

St. Ignatius of Antioch

April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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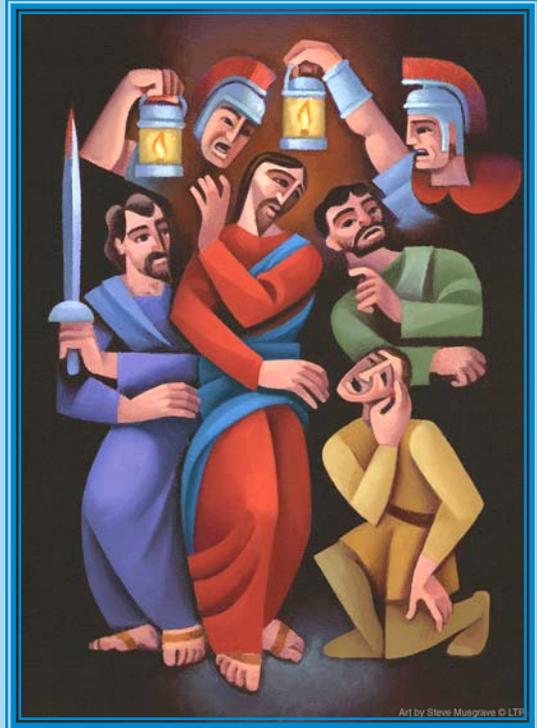
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Compassion

Loving God,
you sent Jesus, who reveals your glory, to pay the price
for our sins so that we might share in eternal life.

On the night he was betrayed, he remained obedient to
your will and, humbling himself, was led to the Cross.
Even in the midst of his arrest, Jesus showed
compassion by healing the servant. Show us
compassion, O God, when we abandon you. Heal our
suffering, which can lead us to deny your majesty.
Grant courage to those who are weak and raise up the
fallen. Strengthen our love for you so that our hearts
and minds may remain focused on Christ's Paschal
Mystery and forever delight in his triumph over death.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Fr. Richard Mangini
Assisting Clergy

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Carolyn Krantz, M.Div.
Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
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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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Palm Sunday
of the Passion of
the Lord

*The Lord GOD is my help,
therefore I am not disgraced.*

— Isaiah 50:7a

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 30-31

Weekend Offering.....\$8,860.00

Second Collection (Parish Assessment).....\$3,700.00

Bishop’s Appeal\$17,179.88

Looking Ahead

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.

Relay for Life Pasta Dinner: information coming soon!

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 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

Monday, April 15

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Holy Thursday rehearsal - 7 pm - Church
- No meetings this week

Tuesday, April 16

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Good Friday rehearsal - 7 pm - Church

Wednesday, April 17

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following
- The Great Vigil rehearsal - 7 pm - Church

Thursday, April 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- Begin preparing environment for Triduum
- Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper - 7:30 pm - Collection for St. Peter Martyr School

Friday, April 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Sung Morning Prayer- 8 am
- Ecumenical Service - 12 Noon
- Solemn Commemoration of the Lord’s Passion & Death
- Tenebrae - 7:30 pm
- Collection for the Holy Land

Saturday, April 20

- Sung Morning Prayer - 8 am
- Complete environment for the Vigil and Easter
- The Great Vigil - 8 pm - reception following for our Neophytes

Sunday, April 21 - Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

- 8 am & 11 am Liturgies (please note the time change)

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

Monday	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday	Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday	Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday	Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22; Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16: 5, 8-11; Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday	Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

Lay Ministers—Week of April 20th & 21st

Please refer to the Bulletin Board adjacent to the Sacristy for sign-up sheets for Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Leonor & Antonio Fernandes †
Sun. 8:00 am	Boung Yea Park †
Sun. 11:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Finian & Rosemary Anyanwu & Family
Thur. 8:00 am 7:30 pm	Our Parish Family
Fri. 8:00 am 3:00 pm	Our Parish Family

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Gerry Timmons 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:

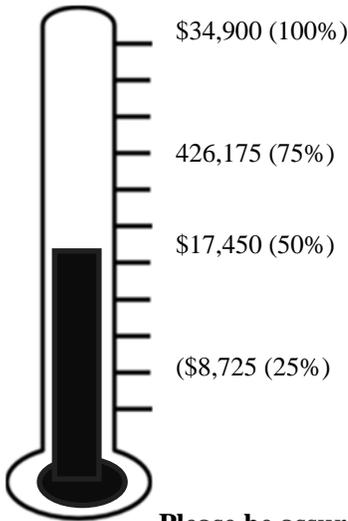
St. Vincent de Paul phone number: (925)757-0941.

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

2019 Bishop's Appeal



Please place all Bishop's Appeal donations and pledges in the collection baskets at weekend liturgies. 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.

