

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 11, 2018 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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## Light of the World

Good and gracious God,  
in your mercy you called your people out  
of darkness  
to live as children of the light.  
Open our eyes that we may see  
your Christ.

Give us courageous hearts  
so our lives may bear witness to the  
Light of the World,  
and strength to walk with those who  
struggle in darkness.  
Rouse us from our sleep  
and teach us the path of righteousness  
and truth.

Keep us from fruitless works.  
Bind up our wounds  
and with your loving touch, heal us  
from all sin.  
May your Holy Spirit,  
fall upon us and brighten all our days  
as we, your anointed children, profess  
your saving power.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
Pastor

**Fr. George Griener, S.J.**  
Assisting Clergy

**Fr. Richard Mangini**  
Assisting Clergy

**Deacon Gary Hack**  
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**Maryann Peddicord**  
Pastoral Secretary

**Estrella Rusk**  
Financial Secretary

**Rich Confetti**  
Facilities Manager

## Eucharist Schedule

Saturday Vigil: 4 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, 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.



## Pray for the Sick

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

Rocco Battaglia	Robin Goncalves	Tylor Rideau
Rosita Bonayon	Avelina Gordovez	Kim Tank
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Judy Quicho	Theresa Weathers
Nimfa Carnes	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Guy Worth
Dorothy	Mike Ricker	

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 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

## Lay Ministers—Week of Mar 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**4 pm: Lectors** – Therese Kain, Vince Augusta; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – David Simpson; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Carol Fanfa; **Cup** – Sharon Simpson, Pam Confetti, Rhoda Herrera

**8 am: Lectors** – Pat Kramer, Samantha Peralto; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** - Nick Suarez; **Host** – Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa, Jeanne Reilly, Jeannine Ford; **Cup** - Natalia Joyce, Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jenawati Kwa; **Server** - Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiah Laxamana

**10 am: Lectors** – Cecille Mirano, Rose Necor; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Steven Andreatta; **Host** – Gloria Asuncion, Mark Costanza, Estrella Rusk, Yvette Young; **Cup** – Cynthia Enrique, Jane Sharpe, Amante Asuncion, Lee Oliver, Harlan Young; **Servers** – Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

4 pm - Fr. George Presiding and Preaching

8 am - Fr. Robert Presiding, Fr. George Preaching

10 am - Fr. Richard Presiding, Fr. George Preaching

## Mass Intentions for the Week

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Ruben Tapia †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Bobbie Götz †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Fara Costanza †
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	John & Mary Baptista †
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All First Responders

## Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Ron Van Den Baard**, **Grace Zamora** and **Lorraine Augusta**. 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)

## Mobile Mall

**Sorting** - March 17th and April 7th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

For more information about this ministry, please contact  
Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

\*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

## Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent

At Dynamic Catholic we are committed to developing world-class resources that inspire Catholics and their parishes to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

*What is Best Lent Ever?*

It is a free email program that will guide you and your parish on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of yourselves, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

*How Does It Work?*

1. You encourage everyone in your parish to sign up at **BestLentEver.Com/ParishSignUp**
2. Starting Ash Wednesday, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.
3. Throughout Lent, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.....leading to their best lent ever.

## Catholic Daughters of America Bingo

Catholic Daughters of America Court 1450 invites you and your friends to come and join us for Bingo every first Tuesday of the month. Bingo is held at the parish hall of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg.

Buy in is \$12.00 which includes 2 cards and a delicious lunch with unlimited fruit punch, coffee and tea. Doors open at 10:30 am. CDA is a nonprofit national Catholic women's organization that supports national and local charities and projects.

Come and meet new friends at our next Bingo on **April 3rd**. See you there!

## Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages.

There are 8 sessions over 4 Saturdays: March 24, April 7, April 21 and May 5, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Register at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com** or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063

Retrouvaille provides marriage Help! You are not alone!

## Marriage For Life

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The Marriage Preparation Registration for the 2018 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, March 24th

Saturday, May 5th

Saturday, August 25th

Saturday, October 27th

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral  
Gough and Geary Streets, San Francisco, CA

Engaged couples can register for any date on our website, [www.marriageforlifef.com](http://www.marriageforlifef.com). Or if you prefer, the registration form can be printed out from the website and mailed in.

