

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 31, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

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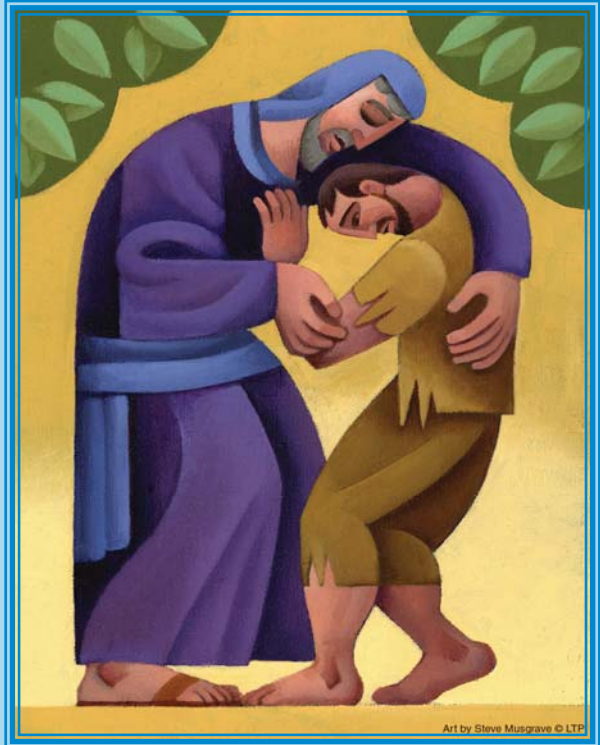
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## Prayer for the Fourth Sunday of Lent

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

**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.



**March 31, 2019**  
**Fourth Sunday**  
**of**  
**Lent**

*Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.*  
 — 2 Corinthians 5:17

## 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 16-17

**Weekend Offering.....\$10,771.00**

**Second Collection (Catholic Relief Services).....\$1,615.50**

# 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 31 - 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parish Assessment
- Confirmation I & II Class - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

### Monday, April 1 - Cesar Chavez Day

- *Parish and Faith Formation Offices Closed*
- 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, April 2

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment Meets - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee Meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgical Ministers Evening of Reflection - 7:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7 to 9 pm - Church

### Wednesday, April 3

- 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, April 4

- 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
- Communal Reconciliation Service - 7:30 pm— Church

### Friday, April 5

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist- 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to Noon
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

### Saturday, April 6

- Our Lady of Fatima Liturgy & Novena - 9 am - Church
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan

### Sunday, April 7 - 5th Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - both liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- Confirmation I & II Class - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
- 40th Anniversary Celebration for First Communions & Confirmations here - after 8 & 10 am liturgies

**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**

<b>Monday</b>	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
<b>Tuesday</b>	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
<b>Wednesday</b>	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
<b>Thursday</b>	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
<b>Friday</b>	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
<b>Saturday</b>	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
<b>Sunday</b>	Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11

**Lay Ministers—Week of April 6th & 7th**

**4 pm: Lectors** – Carmen Garces, Joe Salvador; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Kathy Augusta, Beth Enea; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Melodye Costanza; **Servers** - Edward Salas-Garcia

**8 am: Lectors** – Carlos Vasquez, Pat Kramer; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Crispina Malonosan; **Host**– Diane Hack, Natalia Joyce, Jenawati Kwa, Jeanne Reilly; **Cup** - Jack Goncalves, Deanna Ribeiro, Tim Cox, Carol Fanfa, David Rodrigues; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Philip Rios

**10 am: Lectors** – Adam Haas, Cheryna Wright; **Head Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy; **Head Host** – Jane Sharpe; **Host** - Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Estrella Rusk, Ed Cissell, Reyna Garcia; **Cup** – Sharon Cissell, Mark Costanza, Maritza Martinez, Yvette Young, Lee Oliver; **Servers** – Giada Godina, Dezire Jackson

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>	Mike Ambrosini †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Eva & Guido Romani †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Antonia Llanes †
<b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>	Our Parish Family
<b>Tues. 8:00 am</b>	All Priests and Deacons
<b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>	All Care Givers
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	Antero Malonosan †
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	Willie Ilas

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of **Aaron Huang, Hobert Parks and Charles Piazza**. 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)

**2019 Bishop's Appeal**



**Our Goal: \$34,900.**

Please pray for all the important programs and ministries supported by this Appeal and for the success of the 2019 Bishop's Appeal (see the

prayer on page 6).

