

St. Ignatius of Antioch

November 18, 2018 – Thirty-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

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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: 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 & as announced
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.



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*Heaven and earth will pass away, but
my words will not pass away.*

— Mark 13:31

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 3-4

Weekend Offering.....\$9,468.50

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$3,269.03

Looking Ahead

November 24: Breakfast with Santa Hawaiian Style. See page 6 for details.

December 1: St. Nicholas Dinner. Tickets on sale now. Get your tickets early as this popular event sells out every year. See page 7 for more details.

December 5: Las Posadas sponsored by our Faith Formation Classes; 6:15 to 7:30 pm. See the flyer in next week’s bulletin.

December 16-24: Join us for the Simbang Gabi Novena at 5am daily beginning on December 16.

Check us out on Facebook...If you haven’t viewed the parish’s Facebook page recently, check it out. More pictures and events are being posted. Most Sunday homilies are also posted. Go to:

www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall. **TBD** - Contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions.

Thursdays: Growing in Faith Together (G I F T) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, November 18

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Thanksgiving Basket Collection - both liturgies
- Holly Faire Boutique - Parish Hall - after both liturgies
- Second Collection - Campaign for Human Development
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Confirmation I & II - 12 Noon to 1:30 pm - Church

Monday, November 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Thanksgiving Basket Distribution - 8:30 am - Parish Hall
- SPRED Catechist Prep. - 4:30 pm to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- No RCIA

Tuesday, November 20

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

Wednesday, November 21

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- No RCIC/Sacraments Class or Grades 1 to 8

Thursday, November 22 - Thanksgiving Day

- 9 am Liturgy
- *Offices Closed*

Friday, November 23 - Parish Offices Closed

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- *Offices Closed*

Saturday, November 24

- Breakfast with Santa Hawaiian Style - 9 am to Noon - Parish Hall
- 4 pm Liturgy
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, November 25 - Our Lord Jesus Christ King of the Universe

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- St. Nicholas Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Pray for the Sick

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

Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Diane Schlueter
Gavin Cano	Jose Palomino	Peter Villalpando
Dorothy	Jose Guillermino Ramos	David Viscay
Willie Ilas	Marlene 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

Monday	Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 18:35-43
Tuesday	Rv 3:1-6, 14-22; Ps 15:2-5; Lk 19:1-10
Wednesday	Rv 4:1-11; Ps 150:1b-6; Lk 19:11-28
Thursday	Rv 5:1-10; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 19:41-44
Friday	Rv 10:8-11; Ps 119:14, 24, 72, 103, 111, 131; Lk 19:45-48
Saturday	Rv 11:4-12; Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10; Lk 20:27-40
Sunday	Dn 7:13-14; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Rv 1:5-8; Jn 18:33b-37

Lay Ministers—Week of Nov. 24th & 25th

4 pm: Lectors – Steve Rojek, Frances Rojek; **Head Cup** – Melodye Costanza; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Marla Plurkowski, Beverly Iacona; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Carlos Vasquez, Kathleen Clarke; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** – Rick Howell, MaryJo Keister, Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Tim Cox, Natalia Joyce, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Melissa Hoang, Cheryna Wright; **Head Cup** – Amante Asuncion; **Head Host** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Host** - Helga Boardman, Steven Andreatta, Gloria Asuncion, Samantha Peralto; **Cup** – Reyna Garcia, Lee Oliver, Gloria Olvera, Nancy Santos, Dilcia Aparicio; **Servers** – Jose Moreno, Lorenzo Necor

4:00 pm - Fr. Robert Presiding and Preaching
8:00 and 10:00 am - Fr. Richard Presiding & Fr. Robert Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Papa Joe Stralovich †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Wed. 8:00 am	Evan Bicomong
Thur. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Marianne Siino, Evangelina Hipolito, Francisco Balbuena, Ret. ConFire Fire Capt. Rodney Bruce and 2 brothers in Oakley.** 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:

- Canned Corn - 15 oz.**
- Canned Green Beans - 15 oz.**
- Mac & Cheese - 7 oz. box**

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex.

