

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

April 7, 2019 – Fifth Sunday of Lent

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## Fifth Sunday of Lent

### Abundant Mercy

God, source of all goodness and mercy,  
you restored Israel after their captivity,  
and in Jesus, you restored us to life.  
You have done great things, O Lord.  
You have revived the wasteland of our hearts  
and quenched our thirst with living water.  
Liberate us from the sins that hold us captive.  
May your mercy, Lord, lead us to a deeper love  
of you and our neighbors  
so that your justice might wash over all creation.  
Filled with joy, may we forever praise you for your  
abundant grace and be a sign of hope for those who  
despair, a sign of love for those who hate,  
and a sign of generosity for those who are cold and  
selfish.



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**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.



*April 7, 2019*  
*Fifth Sunday*  
*of*  
*Lent*

*I consider everything as a loss*  
*because of the supreme good of knowing*  
*Christ Jesus my Lord.*  
— *Philippians 3:8*

## *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 March 23-24*

**Weekend Offering.....\$11,196.00**

**Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul).....\$1,577.00**

# Looking Ahead

## Fish Fry Fridays



Join your parish family for a FUN time. See page 7.

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

**April 27: Antioch YLI #101 Annual Pasta Dinner** in our parish hall. See page 6 for more details.

**April 28: Divine Mercy Devotion** on the Second Sunday of Easter at 3pm. Sung Evening Prayer. See page 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, 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

### **Monday, April 8**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 6 to 8 pm - Parish Hall
- Final Lenten Deanery Communal Penance Service at **Church of the Good Shepherd** in Pittsburg - 7 pm
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

### **Tuesday, April 9**

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

### **Wednesday, April 10**

- 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 11**

- 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 practice - 7:30 to 9 pm— Church

### **Friday, April 12**

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

### **Saturday, April 13**

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy - the Blessing of the Palms, Procession, Reading of the Passion, and Holy Eucharist

### **Sunday, April 14 - Palm Sunday**

- 8 am & **11 am** Liturgies (please note the time change) - the Blessing of the Palms, Procession, Reading of the Passion, and Holy Eucharist

***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          | Beatrice Truxton  |
| Steve Dewhurst | Jose Guillermino Ramos | Peter Villalpando |
| Phil Herlick   | FF Cole Smith          | David Vizcay      |
| Willie Ilas    |                        | 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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| <b>Monday</b>    | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 [41c-62];<br>Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:12-20   |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21;<br>Jn 8:21-30   |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Dn 3:52-56;<br>Jn 8:31-42  |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59   |
| <b>Friday</b>    | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | Ez 37:21-28; Jer 31:10, 11-13;<br>Jn 11:45-56   |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | Lk 19:28-40 (procession); Is 50:4-7;<br>Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11;<br>Lk 22:14 — 23:56 [23:1-49] |

***Lay Ministers—Week of April 13th & 14th***

Please refer to the  
Bulletin Board adjacent  
to the Sacristy for  
sign-up sheets for  
Palm Sunday

***Mass Intentions for the Week***

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| <b>Sat. 4:00 pm</b>  | Joann Russo †           |
| <b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>  | John Nelms †            |
| <b>Sun. 10:00 am</b> | Pedro Villalpando †     |
| <b>Mon. 8:00 am</b>  | Marian Favalora †       |
| <b>Tues. 8:00 am</b> | Francisco M. Balbuena † |
| <b>Wed. 8:00 am</b>  | All Care Givers         |
| <b>Thur. 8:00 am</b> | All First Responders    |
| <b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>  | Alfred & Elina Avelar † |

***Rest in Peace***

Please pray for the souls of **Aaron Huang, Jimmy Zimmerman, Ron Blakemore and Fr. Jay Matthews**. 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:

**Pork & Beans - 15 oz.**  
**Chicken Noodle Soup - 10.5 oz. can**

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.

## Passion Play

The Church of the Good Shepherd Youth Ministry is presenting their 27th annual Passion Play. This year, over 65 youth and leaders have dedicated themselves to produce a meaningful and moving experience for all who come to witness it. The following performances are scheduled:

- Sunday April 7 7:00 pm (informal reception follows)
- Saturday April 13 7:00 pm
- Sunday April 14 5:30 pm
- Wed. April 17 6:00 pm
- Fri. April 19 7:30 pm (with veneration of the cross)

## Volunteer Opportunity

Do you have a basic working knowledge of Microsoft Publisher®? Do you have a creative streak and like to write? The parish is looking for a volunteer Weekly Bulletin Editor to assist with composition and layout. The time commitment is 2 or 3 hours per week, preferably after 1pm on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday. If interested, please contact the Parish Office at 778-0768.

## Help Us Keep Our Records Up-to-Date

If you move or change your address, please remember to include St. Ignatius of Antioch on the list of people you notify. This will help keep our address records as up-to-date as possible. Drop a note in the collection basket or call the Parish Office at 778-0768. Thank you.

## 40th Anniversary News



### 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: North Creek 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-of-w.com/news-events/events/#walkforlife>



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

## Deanery Communal Penance Service

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| Mon. April 8 | Church of the Good Shepherd; 7:00 p.m. |
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## 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

Today's Gospel has much to teach us. In Jesus' time, men held sway. The crowd that gathers around the accused women is puffed up with their righteousness. The punishment for adultery is death by stoning. We do not know the circumstances of her actions, only that the law says she must die and these men are ready to carry out the sentence. But they also want to trick Jesus.

Jesus Himself is filled with forgiveness, so He finds a way to change the situation without violence. He writes in the dirt. "Remember Man that you are dust and unto dust you shall return." He reminds them of the shortness of life and the sin of passing judgment on others. He continues to scribble in the dirt and chastises them for their pride and judgmentalness. They slowly slink away.

