit in everyday events. May we be like her in this season.

*Parish Perspective*

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Newest Parishioners*

Sunday the 12<sup>th</sup> of November saw the second of our twice-a-year brunches for new parishioners. The New Parishioners Brunch is one more way the hospitality of the Church is expressed to those who decide to make St. Ignatius of Antioch their spiritual home for worshipping God. It is a gathering of the new parishioners, members of the Finance Committee, Pastoral Council, and the Pastoral Staff. It is a wonderful way to present to these new people who we are and what we do. It is a living introduction to the people who dedicate themselves to serving them in Christ. It is far better than just handing them a roster with names and numbers on it. Introductions are made with brief background summaries of the ministry members and what they do.

Likewise, the new parishioners give brief biographical sketches of their faith journeys. It is always heart-warming to hear how many claim that the open friendliness of the people here at St. Ignatius of Antioch is one of the main reasons for choosing us as their new parish. Of course, following closely in second place is the absolute genuineness of Fr. Robert's love, preaching, and liturgical style that captivates them. Thirdly, the environment is one of awe inspiring connectiveness that the new folks truly wish to be part.

On top of everything else, there is the overwhelming of the epicurean senses by the aroma, taste, and sight of meticulously prepared food for our new-found members. There is something about sharing a meal that bonds people together like nothing else can. Jesus himself centered much of his most important messages and teachings in and around meals with his disciples, friends, and even the Pharisees at times.

Rest assured that the welcoming nature for which we are noted, and the genuineness of our hospitality has been received by our new friends and parishioners in a most thankful way. We are all grateful for the growing of the body of Christ, especially within our own parish, with such unique and gifted new cohorts who will enrich our lives with their very presence.

So, be alert and mindful to welcome the "stranger" with a spirit of true hospitality and warmth. You never know who may be looking for a new spiritual home or the lost soul who needs the healing power of a parish set apart as the most welcoming of all. Be part of it and be blessed.

*Worship and Healing*  
with the  
*Divine Mercy*



**SATURDAY**  
**9** DECEMBER TIME  
2017 8am a 5pm

**DONATION: \$15.00**

Ticket includes participation in a raffle

There will be low cost Peruvian and Mexican food

Venue:  
**Holy Rosary Church**  
On "Fr. Vicente Dominican Hall"  
1313 "A" Street, Antioch, CA, 94509

Sponsored by:  
**OHMA**



Mass and Preaching by:  
**FATHER**  
**LUIS LOPEZ**

Worship by  
**Gladys**  
**Garcete**

*"Worship the Lord your God, and he will bless you your bread and your water. I will remove all sickness from you."*  
Exodus 23:25

More Information: Gladys Estrella (925) 339-7038

**YLI Annual Comfort Bag Drive**

YLI is currently accepting donations toward their annual Comfort Bags drive. Any unopened, unused personal hygiene items, especially the travel sized ones you may have collected from your hotel stays, are great. Please make sure that any donated products are alcohol free. (Be weary of dental products, perfumes, and hand sanitizers).

We are also accepting donations of new women's, men's and children's socks. Donations can be delivered to our church in the box in the Narthex as labeled.

(Do not place items in the barrel)

For questions please contact Tina Gutilla at 925-642-1465 or Jeannine Ford at 925-757-9650.



**BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CHORUS**

**THE BRENTWOOD COMMUNITY CHORUS**

With  
*The Celebration Ringers Handbell Choir*

Presents  
**THE SEASON OF SONG**

Friday, December 15, 2017  
7:30 p.m.

**ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH CATHOLIC CHURCH**

Free Will offering  
Reception to follow



Preparations are being made for the annual Spirit of Giving Program. Anyone interested in helping families and individuals in need at Pleasant Hill, Concord,

Pittsburg/Bay Point, and other sites, please contact CCIH. Profiles of each family or individual will be provided, along with a wish list and guidelines on how to help. The clients are matched up with each donor to ensure that each resident receives something special for the holidays. Anonymity will need to be preserved in order to protect confidentiality. Please contact Gloria Bertolozzi at:

[gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org)





### Las Posadas "Journey to the Inn"



Join our Faith Formation Classes  
On Wednesday December 13  
for the traditional  
Journey of Mary and Joseph  
to Bethlehem  
Prayer service begins at 6:15 PM  
Celebration follows in Parish Hall  
Until 7:30 PM

Sponsored by our Confirmation Class  
And the Knights of Columbus



*First Baptist Church*  
Rev. Henry L. Perkins, M.Div., Senior Pastor

GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays Seminar  
December 9, 2017 - 10:00am - 12:00pm  
First Baptist Church  
204 Odessa Avenue - Pittsburg, CA 94565

We'd like to inform you of an upcoming GriefShare: Surviving the Holidays seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one's death. Please feel free to share this information with those who might benefit from attending this special, two-hour event.

This helpful, encouraging seminar features video interviews with top Christian experts on grief and recovery topics as seen from a biblical perspective and personal testimonies from people who have experienced the holidays after bereavement.

The video seminar is combined with support group discussion of the materials presented during the video, and those who attend will receive a Survival Guide filled with practical tips, encouraging words, a gospel presentation, journaling ideas, and exercises for daily help through the holiday season.

The cost of this event is free. Child care is available, with advance notice.

Please feel free to call the church office at 925-432-7498 or email leadership@fbpittsburg.org for more information.

Sincerely,

Rev. Henry L. Perkins, M.Div.  
Senior Pastor

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The Coloring Contest Winners announced at The Breakfast with Santa.  
CONGRATULATIONS!! And many thanks to all who participated!