Christmas Food Assistance



St. Vincent de Paul Society will take calls for Christmas food assistance as follows:

Monday December 3 and Tuesday December 4 from 9am - noon and 1pm - 4pm.

**Reservation phone numbers:
757-7450 (English)
757-0941 (Spanish)**

Limited to the first 250 callers. Lines will be busy so please keep trying until you are able to speak with a live person. Antioch residents only.

St. Nicolas Dinner

Our 13th Annual St. Nicolas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1st. This event is sponsored by the Social Events Committee with the Knights of Columbus. We need a few more table hosts. A table host supplies the dinnerware, silverware, glassware and centerpiece for a table of eight people. You can invite family or friends, or we will seat parishioners at your table. We will help you if you need assistance! It's a wonderful evening and a beautiful dinner here at St. Ignatius of Antioch. If interested, please call the church office.

Silver and Gold News

Wednesday, December 12 (9:00 am): Breakfast in the parish hall for those celebrating birthdays and/or anniversaries during the months of September, October, November and December. Please contact the office (778-0768) so Bill and Dave (and the "gang" of helpers) can prepare the gourmet breakfast appropriately.

40th Anniversary Committee Meeting



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is a great opportunity to get involved with our parish.

The 40th Anniversary of our wonderful faith community is June 4, 2019. The next scheduled meeting will be **November 29th at 5:00 pm** in the parish hall. This is a

November is Homeless Awareness Month

All during the month of November, Contra Costa County is joining a national effort to increase awareness and promote solutions to ending homelessness. In 2017, over 6,000 individuals (men, women and children) in our county used homeless services.

- Since 2014, there has been a 99% increase in seniors (age 62 and over) who accessed homeless services.
- 80% of the homeless in our county grew up here or lived here before becoming homeless.
- Contra Costa County has shelter capacity that can serve only 30% of the county's homeless.

A Homeless Awareness Toolkit from the county that lists advocacy, volunteer and donation opportunities is available for download at:

<https://cchealth.org/h3/coc/pdf/Homeless-Awarenes-Toolkit.pdf>

RCIA News

Have YOU
Thought About
BECOMING
CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation is the process by which the church community accompanies and mentors those wishing to know about the Catholic faith or desiring to become Catholic. The RCIA celebrates various movements of deepening faith and conversion to Christ. The process uses the parish community, the RCIA Team and sponsors to guide the inquirers to this deeper faith journey, climaxing in the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Great Easter Vigil. If you are interested in finding out more about becoming Catholic, our meetings are on Monday evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the parish office. This first phase, called the Inquiry is just that, asking questions about the faith. All are welcome!

If you know of anyone who might have shown some interest in the faith, bring them to this meeting. Consider becoming a sponsor for one of the catechumens (those never baptized) or candidates (Christians seeking full communion in the church).

It can be a wonderful way to renew your own understanding of and commitment to the faith. For more information, contact Frances at 925-778-1631 or email st.ignatius@sbcglobal.net

SPRED Ministry Opportunity



Do you have a loving heart? Feel like you have talents to contribute, but haven't found a fulfilling channel for them? We have the ministry for you! We are **SPRED (SPecial RELigious EDucation)**, a small, well established, diocesan ministry of catechists sharing our Catholic faith with adults with special needs living in East Contra Costa County. Our SPRED center is located here at St Ignatius of Antioch Church and we meet on Monday evenings during the school year. If you are interested in joining our group as a catechist, please contact Vicki McCoy 925-408-7731 for more information.

Thanksgiving Day Liturgy



Join us for a special Thanksgiving Liturgy this coming Thursday at 9:00 am here in the parish.

