

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 2, 2018 – 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,
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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*I will raise up for David a just shoot;
he shall do what is right and just in the
land.*

— Jeremiah 33:15

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 17-18

- Weekend Offering**.....\$9,772.00
- 2nd Collection (Campaign for Human Develop.)**...\$2,181.00
- Butte County Fire**.....\$3,486.85

Looking Ahead

December 3 & 4: St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Basket Give-Away. See page 3 of the bulletin for more details.

December 5: Las Posadas sponsored by our Faith Formation Classes; 6:15 to 7:30 pm. See page 6 for more information.

December 12: Birthday & Anniversary Breakfast in the Parish Hall at 9:00 am, sponsored by Silver & Gold Ministry. See page 4 of the bulletin for details.

December 16-24: Join us for the Simbang Gabi Novena at 5 am 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, December 2 - First Sunday of Advent**
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing at Both Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- Giving Tree
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Monday, December 3

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this month
- RCIA - 7 pm to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, December 4

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 9:15 am to 10:15 am - Church
- Art & Environment Committee Meets - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Pariah Hall

Wednesday, December 5

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- Las Posadas - RCIC/Sacraments Class & Grades 1 to 8 - 6:15 to 7:30 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 6 - St. Nicholas

- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 to Noon - Church

Saturday, December 8 - Immaculate Conception

- 9 am Liturgy-Immaculate Conception/Blessed Virgin Mary
- 4 pm Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II Attending
- Second Collection for Religious Retirement
- Giving Tree

Sunday, December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for Religious Retirement
- Giving Tree

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	Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22
Tuesday	Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24
Wednesday	Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
Thursday	Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27
Friday	Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
Saturday	Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6; Mt 9:35 — 10:1, 5a, 6-8
Sunday	Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec 8th & 9th

4 pm: Lectors – Youth, Youth; **Head Cup** – Melodye Costanza; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Bernice Campbell, Beth Enea; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Beverly Iacona, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Samantha Peralto, Angela Bueno; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host** Carol Fanfa, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, MaryJo Keister; **Cup** - Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Tim Cox, Natalia Joyce, Jenawati Kwa; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – William Necor, Rose Necor; **Head Cup** – Amante Asuncion; **Head Host** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Host** - Yvette Young, Reyna Garcia, Helga Boardman, Harlan Young; **Cup** – Estrella Rusk, Steven Andreatta, Gloria Asuncion, Cecelia Kennedy, Gloria Olvera; **Servers** – Alessandra Necor, 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	Joann A. Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Rhonda Powell †
Sun. 10:00 am	Our Parish Family
Mon. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Tues. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Wed. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Thur. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Fri. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Andrea Vetrano, Maria Yeng Thi Nguyen, Bernadette Cox and Retired ConFire Capt. Rodney Bruce**. 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.

Mobile Mall

Sorting - Sat., Dec 20th from 8:00 am until completed
Most Holy Rosary Gym
1313 A Street, Antioch

Distribution - Sat., Dec 21st from 8:30 am to 12 pm
Most Holy Rosary Gym
1313 A Street, Antioch

PLEASE WEAR A SANTA HAT IF YOU HAVE ONE

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

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 by December 10th (778-0768) so Bill and Dave (and the “gang” of helpers) can prepare the gourmet breakfast appropriately.

Marriage Preparation Programs

“A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.” The last Marriage Preparation Registration for the Summer Sessions is as follows:

Saturday, January 5th - 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Location: St. Vincent’s Marinwood -

1 Saint Vincents Drive San Rafael, CA.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information call (415) 699-8348.

San Damiano Retreat

Advent & Christmas San Damiano Retreat

Reasons for Hope: December Retreats

12/8: (Re)discovering Hope Advent Day of Renewal with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM and Jan Stegner

12/7-12/8: Discovering Meaning & Purpose in Retirement Years with Jim Briggs

12/3/18 - 1/1/19: New Years’ Eve Retreat with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM

For more information and to sign up, please visit
www.sandamiano.org or call 925-837-9141, x315

San Damiano Retreat

710 HighLand Dr., Danville, CA 94526

Adult Confirmation Classes

If you have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation and will be 18 years of age or older on Feb. 16th, then Adult Confirmation classes are for you! The Diocese of Oakland has set the date and opened registration for 2019. Classes will be (Tuesday evenings) Jan, 8, 15, 22, 29, and Feb. 12 from 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm. Become a fully initiated Catholic and receive the power of the Holy Spirit, and its gifts. Contact Pastoral Associate Peter Degl’Innocenti at (925)756-6172 to receive this year’s registration forms and more details. The Diocese will impose a deadline at some point in the near future. Don’t delay, call now!

