

St. Ignatius of Antioch

May 5, 2019 – Third Sunday of Easter

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Good and gracious God, in Baptism you call us out of darkness into the light of life.

Open our eyes to see your Son and fill us with zeal so that, like Peter, who jumped into the sea to greet Christ, we may delight in your friendship. May the abundant love you share with each of us overflow, and lead us to care for all your children. Grant that our Eucharistic sharing unite us in one heart and mind so that we can faithfully and joyfully proclaim the Good News of salvation to the ends of the earth. And may your Holy Spirit lead us always to accept your invitation to feast at your table.

We ask this through Christ our Risen 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.



May 5, 2019

Third Sunday of Easter

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches, wisdom and strength, honor and glory and blessing.”

— Revelation 5:12

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 April 20-21

Weekend Offering.....\$17,870.50

Bishop’s Appeal\$26,761.00

Looking Ahead

May 11-12: Mary Project weekend in support of Birthright in Brentwood. See page 7 for more information.

May 19: 40th Anniversary event. Founders brunch. This is an invitation only event.

May 25: Relay for Life Pasta Dinner. See page 6 for more information.

May 27: Memorial Day Bingo in the Parish Hall at 11am. See page 6 for more information.

June 1: 40th Anniversary Mass of Celebration and Dinner/Dance. Tickets are now on sale for Dinner Dance that will follow the Mass of Celebration. Get your tickets now. See page 6 for more information,

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 7:00 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall - TBD - 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, May 5 - Third Sunday of Easter/Cinco de Mayo

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
• Hospitality Sunday sponsored by YLI
• Faith Formation First Communion - 10 am Liturgy
• Birthday Blessing - during both liturgies
• Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
• 40th Anniversary Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• New Parishioner Brunch - after 10 am Liturgy - Parish Hall

Monday, May 6

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Eucharist - 8 am
• No SPRED
• RCIA meets - Mystagogy - 7 to 8:30 pm - Office

Tuesday, May 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
• Environment Committee meets - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
• Liturgy Committee meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
• Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Wednesday, May 8

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following

Thursday, May 9

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
• Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
• Choir practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, May 10

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Eucharist - 8 am
• Organ & Piano Concert - Don Pearson and Nancy Bachmann with Choir- 8:00 pm - reception following

Saturday, May 11

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
• The Mary Project - Donations accepted at all liturgies
• 40th Anniversary Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, May 12 - Fourth Sunday of Easter/Mother’s Day

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
• The Mary Project - Donations accepted at all liturgies
• 40th Anniversary Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

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	Ralph Ramirez	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	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday	Acts 7:51 — 8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 7b, 8a, 17, 21ab; Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday	Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-7a; Jn 6:35-40
Thursday	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Friday	Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59
Saturday	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sunday	Acts 13:14, 43-52; Ps 100:1-2, 3, 5; Rv 7:9, 14b-17; Jn 10:27-30

Lay Ministers—Week of May 11th & 12th

4 pm: Lectors – Steve Rojek, Melodye Costanza; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Rowena Cayaban; **Host** – Mary Angelica Cayaban, Hannah Herrera; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Jessie Okon, Sharon Simpson; **Server** - David Simpson

8 am: Lectors – Ron Lucas, Faye Lucas; **Head Cup** - Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Jeannine Ford; **Host**– Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, Diane Hack, Kathleen Hayakawa; **Cup** - Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Nick Suarez; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Phillip Rios

10 am: Lectors – