

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent

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The Second Sunday of Lent

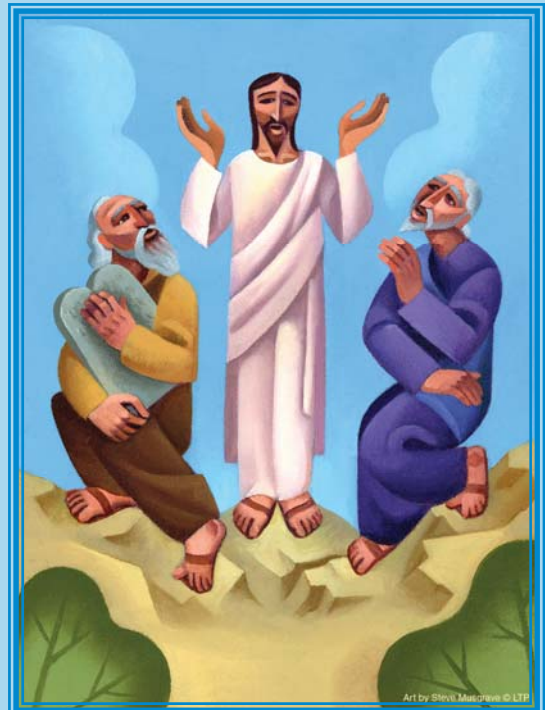
Fullness of Life

God of the covenant, in the Transfiguration you revealed Jesus as your beloved Son. Help us to see the glory of your Son and forever be in awe of his presence.

Grant that, during our Lenten journey, our hearts be filled with the light of your Son so that we might remain steadfast on the path of discipleship we committed to in Baptism.

Help us to empty ourselves and embrace your Passion so that, on the day of Resurrection, we may joyfully share in the fullness of life.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



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

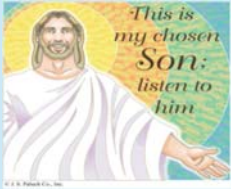
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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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The LORD is my light and my
salvation; whom should I fear?

— Psalm 27:1

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 March 2-3

Weekend Offering.....\$9,895.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$3,287.85

Looking Ahead



Fish Fry Fridays

Our Knights of Columbus are once again hosting their
wonderful fish dinners on the Fridays in Lent. See page 7.
Join your parish family for a FUN time.

April 4: Communal Penance Service at St. Ignatius of
Antioch. 7:30 pm. See page 4 for Deanery-wide
Communal Penance Services.

April 7: 40th Anniversary event. Celebration of
Sacraments- First Eucharist and Confirmation. See pg 6.

May 19: 40th Anniversary event. Founders brunch.
Contact the parish office about this invitation only event.

**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, March 17 - 2nd Sunday of Lent



- St. Patrick's Day
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection - Catholic Relief Services
- No Confirmation I & II Class
- Rite of Election at the Cathedral - 4 pm

Monday, March 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, March 19 - St. Joseph's Day

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council Meets - 11 am to Noon - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, March 20 - Spring Begins

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

Thursday, March 21

- 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 22

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish
Hall

Saturday, March 23

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, March 24 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- 1st Scrutiny/Presentation of the Creed - 10 am Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II Class - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
- 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:

Gavin Cano	Linda Morrison	Lilia Suarez
Stacia DeBuhr	Jose Palomino	Peter Villalpando
Phil Herlick	Jose Guillermino Ramos	David Vizcay
Willie Ilas	FF Cole Smith	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	Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6: 36-38
Tuesday	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Wednesday	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sunday	Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

Lay Ministers—Week of March 23rd & 24th

4 pm: Lectors – Melodye Costanza, Noela Noel-LoFranco; **Head Cup** – Marla Plurkowski; **Head Host** – Pam Confetti; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Christoph Holl, Tim Cox, Rhoda Herrera; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Matthew Bajet, Deanna Ribeiro; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host**– Jeanne Reilly, Hanny Reingold, Diane Hack, Frank Kauer; **Cup** - Jenawati Kwa, Natalia Joyce, Monika Kauer, Crispina Malonosan, Carol Fanfa; **Servers** - Philip Rios, David Rodrigues

10 am: Lectors – Linda Castro, Cecille Mirano; **Head Cup** – Jane Sharpe; **Head Host** – Reyna Garcia; **Host** - Ed Cissell, Zoe DeBuhr, Lesley Eubanks, Sharon Cissell; **Cup** – Maritza Martinez, Nancy Santos, Lee Oliver, Mark Costanza; **Servers** – Lorenzo Necor, Alessandra Necor

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Palmira & Jose Soares †
Sun. 8:00 am	Rose Lafferty †
Sun. 10:00 am	Sheryl Young Benson †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	Olga M. Prado †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Rose Lafferty and Hobert Parks**. 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

St. Bonaventure Parish Mission

Join Father Tom Bonacci, C.P. for the St. Bonaventure parish mission on:

**“Hospitality and Discipleship:
The Greatest Among You Serves.”**

Father Bonacci is the Executive Director of the Interfaith Peace Project and noted for his scriptural scholarship and engaging presentations. The retreat is March 18-20, at both 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (different sessions in morning and evening; morning session begins with 9 a.m. Mass).