Start your family's celebration by joining with your parish family in thanksgiving for all of God's abundant blessings.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Today's thoughts are taken from an article written almost twenty-five years ago by my friend, teacher and mentor, Rev. James Empereur, S.J. He writes about the relationship of Social Justice to the celebration of Liturgy. At that time, liturgical renewal was about twenty-five years old. People still had one foot in the old Latin ritual, and one in the new English rite. Today we are challenged to think of a new liturgical renewal based on a spirituality that can be attentive to the tremendous change we are undergoing as a nation and as a participant in a global world.

We know that ritual whose form is rigid is lifeless. Before Vatican II, many attended Mass out of obligation with little understanding of how the celebration of Christ's Pascal sacrifice makes us a community. This created a kind of malaise void of the passion of the spirit. How can liturgy become meaningful if we come only as our individual selves concerned with me and mine? What of liturgy rings true in a society filled with consumerism, self aggrandizement, lies and puffed-up self importance? The cultural narcissism at the heart of the society in which we live is opposed to the lived sense of community called for in the Gospel, but "what chance has the Advent wreath against the Santa Claus so solemnly enthroned in all the major department stores?" Is our internal wrangling more important than the poor and needy places in the world? The seeds of liturgical reform dry up when not accompanied by a sense of missionary discipleship. At the end of the Eucharist we are told to "Go forth" to love and serve. "The people who enter the liturgical assembly and have left a world in which they are encouraged to exercise their religious freedom are the same people who after worship go back into a world where they may not take religion seriously."

Liturgy cannot create a world that has less and less to do with the world we live in. Liturgy is the work of the people. It must respond to the dramatic changes and cultural shifts in which we find ourselves. The question is, how do our liturgies respond to these changes? Here are some changes to think about:

- The increased Hispanic population, families who identify themselves as Catholic
- The increase of the unchurched, or what the researchers call the "nones"
- Increased interdenominational cooperation
- The sense of increased ambiguity and uncertainty
- Increased violence and threatened safety
- The growing participation of women leaders
- The failures of clergy to provide adequate leadership
- Growing awareness of environmental changes

This is not a complete list, but liturgy must be a part of the world from which the participants come. It must encourage a spirituality that responds to the need to create a better world, a world that reflects the hope and promise of the Savior. It must witness to a world already saved and redeemed. It must give expression to our deepest feelings and commitments. The Eucharist is linked to every meal. Our participation in the world must be a beacon of what could be, not of the affirmation of the false values of what is. We at St. Ignatius of Antioch have found ways to witness through the participation in the Mobile Mall, the feeding of meals at the shelters, the gathering of socks, back-packs and winter coats. These gestures witness to the Pascal Mystery alive in us, our Eucharist in the streets. They mark us as a community. We must hear the "cry of the poor" in every liturgy. We have great liturgies, but the Church Inside must match the Church Outside. They must be one Church. We must develop a spirituality that is alive in the global universe of which we are a part.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Get Ready

I remember the days of going to the Diocese's School for Pastoral Ministry. One of the assignments was to write about a favorite saint or person of esteem within the Church. I chose stigmatists, those who bore the marks of Christ's crucifixion on their bodies. I started with St. Francis of Assisi (pronounced Ah-see-see, not "a sissy"), then Padre Pio, and ended with Fr. Gino Burrelli. The story told by Fr. Gino, before receiving his stigmata, on the eve of the death of the now Saint Pio (who had the power of bilocation) of how he appeared to him at the bottom of a stairwell, looked up at Gino and said, "Get ready!" then, vanished!

Pio had been dying for quite some time and it was time for a new generation to carry the visible presence of Christ into the future. It is beyond contestation that the Catholic Church has been dying a death for lack of participation of baptized Catholics, an attrition of members to other churches, and an insufficient influx of new souls seeking a place of belonging. Don't get me wrong, I believe as Jesus said about his Church; "The gates of hell shall not prevail against it." But we must do our part to see that the Church does prevail. Humanity has always had to do its part in salvation history, whether it was Mary saying "Yes" to God, John baptizing a sinless Jesus, or Jesus on the beach at Galilee telling the apostles to add their catch to the fish he already had on the grill. It takes active participation on our part to bring new life to the Church and that includes our own parish. We must "Get ready."