St. Vincent de Paul Society



A BIG THANK YOU FROM SVdP

Submitted by Bob Liles

The generosity was overwhelming on Monday Nov 19th when the Society of St. Vincent de Paul handed out turkeys and food baskets to the needy at St. Ignatius of Antioch.

The food baskets put together by the parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch along with the students of St. Peter Martyr School were fantastic. And then to have the Knights also there distributing coats along with people serving freshly baked cinnamon rolls, coffee and soup was simply amazing. Thanks to the parish’s generosity at the 5th Sunday of the month collection for SVdP, we were able to purchase 150 turkeys, but an additional 20 turkeys and a ham were donated. Usually 5-10% of the people that had signed up for a turkey don’t show up, so anyone who showed up that day we were able to help. We gave out 162 turkeys and put the rest in a freezer for our Christmas give away. Because so many baskets were made we distributed the remaining ones to people who came to the food pantry at **Most Holy Rosary** the next day. The remaining ones were taken to **Loaves and Fishes** on 6th St. They were so happy to get them. Normally they hand out food baskets to the families that eat there, but this year they only received five baskets. That was not nearly enough for all of the people that they help. So now they were able to make Thanksgiving happy for all of their clients.

All of the baskets got used and nothing went to waste. You cannot imagine the happiness that it brought to these people that have nothing.

Here is a link to pictures of the give-away: <https://bjliles.smugmug.com/Events/SVDP/Thanksgiving-Give-away/2018-Thanksgiving-give-away>.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

It is hard to stand in prayer during this season. Christ the King, Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas come barreling down on us and challenge us to prayerfully be present to each event. We are bombarded by Black Friday (that now extends itself for a week), Christmas commercials, and preparation for meals and family events, all with the backdrop of California fires and death tolls, mass shootings (almost one a day this year), and trying to catch our breath in the worst air quality in the world. All we ask for Christmas is enough rain to cleanse our little patch of earth and mercy for the victims and their families.

The “end-time” Gospels of Christ the King carry over into Advent so that the “coming” of the Christ Child is barely distinguishable from the “coming” in glory. “I am the Alpha and the Omega...the One who is and who was and who is to come”, says the Book of Revelations. God sees all time as one. It is we who count it off in calendar days because we are limited humans who cannot comprehend things as God does.

Luke’s Gospel says, “For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth.” We have been assaulted the past months by the events in our own part of the world. But the hopeful part is the line before which says, “But when you see these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand.” We who live in Christ can do just that-stand erect with our heads held high because He has redeemed us with His blood and called us by name.

So we move forward, trying to be love in the world. In this church that takes many shapes, from public acts of giving to quiet daily service to others. For your Advent activity, try discussing with your family what acts of kindness you want to offer the world. Maybe you gather clothes for the victims of the fire. Maybe you write encouraging letters to the exhausted police and fire persons. Maybe you work at the food bank or the many organizations that help the homeless. Maybe you volunteer at an animal shelter. Do something personal so that you “smell like the sheep.”

The Epistle encourages us to “abound in love” so that our hearts may be strengthened to do even more than we are doing, that is, to try harder to live the life we are called to live in Christ. That is what the time of Advent is for-to abound in love as we await the “coming.” Do not let “the anxieties of this life” make you drowsy, unable to see God’s loving Presence. Don’t let the worries of the present put you to sleep. God is Faithful. God is a Loving Father who gives us all we need. With Mary, we rejoice in the waiting as we once again prepare to celebrate God’s “coming” in all creation, God’s “coming” as a child in Bethlehem and God’s “coming” in the end times. Happy Advent!

