

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 9, 2018 – Second Sunday of Advent

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Second Sunday of Advent Candle of **PEACE**



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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God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low.

— Baruch 5:7

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 24-25

Weekend Offering.....\$10,085.00

Thanksgiving Collection.....\$ 1,978.00

Looking Ahead

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

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

January 12-13: 40th Anniversary Celebration for all who were baptized in our parish over the past 40 years. See page 4 for more details.

January 19, 2019: Annual Knights of Columbus Crab Feed. Watch for more information.

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 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

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

Monday, December 10

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

Tuesday, December 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Pastoral Council Meets - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, December 12 - Our Lady of Guadalupe

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- Silver & Gold Birthday & Anniversary Breakfast - 9:00 am - Parish Hall
- RCIC & Sacraments Class and Grades 1-8 Meet - 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 13

- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 14

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

Saturday, December 15

- 4 pm Liturgy

Sunday, December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - 12 noon to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

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	Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday	Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday	Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab; Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Thursday	Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1, 9-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
Friday	Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19
Saturday	Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80: 2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday	Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-6; Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec 15th & 16th

4 pm: Lectors – Noela Noel-LoFranco, Mila Ellingwood; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Rowena Cayaban; **Host** – Kathy Augusta, Mary Angelica Cayaban; **Cup** – Jessie Okon, David Simpson, Sharon Simpson; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Peter Degl’Innocenti, Carlos Vasquez; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host** Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Crispina Malonosan, Tim Cox, Carol Fanfa, Jeannine Ford, Natalia Joyce; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Mark Anthony Catahan, Andrew Ngo; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Jane Sharpe; **Host** - Ed Cissell, Nancy Santos, Lesley Eubanks, Noel Fortez; **Cup** – Sharon Cissell, Mark Costanza, Cynthia Enrique, Sheila Fortez, Al Necor; **Servers** – Giada Godina, Dezire Jackson

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Concepcion Del Valle †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	Francis Pereira †
Wed. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Carlos Leon, Larry Donnell Pratcher, Joanne Gray and Rogelio Paderes**. 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.

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

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Homework Club Support: We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our after school Homework Club that goes from August through June. We are in *high need* of support at our Pittsburg site. Spanish speaking volunteers are also *highly needed* at our Concord site. Other sites we serve are in Pleasant Hill and Bay Point. You will provide academic and mentoring support to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week (Monday-Thursday for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer.

Mobile Mall

Location - Most Holy Rosary Gym
1313 A Street, Antioch

Sorting - Sat., Dec 20th from 8:00 am until completed

Distribution - Sat., Dec 21st from 8:30 am to 12 pm

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

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 next Marriage Preparation Sessions takes place on:

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



New Years’ Eve Retreat
with Fr. Rusty
Shaughnessy, OFM
December 30, 2018 -
January 1, 2019

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

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!

40th Anniversary News



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Were you or a family member baptized at St. Ignatius of Antioch?

The **FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD** is being celebrated on January 13 and marks the end of the Christmas Season. As part of our year-long celebration of the Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Antioch, we also want to celebrate and remember all who received the Sacrament of Baptism in our parish over the past 40 years. This celebration will take place on the weekend of January 12-13 and culminate with a reception in the parish hall after the Sunday 10:00 am Liturgy.

The Anniversary Committee is collecting pictures of parish baptismal celebrations for our Baptism Celebration. If you have pictures that you would like to share, please place them in the 40th Anniversary Memory Box located in the Narthex. If you would like your pictures returned, please place them in an envelope with your name and phone number. If you have digital pictures to share, email them to Vicki at v.a.mccoy@att.net. Please use “40th Anniversary” in subject line.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The Second Sunday of Advent brings us in contact with Jesus' cousin, John the Baptist. After a time in the desert, John begins his ministry by proclaiming the words of the Prophet Isaiah: "A voice of one crying in the desert, prepare ye the way of the Lord."

We can relate. Through the desert of the fires, the bad air, a petulant presidency and the unnecessary taking of life, we can be this voice. We are the voice of truth proclaiming that God is in charge and His salvation is near. When family members get off track, when grudges are perpetuated, when disagreements seem to be everywhere, we stand for the truth and love of Jesus. But in order to do this, we must give some time to listening to what the Spirit is saying. We must take time for prayer, especially when the going gets rough.

This passage from Isaiah is a passage of promise. The valleys of darkness and depression will be filled. What seems like a mountain that we have to climb will be made climbable. The crooked roads in our lives will be made straight and the rough ways smooth. Do you believe it? John did because he saw that Jesus is the Way the Truth and the Life.

