

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

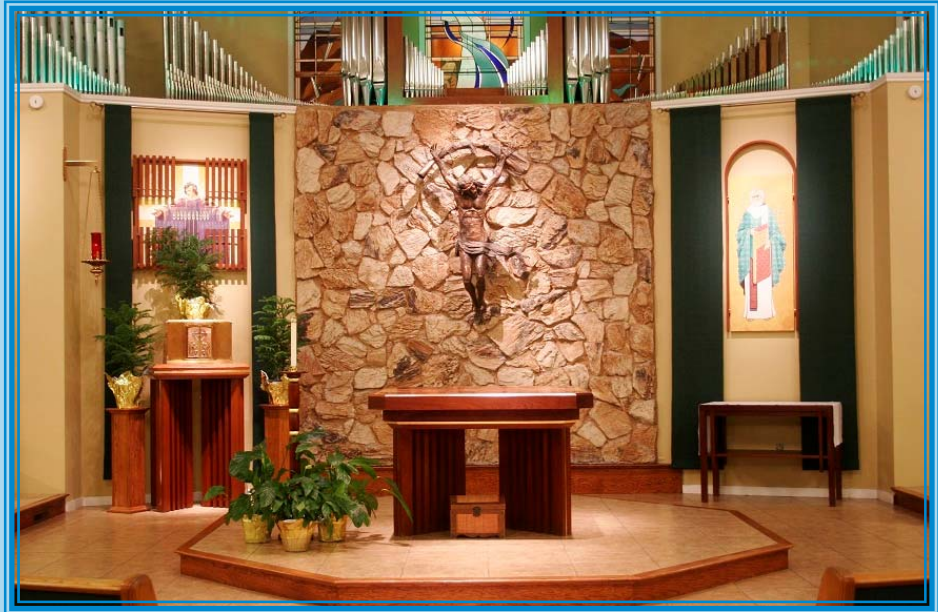
February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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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 24, 2019**  
**Seventh Sunday**  
**in**  
**Ordinary Time**

*Merciful and gracious is the LORD,  
slow to anger and abounding in  
kindness.*  
— Psalm 103:8

### *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 February 9-10*

**Weekend Offering.....\$10,416.00**

## **Looking Ahead**



### **Fish Fry Fridays**

Our Knights of Columbus are once again planning their wonderful fish dinners on the Fridays in Lent. Watch for details.

**March 6:** Ash Wednesday.

**March 11:** St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Fundraiser a Turnaround Trip to Thunder Valley. See page 6 for further details.

**March 16:** St. Joseph & St. Patrick Feast Days dinner. Tickets on sale now.

**May 19:** 40th Anniversary event. Founders brunch. See page 4.

**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 24**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II Class - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
- St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

#### **Monday, February 25**

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

#### **Tuesday, February 26**

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

#### **Wednesday, February 27**

- 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 28**

- 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, March 1 - World Day of Prayer**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to 12 Noon - Church

#### **Saturday, March 2**

- Our Lady of Fatima Mass & Novena - 9 to 10:30 am  
Reception to follow - Parish Hall
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

#### **Sunday, March 3**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II Class attending 10 am Liturgy
- Birthday Blessing at both Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- St. Joseph/St. Patrick Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

**Pray for the Sick**

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

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**

<b>Monday</b>	Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29
<b>Tuesday</b>	Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37
<b>Wednesday</b>	Sir 4:11-19; Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175; Mk 9:38-40
<b>Thursday</b>	Sir 5:1-8; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mk 9:41-50
<b>Friday</b>	Sir 6:5-17; Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35; Mk 10:1-12
<b>Saturday</b>	Sir 17:1-15; Ps 103:13-18; Mk 10:13-16
<b>Sunday</b>	Sir:27:4-7; Ps 92:2-3, 13-16; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

**Lay Ministers—Week of March 2nd & 3rd**

**4 pm: Lectors** – Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Hannah Herrera, Mary Angelica Cayaban; **Cup** – Rowena Cayaban, Christoph Holl, Jessie Okon; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

**8 am: Lectors** – Faye Lucas, Ron Lucas; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host**– Kathleen Hayakawa, Jeanne Reilly, Hanny Reingold, MaryJo Keister; **Cup** - David Rodrigues, Jack Goncalves, Jenawati Kwa, Crispina Malonosan, Natalia Joyce; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Philip Rios

**10 am: Lectors** – Youth, Youth; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Steven Andreatta; **Host** - Maritza Martinez, Nancy Santos, Amante Asuncion, Zoe DeBuhr; **Cup** – Gloria Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers** – Giada Godina, Dezire Jackson

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Marianne Siino †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Guido & Eva Romani †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Cipriano Ilas, Sr. †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests & Deacons
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	All Care Givers
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All First Responders
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Jovita Rivera †

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of **Robert Ortega, Grace Lopez, Richard Noack and Jacklyn Superales**. 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](http://www.211database.org)

## YLI Annual Bunco Tournament

YLI #101 is hosting their Annual Bunco Tournament on **Monday, February 25th** at Fr. Vicente Dominican Hall; Holy Rosary Church, 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., March 9th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon  
Most Holy Rosary Gym

**Distribution** - Sat., March 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.

## Ash Wednesday Schedule (March 6th)

- **8:00 a.m.** Holy Eucharist and Imposition of Ashes
- **12:00 Noon** Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes
- **5:30 p.m.** Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes
- **7:30 p.m.** Sung Evening Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter



### MARRIED COUPLES WANT TO GIVE A GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING?

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is June 28 – 30, 2019 in Danville or September 13-14, 2019 in Concord. Space is limited and early

registration is highly recommended. For more information or to register for a weekend, Contact Chuck & Anne at [applications@oaklandwwme.org](mailto:applications@oaklandwwme.org) or 925-849-5466 or visit [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org).