The website has a complete schedule, resource information about engagement and marriage as well as nuts and bolts info about the preparation sessions.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call Connie or Joe D'Aura (415) 664-8108.

## Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

### Seeking In-Kind Donations

- **DIAPERS** (regular) size 3, 4, 5 for families in our programs.
- Cleaning supplies for our Scattered Site/FISH clients (Comet; Windex, Simple Green, Buckets; mops; etc.) Incentive prizes for Homework Club. \$1-\$5 prizes for K-8th graders for doing excellent work during the week. This is your opportunity to clean out the birthday party leftover drawer from over the years.
- Raffle prizes for resident monthly community meeting (NEW items; \$5 - \$20 value).
- Paper products for after school snacks; printer paper for after school programming.
- Used, working Laptops for families with children in school; Wi-Fi ready. We have 2 families whose children stay afterschool to use the computers and work schedules will make this harder on the family.

For more information contact Gloria Bertolozzi at [Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org](mailto:Gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org)

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." Let our eyes be opened to the love of God in our marriages by participating in a Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 18-20th or September 7-9th. Space is VERY limited Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. 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

Thanks to an article by Sr. Patricia Bruno who has given retreats at our parish, I was reminded of the Book of Lamentations which is interwoven with the daily prayers of the Triduum. These five chapters of the Bible are filled with the experience of Israel under foreign rule. In 586, Israel was conquered and led into slavery by Nebuchadnezzar's Babylonian empire. Their world fell apart. The Temple was destroyed. There was no longer a center of worship. The rules changed. The world they knew was forever changed. The verses are filled with sadness, weeping and mourning. The adjectives used for this event are familiar to anyone who has experienced loss: lonely, deserted, in bitter grief, groaning, cast away, sick at heart, unable to rise, etc. The people feel they are no longer are "in charge" of their own lives.

I also recently saw the movie, "The Darkest Hour" where Winston Churchill in May of 1940 argued against trying to make peace with Hitler who wanted to conquer all of Europe including Britain. The most powerful scene for me was when he boards a subway (the Underground) and asks the people what they want. Do they want to exist under Hitler? They respond, "Never, Never!" It was not until December of 1941 that the United States joined the effort to defeat Hitler and returned the countries of Europe to their rightful states. But Europe and the United States were never the same. Millions lost their lives and known buildings, artworks and landmarks disappeared. The rules changed and globalization and marketing capitalism became a way of life.

We are currently in an era of global change. We have not been without war since then. Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, and now Afghanistan, Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel and Palestine and others have felt the destructive weapons manufactured by the powers that defeated Hitler and went on to try to control countries with the resources that we coveted. Is it any wonder that our children now try to imitate the desire to control and the lack of respect for life. How many shootings on school grounds and other public places have to take place in order for us to realize we are on the wrong track. Who wants to live in a world with no respect for life or compassion for the struggles of others? What is our response as Catholic Christians?

My suggestion is to read the five chapters of the Book of Lamentations during the rest of Lent. Let us weep and mourn with those whose countries have been forever destroyed and whose lives are forever broken. Let us feel the affliction of refugees fleeing the destruction of all they know. Let us acknowledge our complicity with the war advocates and gun promoters. This is not about the second amendment. This is about saying "never" to those who want to conquer others for their own gain. This is about taking on the mantle of the Gospel that tells us to love our neighbor and be people of peace. This is about willingly standing up to the Pharisaical hypocrites and the Roman governors in our lives and willingly going to Calvary for the sake of the world, that the world may know a God who loves us and is with us in our suffering, a God who promises resurrection. "Restore us to Yourself, O God, that we may be restored," says verse 5:21. This is about walking with those who the world despises and making our lives stand for something. It is not a popular stance. It takes courage to continue to say "never" to those who would promise us riches and power in exchange for our Gospel values. "Success is not final and failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." (Winston Churchill)

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Matthew Kelly Meets Indiana Jones*

For those who have been participating in the parish's Lenten exercise (which is the online Matthew Kelly program *The Best Lent Ever*) you know the theme of many of the exercises is to become the best version of yourself. Matthew guides us through awareness and simple acts to improve our virtues, prayer life, and making the next right decision moment by moment.

