

St. Ignatius of Antioch

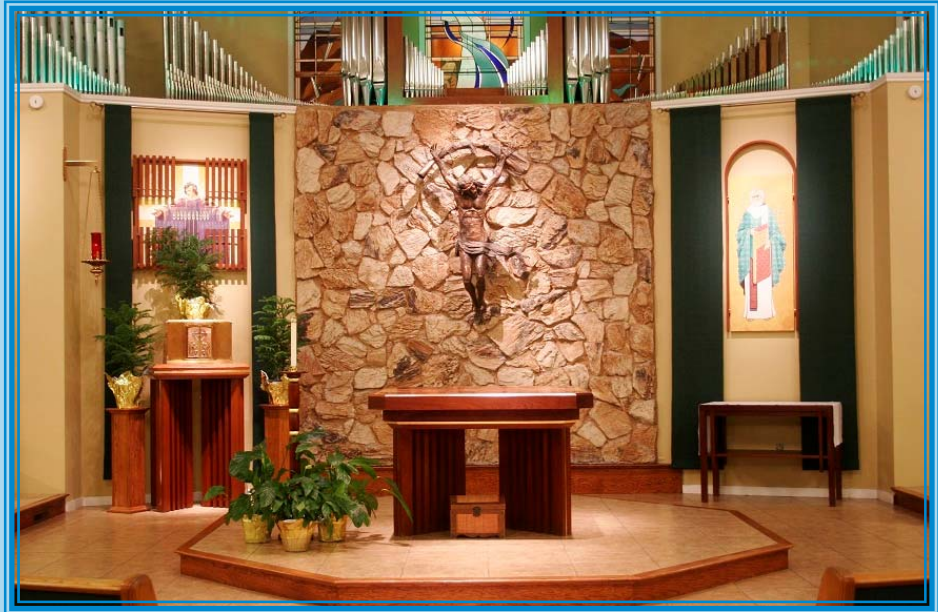
February 10, 2019 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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

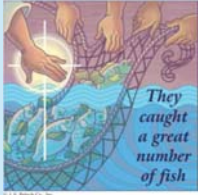
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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.



February 10, 2019
Fifth Sunday
in
Ordinary Time

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying,
Whom shall I send? Who will go for us?"
"Here I am, "I said, "send me!"
— Isaiah 6:8*

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 January 26-27

Weekend Offering.....\$ 9,409.57

Looking Ahead

February 18: Presidents Day Bingo in the Parish Hall. See page 6 for more details.

March 22: Organ Concert at 8pm. Don Pearson is celebrating his 70th birthday by playing an Organ Concert.

March 6: Ash Wednesday.

March 11: St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Fundraiser a Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley. See page 7 for further details.

March 16: St. Joseph & St. Patrick Feast Days dinner. Watch for details.

May 19: 40th Anniversary event. Founders brunch. See page 6.

June 1: 40th Anniversary Mass of Celebration and Dinner/Dance. Save the date.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall—contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information.

Thursdays: Growing in Faith Together (G I F T) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 10

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 - Church
- 40th Anniversary Valentines Day Reception for all who were married at St. Ignatius - after 8 am and 10 am Liturgies- Parish Hall

Monday, February 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm- Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 pm to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, February 12

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

Wednesday, February 13

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following - Church
- RCIC/Sacrament Preparation Class & Grades 1 to 8 - 6 to 7:15 pm

Thursday, February 14

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- 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, February 15

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

Saturday, February 16

- Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral - 10 am
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy

Sunday, February 17

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- No Confirmation I & II Class

Pray for the Sick

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

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| Gavin Cano | Pat Mattern | FF Cole Smith |
| Stacia DeBuhr | Linda Morrison | Lilia Suarez |
| Phil Herlick | Jose Palomino | Peter Villalpando |
| Willie Ilas | Jose Guillermino Ramos | David Vizcay |
| | | 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