## 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.

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

**Fish Fry Fridays**  
**St. Ignatius of Antioch**  
**Knights of Columbus**  
**Begin Friday March 8 and**  
**continue for the next five Fridays**  
**in Lent**



## 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. 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](http://www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer).

## 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.

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Have you even judged anyone harshly? The Gospel says, “The measure with which you measure will in return be measured unto you.” That is a scary saying. We used our power of judgment daily to make decisions. We decide to be friends with this person and to let another go their way. We decide we like this one but not that one. We decide to cooperate with one and not with another. How many of us have had harsh words within our family or our circle of friends? Our judgments have not always been with the quality of mercy with which we ourselves would like to be judged. Yet Jesus reminds us that if we do not practice mercy, we will not be judged with mercy.

God expects us to use our commonsense in human matters. He gave us a marvelous brain where we can weigh things and make right decisions. If someone is doing wrong, He expects us to use our heads and not cooperate with evil. The problem is that there are very few decisions in life that are simple. There are always many factors, motives, angles to think about before we make a judgment. Things are not always clear. People have mixed motivations. So it is difficult to decide.

When it comes to views about social justice it is even more complicated because a person’s or group’s reasons for an action are often hidden from us. We are not privy to the inner workings of government and power. It is easy to measure the wrong when someone shoots up a crowd or runs over a child and does not stop, but not so easy when it comes to policy and the motivations behind it. It is easy to see hunger and bring a loaf of bread to the table, but not so easy to change the systems that leave a person or family in hunger.

Yet God asks us to bring the lens of mercy to our measuring stick. There is a poem (whose author I forgot) which says, “Everyone has a hard life.” An action which we judge as wrong is complicated by the circumstances in the life of the wrong doer, as well as our own experiences from which we make a judgment. The spiritual writer, Martin Laird, gives us a clue when he states, “We are the mountain, not the weather that appears around it.”\* We must stand strong with God, our mountain, to weather the storms of the current world around us. We must ask God to guide our decisions and get out of the way when He tells us what action to take. In Ireland I learned a prayer which says that:

Lord, today let me go where you want me to go  
Say what You want me to say  
Do what You want me to do  
And let me get out of the way!

We can pray this prayer as we look for the answers to the turmoil currently besieging our country. We can bring the lens of mercy to our conversations. We can pray with our anger and not act out of it. We can dismiss the storms of the nightly news because we know that God’s mercy is present in the world. His strength is like the mountain which sits in the middle of our world (Mt. Diablo). The Psalm says, “I lift up my eyes to the mountain from whence comes my help. My help is in the Lord who made heaven and earth.” Ps. 121

\*Martin Laird, *Ocean of Light*, New York: Oxford University Press, p.115

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### First Deanery Meeting of 2019

On February 12<sup>th</sup> a deanery meeting was held for the Delta Deanery at Immaculate Heart of Mary parish in Brentwood. Our entire Church Staff attended. It was the first time, to my recollection, that the meeting was started with the singing of a song, *All Are Welcome*, immediately after the opening prayer. Musical accompaniment was provided by our own Don Pearson playing upon a piano dragged from a corner of the parish hall. Without written music Don included musical flourishes to the familiar piece to the delight of all.

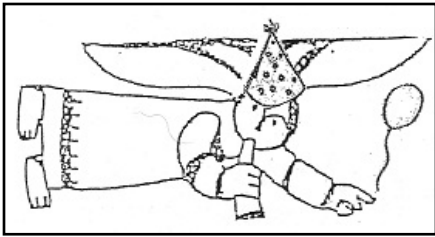
Two pastors gave introductory statements about their parishes and the influences that are changing the nature of their parish communities. They were Fr. Ron Schmitt from St. Ann’s in Byron and Fr. Robert from St. Ignatius of Antioch. Fr. Ron announced that his parish has gone solar and is looking forward to the environmental and financial benefits from the conversion. He also mentioned an influx in the number of people attending Mass from east India. Fr. Robert gave an extensive overview of our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, plans, and thanksgiving to all the people who throughout the years have made us the parish we are today. He also gave attention to Fr. Ramiro at Most Holy Rosary who in essence is starting a new parish of his own. With the departure of the Dominicans, the assignment of new clergy, and the challenges of enculturating new parishioners with those who find change difficult to accept, Fr. Robert extended the support of our parish to him for the sake of the deanery, both parishes, the diocese, and the strengthening of the kingdom of God on earth.

Following the introductions, we were separated into three main groups. The priests and deacons were off to the library to discuss clerical subjects. Another group of “administration / office” personnel were off in one direction while Faith Formation people were herded off in another. As I was rising from my chair Don asked, “Where do I go, I don’t have anything in common with the other groups?” I replied, “Stay right here. Form your own group with the other music ministers who are here.” Sure enough, Don as tenacious as a bulldog, formed his own group right there. Frances Rojek and I were off to the Faith Formation group and we both contributed to the members who had serious questions about the youth in their parishes and the fate of their souls.

The meeting was concluded with another song, again with Don at the keyboard, *Christ Be Our Light*. What a good way to end a meeting that shines light down the road for the future of our deanery.

# Happy Birthday Don!

Thank you for sharing your musical talent and skills with our faith community. You enrich our liturgies with your compositions and choir direction.



## *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

Not responsible for parked vehicles - Fare nonrefundable



If you are planning to make this parish community your spiritual home, we cordially invite you to register.

Visit [www.stignatiusofantioch.org](http://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.



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