We ask that you place all Bishop's Appeal donations and pledges in the collection baskets at weekend liturgies. This will allow us to provide timely updates as to our progress.

For those of you who are able, we are asking for a one-time donation of \$70. Please be assured that your gift, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated. Our parish consistently has one of the highest Bishop's Appeal participation rates within the Diocese.

**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.

**Walk for Life 2019**

Date: Saturday, May 18, 2019  
 Time: Walker Check-in: 9am  
 Walk Begins: 10am  
 Location: NorthCreek Church (2303 Ygnacio Valley Rd., Walnut Creek)

This annual fundraising Walk for Life is a fun event for the whole family and involves a leisurely 2 mile walk. After the Walk, enjoy a free BBQ lunch. Kids! Petting zoo, face painting and balloon animals for the kids. For registration and complete information, visit: <http://friends-ofw.com/news-events/events/#walkforlife>



Proceeds benefit the nonprofit organization, *Options for Women* in Concord.

*Good Shepherd's 27th Annual*  
**PASSION PLAY**

Dear Colleagues in Christ,

Since 1993, the Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry has presented a Passion Play during the two weeks prior to Easter. Over the years, hundreds of teenagers and young adults have taken part in this drama, many of them for several years. This long-standing parish tradition is a tribute to their talent, enthusiasm and commitment to tell Christ's story, and also to the members of this parish and the wider community who have supported this project for so long.

This year, over 65 youth and leaders have dedicated themselves to making this presentation a meaningful and moving experience for all who come to witness it. We are cordially inviting your youth groups and church members to attend any of the following performances to share in this unique way of reliving Christ's passion.

April 7	Sunday	7:00 PM	Opening performance (with informal reception following)
April 13	Saturday	7:00 PM	Palm Sunday Eve
April 14	Sunday	5:30 PM	Palm Sunday
April 17	Wed	6:00 PM	Holy Wednesday
April 19	Friday	7:30 PM	Good Friday – with veneration of the cross

May God bless you always,  
 Fr. Thi Hoang, Parish Administrator  
 Church of the Good Shepherd  
 3200 Harbor St., Pittsburg

**Deanery Communal Penance Services**

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.

**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.

## Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Forgiveness is a hard virtue to practice. It is easier to forgive someone who says they are sorry, or apologizes with remorse, but harder to forgive someone who does not admit their wrongdoing. Little slights are not worth obsessing about while bigger lies and continued wrong actions create a pathway that is hard to change. Yet as I think about what happens in families, I wonder if things can be made right by simple acts of reaching out and crossing the chasm with simple deeds of love.

In my own life it has taken me years to forgive a relative who consistently ignores who I am. I finally realized that I was the one holding on to the expectation that she would be different and provide me with a caring word. I finally chose not to be captivated by an unrealistic expectation for appreciation or compliments. I decided to "kill her with kindness" instead and see what would happen.

This decision came out of a reflection on the last part of the Prodigal Son Gospel where the Father says, "You are always with me and all that I have is yours." Through Baptism, God has chosen us to be with Him. He has shared all His love with us. Therefore, "It is right that we celebrate and rejoice because...he who was dead has come to life again; he that was lost has been found." In other words, put aside any resentment or competition. Do not concentrate on what we need. God has already filled us with all that we could want. Rejoice in the good actions of others, even if there has been rivalry before. Let little slights wash over you into the sea of forgetfulness. Be present to others in love.

It is harder still to forgive acts of injustice, policies and laws that enslave others and take away their dignity as human beings. All I can do is pray for those who persecute others and pray for guidance and strength to act in solidarity with those being harmed, correcting the injustice if I can. This involves stepping out of my comfort zone to stand with those being harmed. There are many quotes from famous people about this: "Silence in the face of evil is itself evil," said Dietrich Bonhoeffer. "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good people to do nothing," said Edmond Burke. Or from Proverbs 24, "If you do nothing in a difficult time, your strength is limited." If we do not want to collude with evil we must speak out and act against it despite feelings of helplessness. Two examples come to mind in our area: the injustices at the West County Detention Center in Richmond and the separation of families at the border in San Diego and elsewhere. The least we can do is make phone calls and write letters. The organizations we can support are: *Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity*, *Safe Return Project* and *Contra Costa Interracial Justice Coalition*. Look them up and see what you can do.