Most of us encounter many rough patches in our lives. It is easy to get bogged down. This is the Sunday to renew your faith in the One who comes the "make all things new." "All flesh shall see the salvation of God." The homeless family on the street, the gang member, the wayward teenager, the boss who is unfair, the spouse that is unfaithful, the government that does not welcome the stranger... "all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

How does this happen? It happens one person at a time. It happens by individual acts of love. Take the generosity of people helping fire victims for example. Every night the news is filled with stories of those helping out: The man who freely offered his truck to carry donations to the victims, the woman who has dedicated this time to rescuing stranded animals, the firemen who have lost their own homes and are still on the front lines. We must be the voice that calls to all, "Prepare ye the Way of the Lord," and it is we who do the preparing.

Just as we prepared for the Thanksgiving celebration, just as we are preparing that others might have a loving Christmas, we must prepare the world around us for His coming.

Because of what we have experienced in California this year, I think all of us have a deeper understanding of what is really important in our lives. As the year comes to a close, name the deserts you have been through. Cry tears for the losses and heartaches, but renew your faith that the Lord is with us. It is He that paves the way. It is he that conquers sin and death. Our job is to make sure that we are united with him. Today we renew our faith as John the Baptist did in the desert and we cry out that Jesus is Lord.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Lagging with Lag-Time

This year I've been lagging behind in my writing duties so by the time this hits the presses we should be into the Advent season. But with all the fast-paced events of the liturgical year's end, I'm making an effort to catch-up and cover all the events from Thanksgiving on.

To start, the Thanksgiving Day liturgy was spectacular. Holiday decorated tables in the sanctuary were piled with breads and wines to be blessed for family tables at the end of Mass. The music, as always, was moving to the heart and joyful to the ear. This year's reflection was eloquently provided by David and Stacia DeBuhr. It not only reflected the thanks to be given to God for this season but was reflective of the thanks of a lifetime. Both gave a touching testimony of the providence of God to provide for the love between a man and a woman in a deep and extraordinary way. And it all started as strangers on a train; how romantic is that! We are blessed and thankful to have them and their two children, Zach and Zoe, with us.

On to Christ the King! What a celebration that was. Once again, the homilies were unbeatable. True insight, wisdom, and down-to-earth significance of Christ's rule in heaven, earth, and our hearts was relayed to us in a most powerful way. Second only to the homily was the music. What wonderful music we are gifted with, every week! The music was eminently sing-able. The music and words were enthralling to the point where even I could prepare to hit a decent high-note.

Sometimes I can't sing worth a fig, but on this day for the *Our Father* my Italian opera singing gene kicked-in and along with the rest of the people singing (better than me) it brought Fr. Robert to the brink of tears. The sound was thrilling! I think Fr. Robert is a lot like God in that regard; he doesn't care how well we sing, but that we sing unashamedly with all our hearts.

Other happenings that mark the change to the beginning of a new liturgical year are the changes in the environment and the St. Nicholas Dinner. For those able to attend Mass the changes are obvious. For those who read the bulletin online or are home bound I will describe the environment and events of the St Nicholas dinner in another edition of this column as these events have not yet happened as of this writing; "lag-time" it's called.



Christmas Season Liturgy Schedule

Christmas Eve, Monday, December 24, 2018

- **4:00 p.m.** The Children tell the story of Christmas (Organ, Cantors; Carols; *No Incense*)
- **9:00 p.m.** Festive Celebration of Holy Eucharist for Christmas Night – The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ; The Blessing of the Christmas Trees and the Blessing of the Creche; Procession and Incense

Christmas Day, Tuesday, December 25, 2018

- **9:00 a.m.** Festive Celebration of Holy Eucharist for Christmas Morning; Procession, Cantors and Organ, Carols (No Incense).
- **11:00 a.m.** Festival Choral Eucharist for Christmas Day; The Parish Choir, Cantors, and Organ; Procession and Incense

Feast of the Holy Family, Saturday December 29, 2018

- **4:00 p.m.** Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Feast of the Holy Family, Sunday December 30, 2018

SIMBANG GABI 2018

You are all invited to join our Filipino Community for the traditional nine-day novena of liturgies leading to Christmas, beginning December 16th thru the 24th at 5:00 a.m. here at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church. A traditional Filipino breakfast will follow in our Parish Hall. Raffle prizes will be given each morning.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Maligayang Pasko at Masaganang Bagong Taon!!

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!

