

St. Ignatius of Antioch

December 16, 2018 – Third Sunday of Advent

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Third Sunday of Advent Candle of Joy



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
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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The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear.

— Zephaniah 3:15b

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 December 1-2

Weekend Offering.....\$ 9,809.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$ 3,464.24

Looking Ahead

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

January 12-13, 2019: 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. See page 6 for more information.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:00 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).

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 Sundays homilies are also posted.

www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch

Schedule of Events

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

Monday, December 17

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED this month
- RCIA - 7 pm to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, December 18

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 7 pm to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, December 19

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- RCIC & Sacraments Class and Grades 1-8 Meet - 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm - Church and Parish Hall

Thursday, December 20

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm - Church

Friday, December 21

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, December 22

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- 4 pm Liturgy
- Second Collection for St Vincent de Paul

Sunday, December 23

- Simbang Gabi - 5 am Liturgy - Church
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for St Vincent de Paul

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	FF Cole Smith
Dorothy	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Dr. Deborah Stec
FF Brandon Earhardt	FF Mark Rezac	Peter Villalpando
Willie Ilas	Marlene Rideau	David Viscay
		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	Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday	Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25
Thursday	Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Lk 1:26-38
Friday	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45
Saturday	1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Lk 1:46-56
Sunday	Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10; Lk 1:39-45

Lay Ministers—Week of Dec 22nd & 23rd

4 pm: Lectors – Therese Kain, Frances Rojek; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Jessie Okon, Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Timothy Cox, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host**- Jeanne Reilly, Carol Fanfa, MaryJo Keister, Jenawati Kwa; **Cup** - Sue Howell, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Nick Suarez, Rick Howell; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Robert Solano, Alicia Solano; **Head Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Head Host** – Amante Asuncion; **Host** - Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Samantha Peralto, Dilcia Aparicio, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup** – Lee Oliver, Reyna Garcia, Gloria Olvera, Estrella Rusk, Steven Andreatta; **Servers** – Stephanie Madoshi, Jean Paul Fortez

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Bernadette (Bernie) Cox †
Sun. 10:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Mon. 8:00 am	Tranquilino & Nieves Buclatin
Tues. 8:00 am	Christian Miranda †
Wed. 8:00 am	Virginia Manalac †
Thur. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Fri. 8:00 am	All First Responders

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Bernie Cox 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.

Ruby Slippers 2019: Contra Costa Interfaith Housing's annual auction gala *Ruby Slippers - There's No Place Like Home* is February 9, 2019, and we need YOUR help in making this night the best yet! We are looking for volunteers to reach out to their friends, family and community for basket donations. Items like fine wine, sports/theater/event tickets, dining certificates, vacation home getaways are very much appreciated. Please contact Elba Morales at elba@ccinterfaithhousing.org. Also: Tickets are available; prices go up soon! Come with your friends and have a great time!

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.

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



40th Anniversary

*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

John the Baptist's words offer a platform for Social Justice. They challenge us to get rid of our consumerist thinking and notice those around us who are in need. They challenge us to have a new understanding of how we use money and to be honest in our dealings with everyone. John's attitude of humility and his understanding of who Jesus was offer more challenge..."I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals", he says. Then he proceeds to give an apocalyptic view of the Savior who baptizes with Spirit and Fire, "His winnowing fan is in His hand to clear the threshing floor and gather the wheat into His barn, but the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire." Makes you want to be sure you are the good wheat and not chaff!

Recently, my husband and I downsized and moved into a small apartment after twenty years in a four bedroom house. I thought I was living frugally until I tried to get all our "stuff" into the two bedroom apartment. Too many picture frames, too many tools in the garage, too many clothes, too much of everything and too much work to try to give a few valuable things a new home with Goodwill, St. Vincent de Paul, electronic waste, etc. All our possessions turned to ash in the awareness of how much of a consumer's attitude we had. The starkness of John's preaching hit us between the eyes. Yet we asked for this baptism, this new and simpler way of life in hopes that we are the wheat that He gathers into his barn.

No one tells you when you are in your twenties and thirties that you will spend the last half of your life sorting and giving away what you thought were treasures. You really don't need those extra spoons and glasses. You really have too many towels and sheets. Moving brings about a good assessment of how close one is to the Gospel and most of us fall short.