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 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



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. For registration and complete information, visit:
<http://friends-ofw.com/news-events/events/#walkforlife>

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

Consider EFT

EFT allows you to support St. Ignatius of Antioch automatically. The EFT authorization form presents what the parish Finance Council feels are some real advantages to both parishioners and to the parish. Most importantly, it enables you to support the parish financially even when family or business travel takes you away for a weekend. As St. Thomas Aquinas noted, virtues are formed by practice. This is true for everything from regular prayer to daily exercise. Using EFT can help you get into the practice of tithing - **giving God's portion first** - by making it one less thing to remember as you get ready for Mass. By using the EFT donation cards (available on the credenza at the back of the Church) in the collection basket you can still give witness to your gratitude to God! If you have any questions or want more information about EFT, please contact Estrella Rusk in the Parish Office, 778-0768.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The prayer that begins the Palm Sunday celebration has a special message. Lent is over. Whatever we did or did not do, it is finished. Now is the time to enter into the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord. We bring all the quiet time, all our prayerfulness into this week of weeks. We try to lessen our activities to be mindful of this great Mystery which we call Paschal. It is the Passover of the Lord and our own. We pray that "being made partakers of the cross, we may have a share in His Resurrection and in His life."

Think of what you have been through in the past year, all the crosses and hardships you have suffered, all that you have learned from them. Offer them freely with no resistance. That makes one a partaker of the cross. When we enter into our sufferings by grace, we come through the long dark tunnel of death into the Light of resurrection. This is a hard teaching. It is only done by the grace of faith.

We enter this week into a time of contradiction. Those that cry "Hosanna" become those shouting, "Crucify him" a few days later. The one who keeps the money gives into greed. The braggart becomes the coward. Those in political leadership forsake their responsibility. The religious leaders give into vengeance. Herod uses his status to mock that which he does not understand. Those that love Jesus flee in the face of danger. And we who would like to be the "good guys" know that each of the characters in the drama represent ourselves who at times have not been faithful. It is we who are greedy, bragging, mocking, lacking in leadership and fleeing when danger arises.

Where do we find our courage to change in this great Mystery? In the women that have the compassion to wipe Jesus' face. In those who stood in faithful witness beneath the cross, in the centurion who proclaims the truth, in the "good thief" who asks for forgiveness and in Joseph of Arimathea who had the decency to give Jesus a burial place. In our prayer, let us forgive ourselves for our faults as God has already done and ask for the grace to be one of those faithful in this drama. May we empty ourselves in serving others. May we speak the truth. May we identify with the suffering of this world as did those holy women. May we be faithful witnesses in the midst of sorrow. May we help to build a universe of love.

Jesus did not stop the violence, but entered into places of violence bringing mercy. He was killed for healing people. Even when he healed the ear of the servant, he could not influence to hatred of His enemies. He surrendered all control into the hands of the Father.

When we see the evils of this world, when we hear the cries of the families surrounded by gangs and violence, when we see those in leadership forsaking their responsibilities, when we see members of our own families acting out of vengeance, may we have the courage to witness to this undying faith. It is a faith that places all trust into the hands of a loving God. It is a faith that continues to witness to the joy of the resurrection. He rises again in us in 2019!

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

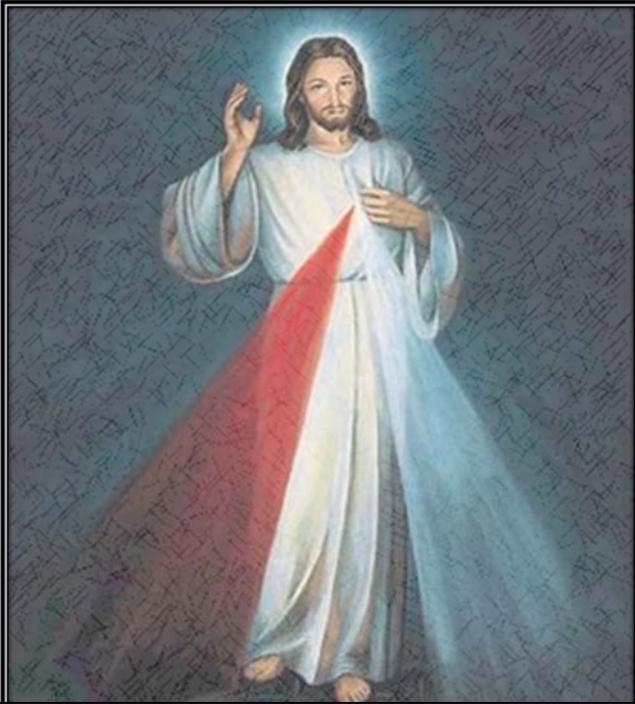
Mary's Luck

It was one of the last Fish Fry Friday nights. The aroma of crispy golden fried cod and the accompanying scent of the mainstay of American cuisine, the French fry filled the parish hall. My wife and I settled into a comfortable location at one of the tables, made sure our service number could be easily seen by the wait staff, and scanned the immediate vicinity for the nearest person selling bingo cards. With the food delivered promptly, one hand held a fork ready to pierce a bundle of French fries and the other hand holding a dye filled bingo dauber we were ready for the eclectic combination of tastes, tense excitement, fun, and parish support amongst friends.