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| Monday | Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56 |
| Tuesday | Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday | Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23 |
| Thursday | Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30 |
| Friday | Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37 |
| Saturday | Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10 |
| Sunday | Jer 17:5-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; 1 Cor 15:12, 16-20; Lk 6:17, 20-26 |

Lay Ministers—Week of Feb 26th & 17th

4 pm: Lectors – Noela Noel-LoFranco, Melodye Costanza; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Marla Plurkowski, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Jessie Okon, Tim Cox; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Pat Kramer, Theresa Galvan; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host**– Deanna Ribeiro, MaryJo Keister, Carol Fanfa, Jack Goncalves; **Cup** - Jenawati Kwa, David Rodrigues, Nick Suarez, Jeannine Ford, Natalia Joyce; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Vincent Martinez

10 am: Lectors – Cecille Mirano, Lee Oliver; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Amante Asuncion; **Host** - Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Samantha Peralto, Gloria Asuncion; **Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio, Cynthia Enrique, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy, Al Necor; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noel Mirano

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat. 4:00 pm | Mike Abrosini † |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Joe Lohemier † |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Cipriano Ilas, Sr. † |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Our Parish Family |
| Tues. 8:00 am | All Priests & Deacons |
| Wed. 8:00 am | All First Responders |
| Thur. 8:00 am | Isidro de Oliveira † |
| Fri. 8:00 am | All Care Givers |

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Mary Frances Green-Parks, Grace Lopez, Robert Ortega and Peggy Grabus**. 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.

Volunteers wanted:

If you can visit a needy family with us to offer them help just once a month, please call us (925)757-0941.

If you need help:

St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (925)757-0941.

Emergency Food Pantry - Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday between 9:00 and 10:00 am. Most Holy Rosary Parish Center.

Food Bank Fresh Food Truck - First and Third Friday of each month between 1:00 and 2:00pm. Most Holy Rosary Church parking lot

To access county social services, call 211 or go to:
www.211database.org

YLI Annual Bunco Tournament

YLI #101 will be hosting their Annual Bunco Tournament on Monday, February 25th at Holy Rosary Church (Fr. Vicente Dominican Hall); 1313 A Street, Antioch. Doors open at 5:30 pm with a light dinner at 6:00 pm and Bunco at 7:00 pm. The cost is \$20 per person and *No* experience is required! There will be cash prizes and lots of raffles.

For questions or reservations, contact Gina LaDue at: (925) 778-4288.

Mobile Mall

Sorting - Sat., Mar 9th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon
Most Holy Rosary Gym

Distribution - Sat., Mar. 16th from 7:30 am to 12 Noon
Dallas Ranch Middle School
4721 Vista Grande Dr. Antioch

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

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

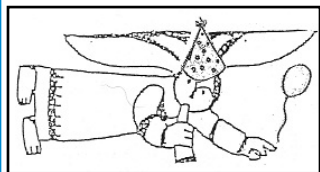
Marriage Preparation

“A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage.” The next Marriage Preparation Session is:

Saturday, March 2nd - 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.



Organ Concert

Don Pearson, Organist, is celebrating his 70th Birthday by playing an Organ Concert

on the mighty, incredible Rodger’s Digital/Pipe Organ that will knock your socks off!
Friday, February 22 at 8:00 pm.

Introduction and Passacaglia in d minor - Max Reger
Rubric - Dan Locklair

Concert III in a minor - J.S.Bach
Variations on “The Star Spangled Banner”- John Paine
Revelation of St. John - Larry King
Carillion-Sorte - Henri Mulet

Admission Free - Reception follows
in the parish hall

40th Anniversary News



Were you a founding member of the parish? The Anniversary Committee is planning a Founders Brunch in your honor on Sunday May 19, 2019. If you were a

registered parishioner at St. Ignatius of Antioch in 1979 or 1980, please contact the parish office so we can extend an invitation See page 6.