Yet the Epistle exhorts us not to be anxious. I remember a story about a group of Catholic sisters who, one Christmas, received a gift of fresh strawberries and cream. Some of the younger sisters, in their exuberance to practice the vow of poverty said, "We should give this to the poor." But a wiser and older sister said, "The Lord has given us this gift and we should enjoy it." An older German sister said, "Ve vill have strawberries and cream and like it!" The point of the story is that the blessings and struggles of this life all come from God. We must learn to recognize His hand in it all. The gift of poverty is just that, a gift. One cannot be St. Francis if the Lord does not give that grace.

So in younger life, one gathers treasures because one can and one has the income to do it. In older life, one gives away because there is the grace to do that. I am not recommending excess here, just an awareness of God's hand in it all and an attitude of humility and simplicity. His grace will let you know what to gather and what to scatter into the universe. Before you buy this Christmas, ask Him what is His will. Then "let the peace that surpasses all understanding guard your heart and mind in Christ Jesus!"

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Ode to Table Two, II

Last year at this time I wrote an article about the St. Nicholas Dinner entitled, *Ode to Table Two*. Table two was home base of the Sharpe family headed by Chip and Jane. That year the wine had flowed freely through the lips of the entire Sharpe clan including a bevy of beautiful blonds and the other Sharpe women. Well, this year they haven't settled down any. In fact, I think some of them came pre-primed! I was stationed at table three, within easy range of Chip's and Jane's jovial comments. There's nothing like a family having the time of their lives to spread a wave of delight through a crowded room. I often think that people are by-and-large "mirrors" that reflect those around them. Sadness in others invokes a sullen quiet attitude in us while table two allows us to let our hair down, raise our glasses, laugh from our bellies, and smile with an unstoppable sense of love for the greater family to which we all belong. Table two radiated this joy all night long.

As for the dinner itself, it was another culinary triumph. Champagne was served and something new in appetizers. It was a black olive, anchovy, and goat cheese mix served in a tiny pastry cup. What flavors! It was like a smooth warm hug of tasty sensation. It was something you would want as a sauce on anything from a wheat cracker to a prime rib roast. The usual suspects followed; a red leaf lettuce salad with feta cheese, pecans, and a dressing slightly sweet with a hit of red raspberry(?); Tri-Tip roast, hand-rubbed with a special seasoning; chicken breast, marinated and grilled; string beans; and buttery smooth and fluffy rice. Cake and coffee topped-off the evening's edibles.

The fun really began with the start of the auctions. The most convoluted count-down from 20 seconds to the close of the silent bidding was hilarious. Fr. Robert, as St. Nicholas, would get down to 9 seconds, and then start from 18 again. All in fun to give everyone ample time to make a last-minute (and higher) bid. Winners were announced with echoes of thrilled victorious glee from the winners, and by-golly if table two didn't garner the most wins. Then the live auction started. A few bidding battles were waged, and a couple of items sold for \$300, though most went for \$100. At one-point Kirby McNesby at one table pointed over to Bob Plurkowski at another table and said "Bid!" Bob, semi-stunned had that look on his face that said "what? Is this important (like when someone says "duck!" and you'd better duck or you're going to get hurt)?" So, Bob obediently raised his hand. Fr. Robert pointed to Bob and announced, "I have \$80 bid, anyone else?" Kirby replied for everyone in the hall, "Nope." "Sold to Bob Plurkowski for \$80!" At that, Kirby lowered his head and began laughing incessantly.

So, which table was most successful at winning the live auctions? You guessed it, Table Two!



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

- **8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.** Celebration of Holy Eucharist

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018

- **4:00 p.m.** Vigil Liturgy for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

New Year's Day, Sunday, January 1, 2019 – The Solemnity of Mary, The World Day of Prayer for Peace, The Octave Day of Christmas.

- **8:00 & 10:00 a.m.** Festive Celebration of Holy Eucharist

Get Your Tickets to the

7th Annual Knights of Columbus

Crab Feed



Saturday, January 19, 2019

5:30 PM

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

All You Can Eat:

Appetizers

Dungeness Crab

Salad – Bread – Pasta – Dessert

No-Host Bar

Raffles

\$50 per person

Tickets sold after Mass

December 28/29 & January 5/6 & 12/13

or

Call Steve Rojek at 925-642-2329

(No tickets sold at the door)

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!