When the meal was finished, we continued playing bingo, game after game. They were the "quick" cards of two columns of five numbers each. On one particular round my luck was especially bad. Number after number was being called and I had yet to daube a one. I started to look around the room to see if anyone else was suffering the same fate as I was (misery loves company). I spied Mary Cayaban at the next table over. She too was wearing the face of bored disbelief. Likewise, she too was looking about for a quantum of solace. Our eyes met and I held up my bingo card, flicked it around smartly, and showed her my unmarked card as if it were the credentials of an FBI man in search of some token of bingo justice. She repeated my gesture albeit with less flair and enthusiasm. Finally, I scored a hit and dabbed the sole numeral. Once again, I raised my card to show Mary. She brandished her card revealing a single digit scratched-out in ink. In total we flashed each other with our cards three times, commiserating, before someone put us out of our misery by yelling "BINGO!"

I got up to select a dessert and met Mary on her way to do the same. "Can you believe it? One lousy number," I said. "Yeh," she replied, "I wanted to win so bad, it's my birthday!" "Well, don't give-up, keep playing and happy birthday," I told her. I returned to my table, dessert in hand. The next game was black-out with a guaranteed \$100 pay-out. Naturally tensions were starting to run high as the reserve pool of uncalled numbers started to diminish. My wife needed only one more number to call bingo when, you guessed it. Mary at the next table cries-out Bingo!" After a careful check of the card and numbers called, \$100 in cash was counted-out into Mary's hands.

Less than a week later Mary's parents, Antonio and Rowena would reaffirm their wedding vows on their 25th anniversary in a simple ceremony in the church following the daily 8:00 am Mass. Many friends gathered for the heart-warming ceremony with Mary and Lisa, their two daughters participating. Rowena has several ministries including church office volunteer, Communion to the home-bound, and funeral coordinator. Antonio is active with the Knights of Columbus and is always seen busy doing one thing or another about the church. We are as lucky to have them as parishioners as Mary was lucky on that Friday night.



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

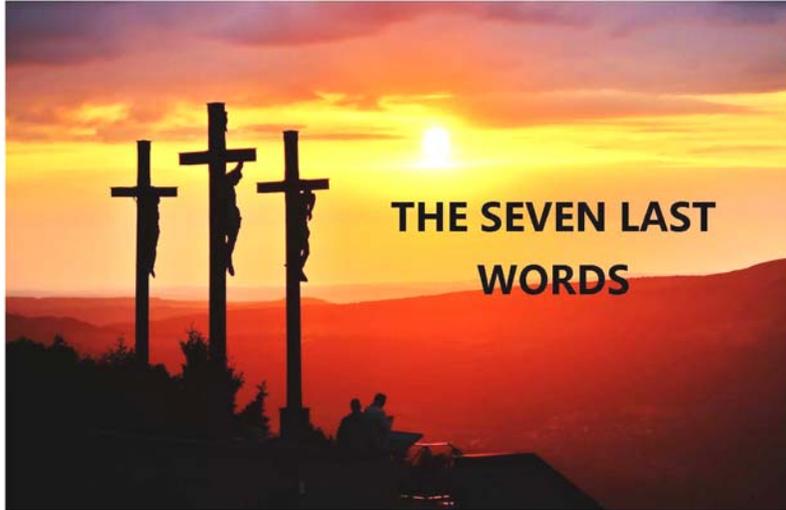
You call us to rebuild Your Church today in the Diocese
 of Oakland. It is the Church You built through the gift of
 Your own Body and Blood. We come before You
 humbly today, grateful for that gift and for all the
 blessings You continually bestow upon us.

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.



**GOOD FRIDAY
ECUMENICAL
SERVICE**

**Friday, April 19,
2019
12 Noon**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
3351 Contra Loma Blvd.
Antioch, California**

Participating Congregations:

**Rev. Robert Rien, St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
Rev. Richard Mangini, St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church
Rev. Will McGarvey, East County Shared Ministry, Pittsburg
Rev. Christy Ramage, East County Shared Ministry, Pittsburg
Rev. Jayson Borges, Antioch Wesleyan Church
Rev. Herman Seeley, St. Andrew's Lutheran Church, Antioch
Rev. Quintisha Davis, Pittsburg United Methodist Church
Rev. Keith Archuleta, Antioch Christian Center
Rev. Harmon Roberts, Ephesians Christian Center, Antioch
Rev. Felix Golden, His Presence Ministries, Brentwood**