Remembering back to last week's article on the concept of Missionary Discipleship, we must ready ourselves for a new way of being Church. Rearranging the deck chairs on the *Titanic* won't do. God has gifted us with many spiritual gifts, talents, and brilliant minds to see us through to a brighter tomorrow. If the statistical averages hold true, there will be about 16% of us who will actively resist any form of change. To balance that figure there will be 17% who will work for the changes; 3% leaders and 14% adaptors. The greater majority will also be divided equally with 34% getting with the program as the early majority and 34% following in the late majority. So far as I know, Missionary Discipleship has worked in every parish where it was tried. If there is any parish where it can succeed with great and blessed results, I believe it is our parish.

We can sail into the future and not worry about the dreaded icebergs of the past. Even the iceberg that killed *Titanic* could have been used as a lifeboat to save lives, if only they had eyes to see the possibility.

You're invited to the 3rd Annual

YLI #101
Holiday Boutique

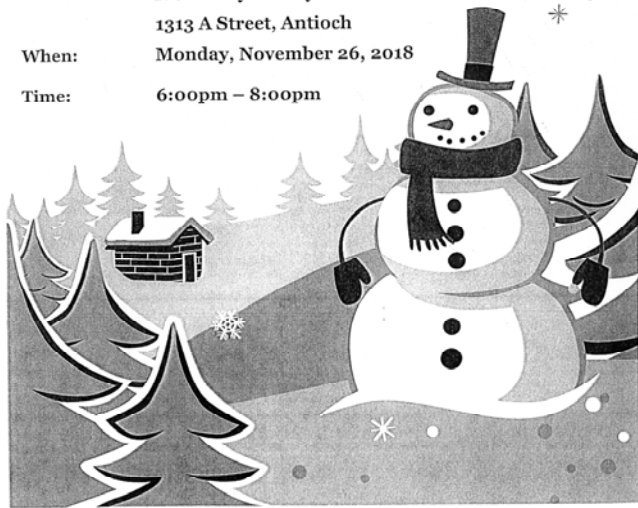
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Where: Dominican Hall
 Most Holy Rosary Church
 1313 A Street, Antioch

When: Monday, November 26, 2018

Time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm



Breakfast With Santa

Hawaiian Style



Saturday November 24
 9:00 AM - 12 Noon
 Pancakes - Sausage - Juice - Milk - Coffee
 Breakfast - \$5 per person

Bring your camera and take
 pictures with Santa
 St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Make a Family Advent Wreath
 \$5 for Materials

Thanks



Our Confirmation Class wishes to thank all the
 generous parishioners
 of St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Here we are sorting the 238 coats that were
 brought in this past weekend.
 We know that more will be brought in before the
 distribution on Monday November 19.

The Knights of Columbus and
 St. Vincent de Paul Society
 will make these available to those who come for
 the Thanksgiving Baskets.



Christmas Party

**Cocktail Party to
 Benefit St. Ignatius of Antioch**

Hosted by Theresa and Joe Nelms

**Sunday, December 9th
 4 - 8 pm**

Cost: \$50 per person / \$100 per couple.



**Space is
 limited!
 Call the
 parish office
 for
 reservations.**



**13th Annual
St. Nicholas Dinner**

**“The Stockings
Were Hung!”**

**Saturday, December 1, 2018
5:30 p.m.**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

**\$35.00 per person
Adults only**

Menu:

**Appetizers with
Champagne
Winter Salad
Barbecue Tri Tip &
Chicken Breast
Savory String beans
Rice ala Fara
Bread and Butter
Dessert**

**Silent Auction
Live Auction
Door Prizes
50/50 Raffle**

***Don't Forget:
Bring Your Bells To
Welcome St. Nicholas!***



Sponsored by the Social Events Committee with our Knights of Columbus.