Save the date. 40th Anniversary Mass of Celebration and festive dinner dance - Saturday June 1, 2019.

Safe Parking Program Opens



The Winter Nights Parking Lot Program in Pittsburg is now open. Persons living in cars can safely sleep overnight at a site monitored by Winter Nights staff.

Participants have access to restrooms, breakfast snacks and are able to utilize the daytime Oasis in Pittsburg for showers where Winter Nights staff will assist them with obtaining additional services. If you know of a family living in their car, please refer them to Bill Shaw, Winter Nights Program Manager, at **925-435-2074** for more information and to register for this program.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing (CCIH)

Homework Club Support: Several volunteers recently retired from their dedicated service to this program. **The need is especially great at our Pittsburg site.** We also have other Homework Club sites in Bay Point, Concord and Pleasant Hill. We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our ongoing after school Homework Club that runs through June. Other sites we serve are in Concord, Pleasant Hill and Bay Point. Volunteers 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 school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer.

Ruby Slippers 2019: CCIH’s annual auction gala *Ruby Slippers - There’s No Place Like Home* is February 9, 2019. This is the major fundraising event for CCIH each year. Visit www.ccinterfaithhousing.org and click menu item Ruby Slippers for details.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Today I would like to offer some thoughts on prayer and spiritual direction as they relate to social justice. Justice people can be caught up in causes and without prayerful discernment, these movements can be exercises in egotistical behavior rather than “from God.” What is the saying? “This, my friend, is the greatest treason, to do the right thing for the wrong reason.” It is hard to pray in the midst of clutter, conflict and justice campaigns. Prayer can lead us to peace in the midst of paradox and conflict. If we only turn to prayer for our specific needs or for guidance in a crisis, we are missing an opportunity to grow in grace. The Spirit is always there for us if we can find the time to sit and listen.

Resting in God is difficult. The mind has a thousand arms all flailing hither and yon. Quieting the mind or emptying the mind through being attentive to the breath is a meditation practice that is practiced by many traditions all over the world. The Eastern Church, especially the Desert Fathers and Mothers often speak of resting in God. It is called the *Hesychasm* tradition. They fled the hierarchical and patriarchal traditions of Rome after Constantine incorporated the Church into the Roman system and went to the desert to seek God. There they formed communities there under an Abbot or Abbess who were wise and practical. While the Western Church focused on missionary discipleship, the Eastern Church practiced more intentional intimacy with God. Both traditions have merit. One only has to listen to the music of the Eastern Church tradition to be drawn into the Mystery of God.

Spiritual direction is the practice of sharing one’s struggle to find God with a spiritual wisdom figure on a regular basis. It is a way to find checks and balances in our effort to rest in God and hear what He is saying to us. It is a way to clarify our justice efforts. We know that “the devil goes about like a roaring lion” and sometimes it is difficult to discern what voices or movements are guiding us. By holding oneself open to the guidance of another, one can be sure that a chosen direction is from God and not from our own, often twisted desires. The problem is always that spiritual directors are few and far between in a parish. One can seek out the pastor, deacon or staff member occasionally, but that does not provide a continuum of direction that is helpful to one seriously seeking to know and rest in God. There are retreat houses in the area that have staff as spiritual directors and others who make their livelihood doing this kind of ministry. If you are interested, contact a staff member at the parish who can direct you to such a resource.

