

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 24, 2019 – Third Sunday of Lent

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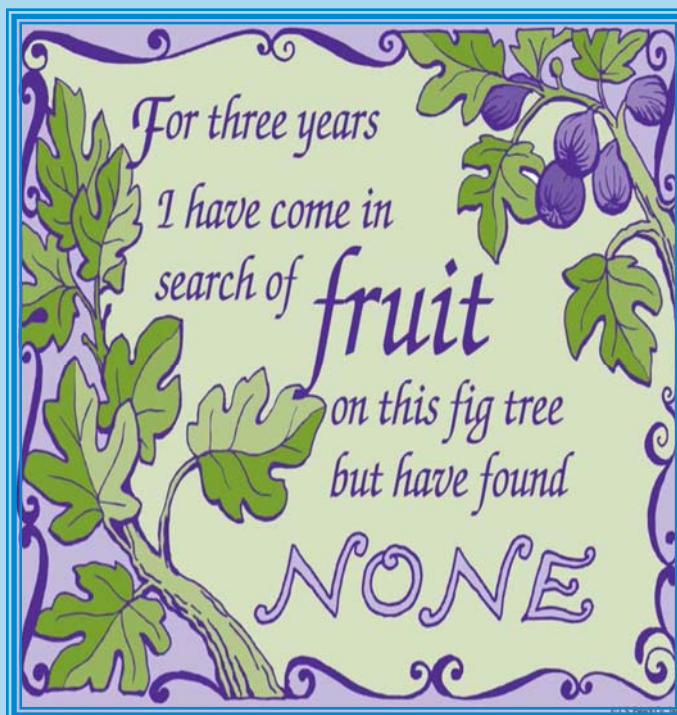
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Prayer for the Third Sunday of Lent

Merciful God, just as the rains from heaven prepare the land to flourish, we know that Your blessings are bestowed upon us. In this Lenten Season of preparation, helps us to grow closer to You as we make time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Make ready our ears to hear Your loving call amidst the stressful and hurried days of our lives.

We know that we do not face such days alone; Your divine strength is our unfailing aid as we await the joy of Easter's dawn.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.



Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Fr. Richard Mangini
Assisting Clergy

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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 secures justice and
 the rights of all the oppressed.*

— Psalm 103:6

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 9-10

Weekend Offering.....\$11,886.00

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 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

Monday, March 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, March 26

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

Wednesday, March 27

- 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 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 29

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

Saturday, March 30

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Second Collection for the Parish Assessment
- Movie Night - *Risen* - 5:30 pm in the Parish Hall

Sunday, March 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- 2nd Scrutiny - 10 am Liturgy
- Second Collection for the Parish Assessment
- Confirmation I & II Class - 12 to 1:30 pm (Passover Ceremony) - Parish Hall

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	Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38
Tuesday	Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6-7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday	Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday	Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday	Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday	Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday	Jos 5:9a, 10-12; Ps 34:2-7; 2 Cor 5:17-21; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Lay Ministers—Week of March 30th & 31st

4 pm: Lectors – Mila Ellingwood, Steve Rojek; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Hannah Herrera, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Melodye Costanza, Jessie Okon, Pam Confetti; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

8 am: Lectors – Kathleen Clarke, Jack Goncalves; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host**– MaryJo Keister, Kathleen Hayakawa, Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao; **Cup** - Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Tim Cox, Carol Fanfa, Jeannine Ford; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Philip Rios

10 am: Lectors – Robert Solano, Alicia Solano; **Head Cup** – Amante Asuncion; **Head Host** – Lesley Eubanks; **Host** - Estrella Rusk, Dilcia Aparicio, Helga Boardman, Cynthia Enrique; **Cup** – Samantha Peralto, Steven Andreatta, Gloria Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

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

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Rocco & Josephine Battaglia †
Sun. 8:00 am	John Fraga †
Sun. 10:00 am	Kyle Ellison †
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	Tahimik E. Papa †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men and Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Marie Leanos, Charles Piazza, Bonnie Yeager, James Wetzel and Victims of the shooting in New Zealand.** 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

2019 Bishop's Appeal



Our Goal: \$34,900.
 The 2019 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and you have generously responded to this Appeal in the past. For that we are truly grateful. The theme of this year's Appeal is "Rebuild My Church."

As you reflect on your response to this year's Appeal, please pray for our fellow parishioners, our leadership and clergy, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2019 Bishop's Appeal (please see the prayer on page 6.

Your gift, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated.

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 (after 8 & 10 am Liturgies):

Celebration of 40 years of First Eucharist and Confirmation including RCIA and RCIC.

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

The Gospel tells us that the vineyard owner (the Father) wanted to cut down the fig tree because it did not bear fruit like it was supposed to. But the Gardener (Christ) asks that he give it another chance, saying He will fertilize it and give it another year. I am hoping that the Gardener will fertilize the tree of the Church with the inspiration of the Spirit so that we may bear new fruit in this year and heal the scars of the past.