Imagine the rush of feelings in the woman. She is caught. She is being put to death. She has offended the community by disobeying the law of Moses. It may be the end of her life. Notice that the offending man is not punished. He is not even in the picture! How many women are in this position today. They are caught, forced into selling their bodies to survive. They are subject to the jeers and actions of unfeeling men.

Jesus takes the situation in hand. He tells them and us that we are all sinners in need of forgiveness. He continues to write in the dust until all the accusers are overcome by embarrassment and leave before they are exposed. Then He has a conversation with the woman. "Is there no one to accuse you?...Then neither will I. Go and sin no more!" He is not an unfeeling man. He offers her and us forgiveness.

We are all sinners. We have offended God and neighbor by our actions. Our sins may have been of a sexual nature, or they may be in our pride and our quickness to judge our neighbor. When we look back over our lives, we know that we deserve to be accused. But Jesus does not do that. He offers forgiveness instead with the caveat to change our lives and sin no more.

The hardest person to forgive is oneself. That's where faith comes in. We need to have faith in God's enduring promise, faith that God is big enough to offer us love instead of punishment. On the one hand we must do our part and correct our behavior, but on the other we must come to know God's enduring love and forgiveness. He is filled with mercy and invites us to be merciful with ourselves. We cannot give into guilt or depression over past actions. We are invited to trust in His mercy. "Is there anyone to accuse you?... Then neither will I. Go and sin no more." William Sloane Coffin says, "To accept forgiveness is to be made normal again, able to live in the way we are supposed to live."

This Lent offers us a chance to be normal. We all desire to come to normalcy, to have a life existing in grace. For us that is living as Christ would have us live. We are challenged to be Christ's hands and feet in this world. We are challenged to order our lives in accordance with God's love and mercy. Can we forgive ourselves and others to bring about normalcy? Can we bring forgiveness to the situations in our lives? Where will you bring love and mercy into your life this week?

*Parish Perspective*

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

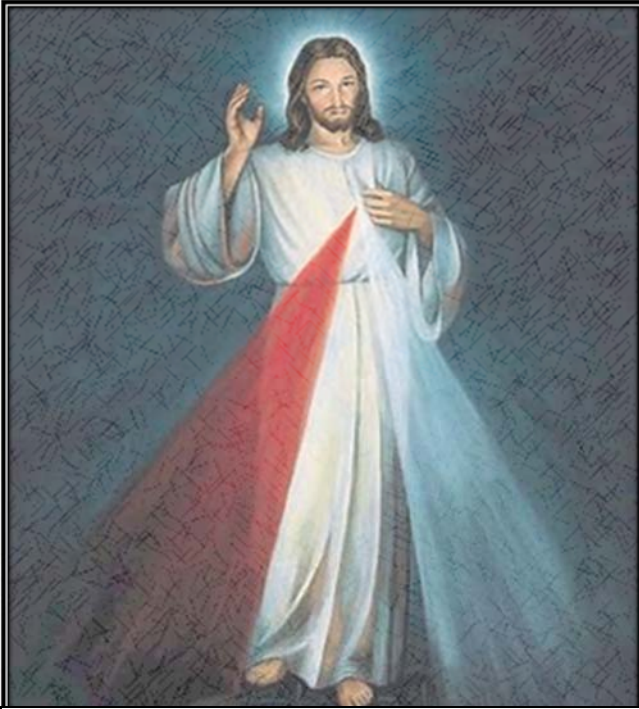
*Good Alms*

We are now past the midpoint of our Lenten journey. In our first week we concentrated on prayer. In our second week we touched on the discipline of fasting. In week three "Lent takes a holiday" while we celebrated the feasts of Sts. Patrick and Joseph. Now is our time to consider our acts of almsgiving.

I would presume to say that our first ever exposure to almsgiving was within whichever parish we grew-up. There have been and ever will be capital campaigns of one sort or another. We are vividly reminded of this fact by our own campaign to raise money for new facilities and the diocesan campaign to bail-out the indebtedness of the cathedral. In many of these pledge drives the phrase "give until it hurts" has been used. I like to think that we have all complied at one time or another and did "give" and boy, did it "hurt!" We were glad to see it end, proud to have stuck to our commitment, and experienced joy that it was over. This Lent should be about turning that kind of giving 180 degrees around. Lent should not be about giving more money but about giving more gladly, from an open heart. Yes, everybody needs money. If we can give more, great! But we should not "hurt" ourselves to the point of becoming gun-shy about giving until it starts to hurt or hurts just a little to avoid feeling that big hurt as before.

Our Lenten almsgiving should be a time of exercising the power of giving from the heart. A runner exercises by running, a tennis player exercises by playing tennis, a violinist exercises by playing the violin. We exercise our heart's power to give by giving gladly with more thought to the goodness we do and to the good feelings it brings to us. Giving should never be about hurting, it should be about helping. As in the third week of Lent's gospel about the fig tree that needed cultivating and fertilizing, we need to cultivate the art of joyful giving within our hearts to produce fruit for the kingdom. The disciplines of Lent and the season of Lent gives us the time and tools to make us better disciples of Jesus. Like the fig tree in the gospel, the ending is up to us to write. God puts the pen in our hands to determine if we, the fig tree, produce fruit for others or whether it dies and is cut down. God gives us the power to write our own ending to the parable. He always looks to the heart. The dollar amount means little to him.

The joy with which we give, the faith in which we give, and the directed usefulness with which we give matter most. Give until it feels good. Give until it feels very good.



St. Ignatius of Antioch  
 Divine Mercy Sunday Celebration  
 With Sung Evening Prayer  
 April 28, 2019  
 3:00 PM  
 Reception Follows

**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.