We are entering into a time of serious direction finding for our country. The campaigns of candidates for the future presidency have already been launched. There are many issues that need our attention not the least of which is civil discourse and well thought out solutions to the many problems that present themselves. Take the major issues to prayer: immigrants and refugees, gun violence, human trafficking, racism and inequality, poverty, etc. Pray for those who are caught in these situations and for those who have the courage to seek major office in difficult times. Add the election of 2020 to your prayer intentions. Then, rest in God and listen to His guidance.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

At the Helm

Although two weeks will have passed since Fr. Robert’s return from the Aloha State and this article finds its way into the bulletin, it’s good to know he’s back and in charge. It reminds me of my high school days when I was in the Sea Scouts. There was always an opportunity for a guest skipper or junior officer to have command of the bridge under a variety of situations, some demanding critical judgment. The crew is especially alert to new commands and carrying them out without delay. When a command is given that our Skipper wouldn’t normally give people tense-up, eyes dart about looking for tacit approval from someone familiar and are forced to trust another’s judgment. No great tragedies or injuries ever occurred (nothing that a little carpentry and paint wouldn’t fix) but we all breathed a silenced sigh of relief when the Skipper was back on the helm. No one knew the boat better than the Skipper. No one knew how to handle her or keep her safe as well as Skip did, even when seas were so rough the ship’s bell would ring from the rolling and pitching.

Fr. Robert is our skipper and he knows his vessel, this parish, better than anyone. He keeps us safe from the storms of life be they financial, societal unrest, internal divisions, or even (or especially) if they come from the diocese. He is here for us. He helps us chart our course into a new month of a new year. He is wise to know where and in which directions the tides and currents of life’s waters will want to move the Church. He leads us to restful waters and shields us from the rocks that would do us harm.

We stand on solid ground, but all too often the winds of change will blow a people or a parish off course, take them to places they don’t want to go. In order to stand firm as a parish we need to stand together with one another in solidarity of purpose and conviction of mind and spirit. To do that we need a pastor to hold us together with embracing gentleness, vision of foresight, and strength of character. That is what will make our parish a safe harbor in a Shakespearian “sea of troubles.” Thank God we have such a pastor. He deserves our support, our praise, and our appreciation.

Interestingly, my skipper’s name was William Havens. Fr. Robert has made St. Ignatius of Antioch a safe “haven” of peace and spirituality for all.



Bingo

Presidents Day

Monday February 18

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Doors Open @ 11:00 AM

Lunch at 11:30 AM

Games Begin @ 12:15 PM

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| 7 | 26 | 39 | 54 | 70 |
| 4 | 27 |  | 49 | 63 |
| 5 | 23 | 35 | 58 | 73 |
| 3 | 30 | 32 | 52 | 75 |

10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
Specials

\$25 per person includes
10 Games and Lunch
Dauber — \$1

Tickets available after Masses
February 9 & 10 and February 16 & 17
or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329



Are you new to
St. Ignatius of Antioch?

If you are planning to make this parish community your spiritual home, we cordially invite you to register. Registered families receive periodic mailings regarding important events in the life of the parish as well as seasonal pastoral messages from Father Robert. Registered families will automatically receive contribution envelopes. Use of these envelopes permits us to prepare an accurate year end statement of your financial support. Electronic funds transfer (EFT) is also an option.

Visit www.stignatiusofantioch.org to download and print a registration form. Complete the form and return it to the parish office during regular business hours. You may also register in person at the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30am until 12:30pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (925) 778-0768.



*Were you a founding
member of the parish?*



Do you remember masses at Park Middle School and Mission Elementary? Were you or your parents registered parishioners at St. Ignatius of Antioch in 1979 or 1980?



The 40th Anniversary Committee is planning an invitation only **Founders Brunch** in your honor on Sunday May 19, 2019.

If you or your parents were registered parishioners at St. Ignatius of Antioch in 1979 or 1980, please contact the parish office so we can extend an invitation to the Brunch.



St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Fundraiser

(Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley)

Monday: **March 11, 2019**

Depart: **8:30 am - St. Ignatius of Antioch Church**
3351 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch

Return: 3:30 p.m. - Leave Thunder Valley

Fare: \$45.00 Includes :

- Luxury Transportation
- Continental Breakfast
- Snack on return trip
- \$15.00 **FREE** Slot Play
- \$12.00 Food Credit
- Gratuity for Driver

Reservations: Frances Rojek -925.778.1631