By necessity, programs like these require us to take a look back and see if we have changed for the better. There is no better time than now, especially in the middle of Lent, to take a look back. One of the first three-part exercises was to "read the gospels" as a daily Lenten devotion. I decided to not give-up chocolate but to read the gospels instead. To make it interesting and a bit fun I dug-out an old Catholic Douay-Rheims version I had been given long ago and started to read the gospel of Matthew.

At first the reading was slow due to the Old English words like thou, withersoever, wilt, owest, and goeth. I almost switched bibles but something within me said "that would be cheating" so I stuck to it. Soon I was reading at full speed and came to appreciate the different flavor that the prose offered. Though the meaning of the scriptures were not changed there is a sense of newness to them. There are delightfully enlightening ways of seeing the gospel in a new light through an older translation. To explain what it is like, let me give you an example. The modern text may give us a perspective of looking over Peter's shoulder as Jesus asks him "Who do you say that I am?" The old text may give us a sense of looking over Jesus' shoulder at Peter as he speaks the same words. Their relative positions don't change, and the meaning of the words don't change. It's just a different experience of the same gospel.

On the fun side, it's like being Indiana Jones and discovering something new in an "ancient text" that leads to the treasure of the gospel. Our Sunday Liturgy experience of the gospel far too often will leave-out "non-relevant" passages, e.g. Luke 15: 1-3, 11-32. So, what happened in passages 4-10? Missed passages can change the flavor, mood, setting, emotion, and even the context of the reading.

Reading the entire gospel is a very good way to get to the core of who we are as Catholic Christians and followers of Jesus. I recommend it as a Lenten devotion and as a discipline to be continued after Lent ends. Matthew Kelly and Indiana Jones side-by-side for Lent? Who would have known?

*Catholic Charities of the East Bay*

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Like CPR, **Mental Health First Aid** prepares people to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help. Our **Experience Hope Training Institute** teaches basic restorative and trauma-responsive philosophies and practices.

Many people with mental health struggles find solace in their faith. But church members or staff may not know how to respond to their struggles or help in a crisis. This training offers tools and answers to questions like, “What do I do?” or “Where can someone find help?”

The course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. Participants can use the skills learned in their daily lives, including within their own families, churches, or neighborhoods. For more information, contact Cat Willett at [cwillett@cceb.org](mailto:cwillett@cceb.org) or call 510-290-6103



Diablo Choral Artists  
 Mark Tuning, Music Director  
 John R.S. Walko, Accompanist

presents

**Bach  
 Brahms  
 Haydn**

with string ensemble

<b>Friday</b> <b>March 16, 2018</b> 8:00pm St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church 1601 Mary Drive Pleasant Hill	<b>Sunday</b> <b>March 18, 2018</b> 4:00pm Mt. Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church 55 Eckley Lane Walnut Creek
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Tickets available at the door, or through Brown Paper Tickets at  
 800-838-3006 or [brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457](http://brownpapertickets.com/producer/16457)  
 adults \$25, seniors 60+ \$15, students \$5

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**Silver and Gold March Activities**

Saturday - March 17th - starting at 12 noon: Meet in the back parking lot at the Antioch Historical Museum on 4th Street for a docent led tour of Antioch's past. A number of different visual and audio glimpses into Antioch's journey.

Sunday - March 18th: Join us for an entertaining show - "From Bach to Beatles" - at the El Campanil Theatre on 2nd Street starting at 3 pm. Call the Theatre office at 757-9500 to reserve tickets to share a great afternoon of music and memories with your fellow parishioners.

Sunday - March 24th: "Stretch and Stroll" through downtown Antioch - share information and view while getting a little bit of exercise. We meet at the Humphrey's parking lot and head "out and about."



## St. Joseph's/ St. Patrick's Day Festival Dinner



**“St. Joseph’s with a  
Wee Bit of Irish Fun!”**

**Saturday**

**March 17, 2017**

**5:30 PM**

**\$30.00**

**50/50 Raffle**

**Live & Silent Auctions**

**Door Prizes**



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St. Joseph's Bread  
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