St. Bonaventure Catholic Community, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord. For more information, contact gcattalini@stbonaventure.net.

2019 Marriage Preparation Programs

2019 Marriage Preparation Programs for the Diocese of Oakland:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
April 27-28	Walnut Creek
June 1-2	Orinda
July 27-28	Livermore
August 24-25	Orinda
September 20-22	Fremont
October 26-27	Orinda
December 7-8	Orinda

Sessions are also available for Convalidation/Remarriage and in Spanish. For complete information, visit www.EastBayCatholic.com.

Register online at EastBayCatholic.com or call Laura Windham at 510-267-8395. Availability is subject to enrollment. Early registration recommended.

Deanery Communal Penance Services

Wed. March 20	Immaculate Heart of Mary; 7:00 p.m.
Mon. March 25	Most Holy Rosary; 7:00 p.m.
Wed. March 27	St. Peter Martyr; 7:00 p.m.
Wed. April 3	St. Anthony; 7:00 p.m.
Thur. April 4	St. Ignatius of Antioch; 7:30 p.m.
Thur. April 4	St. Anne; 7:00 p.m.
Mon. April 8	Church of the Good Shepherd; 7:00 p.m.

40th Anniversary News



If you received First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ignatius of Antioch, see page 6 for details on our next Celebration of Sacraments.

Save the Dates

Sunday, April 7, 2019: Celebration of 40 years of First Eucharist and Confirmation

Sunday, May 19, 2019: Founder’s Brunch. Contact the parish office for information about this invitation only event.

Saturday, June 1, 2019: 40th Anniversary Mass of Celebration and festive dinner dance.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are 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 or 925-849-5466 or visit oaklandwwme.org.



Mobile Mall

Distribution - Sat., April 13 from 7:30 am to Noon
Marsh Elementary School; 2304 G St., Antioch

Thank you for your support of this ministry by depositing your gently used clothing the Mobile Mall Barrel in then Narthex. For more information about this ministry, please contact Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

If you are planning to make this parish community your spiritual home, we cordially invite you to register. 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, 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (925) 778-0768.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

In the Gospel today, when Peter wants to build three tents and get comfortable, a cloud covers them and Jesus, Moses and Elijah went into the cloud. At this the apostles become frightened.

In our lives, when things get comfortable, and a cloud (a trail, a difficulty) suddenly covers us, we, too, become frightened. Jesus seems to be nowhere in sight and we are afraid. Sirach 27 says, "Tribulation is the test of the just."

That is the period we are going through in the church today. A cloud has covered us, a cloud of scandal, betrayal and hurt. We are overcome by the immensity of it. Everyday there are more news flashes about bishops, cardinals and priests who have betrayed their office. The leaders we looked up to have not proven worthy of the task. We are angry and afraid. We have compassion for the abused. We cannot remove it, we stand under this cloud. We are faced with choices to frame our behavior. While this seems like a wall crushing us, we can choose to frame our attitudes after the example of Christ. Here are some choices we can make:

1. Do what you can to support good priests. Encourage them and offer your service for the good of the Body.
2. Resolve not to put leaders on a pedestal from which they will surely fall. "There is but one Lord, the God and father of us all."
3. Continue to do the good works you are called to do. Members of Christ's Body have many needs. Work with the poor, the homeless, those in need. Listen to the sorrows of others.
4. Let go of anger and practice forgiveness and mercy. Act non-violently in word and deed. Jesus always offered a chance for sinners to repent. He ate with tax collectors and prostitutes. He met with Nicodemus, one of the Pharisees, and tried to guide him. Eventually Nicodemus separated himself from the legalism that Jesus so railed against and became a disciple.
5. Open oneself to the shadow. A cloud casts a shadow. Our good side also has a bad side, a shadow. If we are courageous, the shadow is fear. If we are diplomatic, the shadow is inactivity. If we are compassionate with others, the shadow is not spending enough time to care for ourselves. If we are active, the shadow is not spending enough time in prayer, etc. Name and befriend the shadow.
6. Remember that great saints were often despised by the very people they sought to help. Teilhard de Chardin, John of the Cross and many others endured great suffering and the snide of others.