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Tagged (“Best Of” Article)

As I sit here at my desk looking for inspiration, my eyes fall upon a souvenir I purchased in Bisbee, Arizona. It is a one-inch square cube. It weighs 6 ounces, melts at 1,085 degrees Celsius, has a density of 8.92 grams per cubic centimeter, has an atomic weight of 63.55, an atomic number of 29, and bears the letters Cu. It is pure copper from the Queen Mine. All these numbers and letters tagged on this cube identify what it is. I remember being issued a hardhat, reflective vest, light and small numbered brass tag to be pinned on my personal clothing. The tag wasn’t a pass for the tour, it was a means of identifying me should the worst (but not impossible) happen. Brass doesn’t corrode over the years.

That got me thinking about the things that identify us spiritually. Surely the baptismal waters are our most significant identifier. That is the “tag” that God looks for. When he sees us, he sees the same baptismal waters that flowed over his Son in the Jordan River. Water, perhaps even better than brass, does not corrode over the years. It cycles unendingly through the aquifer, streams, rivers, and oceans to evaporate and rain down again. With 70% of the earth’s surface covered in water, it is the most abundant and quickest renewable resource. Have we been renewing ourselves, spiritually, as repeatedly and as often? Have we fortified ourselves in the faith? Copper melts at 1,085°C. At what point do things get “too hot” for us and we start to “melt-away” into the woodwork, neglecting our Christian duty? What weight do we have to stand up against the winds of unfavorable change or to endure the hardships and sufferings that come from being a follower of Jesus? What is the depth of our faith, the “density” of our faith? Have we backed it up with on-going catechesis? Can we proclaim who we are in Christ by sound knowledge of our faith?

We don’t know all the tags that God and life pin on us. No doubt some of those tags we pin on ourselves and would rather forget we ever did. We can be sure that Jesus will strip away all the negative and unnecessary tags we may present to him. “Brother” and “Sister” may be our only identifiers to him. “Son” and “Daughter” the only identifier God will have for us. Until that time, let us remember that God has tagged every human being with his image.

Thank You to all who participated in our 2018 Thanksgiving Basket Outreach Project



**Las Posadas
"Journey to the Inn"**



Join our Faith Formation Classes
On Wednesday December 5
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

Thank You for your generous support of the free-will offering in support of the victims of the devastating wildfires in Northern California. More than \$3,400 was collected and forwarded to St. Vincent de Paul in Chico and Sacramento.




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.**



**SERRA
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CALIFORNIA CATECHETICAL CERTIFICATION

Being a catechist means witnessing to the faith...
we lead others to Jesus
With our words
With our lives
With our witness.
- Pope Francis
Address to Catechists, Sept. 27, 2013

FOR CATECHISTS - CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS - PARENTS - ALL ADULTS

Registration deadline:
December 21, 2018
\$150 registration fee*
*Non refundable. \$450 total fee.
Balance paid in full by October 2019.
Class size is limited. Early registration recommended. SCI classes are offered in English, for information on our Spanish courses in Oakland, please visit our website.

*The world has questions,
can I explain the answers that
Christ offers?*


At the Serra Catechetical Institute you will:

- Be equipped to transform and inspire others
- Get the answers to tough questions about the faith
- Grow in your faith, develop skills to share it, meet others who seek to do the same.

Classes meet once a month on Saturdays from: 8:45 a.m. — 3:30 p.m.
Beginning January 12, 2019

Location:
Holy Names High School
4660 Harbord Dr.
Oakland, CA 94618

For more information and to register, visit our website:
www.oakdiocese.org/sci
If you need help registering online, please call Valentin Carrillo at 510.267.8370



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Thank You!



As 2018 draws to a close, please take some time to reflect on what YOU HAVE been able to do this year.

Your kindness, generosity and commitment to the Gospel message of Love supported the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry EVERY week, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, meals on wheels, Winter Nights emergency family shelter, Catholic Charities, the Mission Cooperative Appeal, Contra Costa Interfaith Housing, the Northern California fire relief efforts, the Mary Project, St. Peter Martyr school, the sock and coat drives, the Giving Tree, the Thanksgiving Basket outreach and so much more.

Our liturgical celebrations, the wonderful music and choir ministries and our faith formation programs exist solely with your support.

As you count your blessings this Christmas season, we ask that you prayerfully consider a special year-end gift to St. Ignatius of Antioch.

Please know that every gift, no matter the amount, is both celebrated and appreciated!