There is an old book by the title of *A Church to Believe In* by the Jesuit, Avery Dulles, written in 1980. In it He is digesting the Vatican Council on the subject of Church. I was attracted to the title because with all the scandals, we need a Church to believe in. Here at St. Ignatius we are blessed with the best of Vatican II in good and prayerful liturgy and music, in shared priestly ministry, in good catechesis and in collaborative administration. But this is not so in other places. Dulles points out that the differences between seeing Church as institution and viewing Church with the eyes of the Council as Body of Christ, People of God and Sacrament. Body of Christ has a strong biblical foundation and is rooted in the key defining factor of Eucharist which is the central belief making us aware that we are all related in Christ. We are one in him.

People of God is another image of Church rooted in the Old Testament. The Israelites knew they were God's people, ordained to represent Him in a world of unbelievers. Sacrament is the third image, sign and instrument that really contains the grace it confers. When we gather, something beyond us happens. God's presence in the world is made firm.

In these three images, we have a chance to reframe how we see things. We have been plagued by faulty leadership of some priests and bishops, but we can image a different future and help make it happen. Christ came that we might have abundant life. This does not erase our sorrows, but it holds out a promise that with the fertilizing of the Spirit, we can be guided by an invisible hand. The God who made the universe, has not deserted us. Look at the spring that is being awakened and hope for a new spring in the Body of Christ. "Sensitized to such guidance from the very structure and functioning of the universe, we can have confidence in the future that awaits the human venture." Or as Franciscan Sister Ilia Delio says, "We must fix our eyes of the future, forging new relationships of love that include the earth, all peoples, all religions, all planets and all galaxies...This new world is within our reach if we awaken to the power of love within us as the power to create anew." (Ilia Delio, *The Unbearable Wholeness of Being*: New York, Orbis Books, 2013, p.198.)

Or as Dennis Waitley says, "Happiness cannot be travelled to, owned, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." Our happiness is in being a part of the Body of Christ with Christ at the head and the Spirit guiding us. Our happiness is in the oneness of being a part of the People of God, witnessing to a troubled world. Our happiness is in being the sign and instrument of God's working in the world. Our happiness is in bearing the sorrows and the misunderstandings as Jesus did. When we are one with his sufferings, then we shall be one with Him in glory. So let us own the Church as it should be, giving the witness of love to the world. Let us focus and imagine a future where we bear the fruit of the Spirit to a world that so needs the example of goodness. May the Gardener work in us this Lent so that we may bear the fruit of hope, love and gratitude.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Fasting and Breathing

It is fairly well known that as a general rule of thumb, a person can live 3 minutes without air, 3 days without water, and 3 weeks without food. People can condition themselves to go beyond these limits through training. In fact, an Englishman in 2012 set a Guinness Book of World Records by holding his breath underwater for over 22 minutes. A factor of 7 times the average normal person.

In this time of Lent when we start to change our focus from prayer to the second pillar of Lent, fasting, we wonder how accurate the Bible might be when it says Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and ate nothing. The number 40 is often used in the Bible to represent a time of trial, testing, and faithfulness. The flood waters of Noah's Ark fame came from 40 days of rain. The Israelites wandered 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land. Jesus was seen for 40 days after his resurrection until his ascension. The number 40 may just be a literary tool used to denote a sufficient amount of time Jesus needed to prepare for his ministry.

Then, on the other hand, there was no one around then to record physiological norms for people living in that era. A lot of generations have passed since then, two thousand plus years' worth. With each generation the genetics that control human endurance changes. Some increase, some decrease. If an Englishman, today, can stay underwater for 22 minutes (factor of 7), then the tickling question to ask is, "could an Israelite two thousand years ago, go without food for 40 days; a factor of only 2?" It might have been possible for Jesus to do that. Jesus might have chosen a length of time right to the maximum point of human endurance at that time. Taking himself near the point of death might have been what Jesus needed to do in order to take the final step into death on the cross. Were Jesus' 40 days based on the 40 days of rain and 40 years of wandering, or were those past events based on Jesus' 40 days in the desert given God's perfect foresight of Jesus' life? These are tantalizing notions and thoughts to dwell on when we contemplate Jesus and our experiences with fasting this Lent. Whether we fast for 40 days or 4 days or 4 hours, the point is that we take the time sufficient to change our lives to be more like Jesus, to improve our discipleship in order to evangelize to those who also need to know Jesus in a more intimate way. Take the time to fast in your own way this Lent.

Don't wait too long to do so. I won't hold my breath waiting and I know of an Englishman who'll only wait 22 minutes!



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 also includes our RCIA and RCIC as well! 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, Confirmation, RCIA and RCIC 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.