We stand as a community against the evils in this world, against violence by attending the Night Walks against Violence, against the evils in the government by supporting candidates who will bring truth to our democratic way of life and by voting for candidates and laws which are fair and just. We cannot give these responsibilities to others. We must take part in the movements which bring justice into our part of the world. "If you want peace, work for justice," said Pope Paul VI.

Forgiveness is an act of the will. It has intentionality. Who will I choose to forgive this week? What evil will I change by doing one thing that brings God's love, the love of the Father into this world?

## Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

### *A Tale of Two Saints*

It was the best of times, it was the most uproarious of times. To paraphrase the Dickens opening line from *A Tale of Two Cities* it was indeed the best of times for our annual St. Patrick's and St. Joseph's Day Dinner. When the evening began everyone knew that once again the food was going to be good if the appetizers were any clue; but no one knew how uproariously funny and entertaining the night would get!

The usual suspects of appetizers were all there, prosciutto wrapped asparagus, mini focaccia squares, and cups of juicy antipasto. This year highlighted little veggie frittatas and a most savory blend of minced corned beef and warm melted cheese all sitting on a toasted square of Irish soda bread, yummy! The Mediterranean salad which opened the main meal was so loving to the taste buds that it induced everyone at our table to indulge in second helpings. The main course consisted of garlic olive oil dressed spaghetti, a spinach frittata, and sourdough bread. For dessert there was every conceivable decadent Italian and/or Irish dessert anyone could hope for, including pour-your-own Irish coffee. By evening's end I had consumed four Irish coffees, no it was five of them, or was it six?...no, it was five; wonderful stuff that Irish coffee!

The night's official entertainment was provided by Kirby McNesby who sang about six Italian songs during the first half of the dinner and then six Irish songs during the latter half of the night. It was a blast to sing along, just about everyone knows the words to Dean Martin's *That's Amore* and Kirby gave equal time for us to learn the refrains to the Irish tunes. Great music by a masterful musician wasn't the only entertainment the people enjoyed; there were the auctions and raffles!

Raffle tickets were purchased and deposited in the bags next to the prizes everyone was hoping to win. Fr. Mangini (A.K.A. Moses) was spied with several strands of tickets cascading from around his forearms. He looked like a walking Christmas tree. When he caught ear of how he would surely win with so many tickets, he freely gave a long strand to Giuliana who was seated at our table. In true Christian fashion Giuliana in turn gave free tickets to everyone seated at our table. As the Irish coffees flowed and the numbers on the tickets were called there arose a battle between those who had tickets starting with the numbers 374 (four winners in a row from the same table) and those with 375. It got to the point when Fr. Robert finally called 375, a loud bodacious cheer of solidarity and success rang out!

The live auction was equally spirited in action and fun. High points in bidding wars brought in \$210 for a large bunny garden statue, \$250 for a basket filled with Irish themed items (won by Fr. Robert and donated to one of his firemen), and top money getter at \$260 for a "pot-of-gold" filled with lottery tickets and scratchers.

By Wednesday, people who had attended the dinner party were still talking about it. No wonder it sells out every year! If you're quick enough to buy a ticket, I'll see you there next year.



**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](mailto:v.a.mccoy@att.net). Please use "40th Anniversary" in the subject line.

**ANTIOCH YLI #101 ANNUAL PASTA DINNER**



**SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019**

**TIME:  
5:00 PM - 8:00 PM**

**WHERE:  
ST. IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH PARISH HALL  
3351 CONTRA LOMA BLVD.  
ANTIOCH, CA**

Tickets will be sold after Masses at both Parishes, starting March 30, 2019 & ending April 14, 2019

Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Reservations available by mail or by phone:

Cristina Chicas  
5144 Roundup Way  
Antioch, CA 94531  
Cell #925-207-5934

Please make your check payable to: Antioch YLI #101

\*No outside Alcohol will be allowed.

All are Welcome!

Tickets:

\$15 Adults

\$5 Children (under 10)

Raffles...Raffles...  
And more Raffles!

No outside  
Alcohol allowed.

Includes:

Our famous meat sauce

Salad

Garlic Bread

Dessert

Coffee and Punch

All proceeds benefit both:

Holy Rosary

&

St. Ignatius of Antioch

**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.