A good measure for us is to examine our focus of attention. If we focus our attention on the evils of this world, we will drown in the mess. If we focus our attention on Jesus and the Gospel, we will know the right direction for the future. The fruit of prayer is a compassion that is born in the womb of solidarity with all that is. When Paul asked that his affliction be removed, Jesus told him, "My grace is sufficient for thee." Let us acknowledge our sinfulness and focus our attention on what the Gospel calls us to be.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Prayer from the Heart

As Lent continues and we find a deeper value in sincere prayer, we gain an appreciation for the prayer groups that our parish has to offer to those in need. There may be many times when we take a bulletin home, flip through the pages, glancing about the headers searching for something "new" to read and just fail to notice the many different groups offering supportive prayer. The most obvious group dedicated to this effort is the Prayer Chain. This is the group that prays for all the people listed under the header *Pray for the Sick* on page three of the bulletin. The names of the sick or anyone in any form of distress may change from week to week, but those who do the prayers for them are part of a ministry that stands united in their task year after year. They are the ones who know how to communicate with God through prayer such as Jovita Vera, Lorraine Lohmeier, Diane Hack, and many, many others. Their ability to intercede is a gift of the Holy Spirit that they themselves have but use for the good of others.

Likewise, the Fatima Prayer Group, which meets for Mass on the first Saturday of each month, is dedicated to entreating the saint for her special ability to intercede for us via prayer. Here the prayers of petition go beyond the sick or individual and extends to national and world-wide matters. The Fatima Prayer Group is not just limited to prayers. They actively work within the spiritual and unchurched community around us to serve those in need. Thanks to the leadership of Estella Rusk this group is not an "empty sounding gong" but an active Christian ministry.

Yet another one of our prayer groups is the more loosely associated group who devote themselves to our Mother of Perpetual Help novena. This gathering of the faithful occurs after the Wednesday 8:00 am morning Mass. There is no one particular formal leader but the current presider is Vangie Parrilla. Other have taken the role in her absence. Crispina Malonosan and Mercy Osborne come to mind as those who have taken-up the task. As Father Robert has so often said, "Thank God for the women!" This group sincerely prays for the sick, down-trodden, husbands and wives, families, all creation and the Christian home.

There are yet other groups who have their own prayer groups within their larger organizations, like the Knights of Columbus and YLI.

Lent is a time for prayer. Discover prayer in a new way both as an individual and as a group member. Most of all be sincere in your prayers, mean every word that you speak to God with your whole heart. The heart is what God and Jesus always look toward to find our true disposition. Fill this Lent and your heart with love and true sincere prayer from the heart.



Did you receive First Eucharist or the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Ignatius of Antioch?

As part of our year-long celebration of the Anniversary of St. Ignatius of Antioch Church, we want to celebrate and remember all who received the Sacraments of First Eucharist or Confirmation in our parish over the past 40 years. This celebration will take place on the weekend of April 6 & 7 and culminate with receptions **for the entire parish in the parish hall after the Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am Liturgies.**

The Anniversary Committee is collecting First Eucharist and Confirmation pictures for our Celebration of Sacraments. If you have pictures that you would like to share, place them in the 40th Anniversary Memory Box located in the Narthex by **Tuesday, April 2**. Please include the name(s) of those pictured and the date of the event. If you would like your pictures returned, 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 the subject line.



2019 Bishop's Appeal Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, as St. Francis of Assisi responded to your call to "Rebuild My Church", may we also respond as You call us to rebuild Your Church today in the Diocese of Oakland. It is the Church You built through the gift of Your own Body and Blood. We come before You humbly today, grateful for that gift and for all the blessings You continually bestow upon us.

All of us, laity, religious brothers and sisters, deacons, and priests, understand the challenges that lay ahead in building and renewing Your kingdom in our diocese.

We thank you for the gift of Your Holy Spirit, calling forth within us the same courage and passion St. Francis felt when he heard Your call at San Damiano.

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the life and example of St. Francis of Assisi, whom You blessed with a deep love for You and Your people and a humble attitude of self-sacrifice. We thank you for raising up those same gifts within us as we discern our commitment to offer You our time, talents and treasure in response to this annual Bishop's Appeal.

Grant us compassionate hearts to touch our brothers and sisters in need, grateful hearts to provide care for our retired priests, hopeful hearts to support those You have called to serve You in the priesthood, and zealous hearts to support the works of evangelization in our parishes and schools.

Under the protection of our Blessed Mother, Queen of the World, we entrust all our humble efforts to You, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns forever and ever.

Amen.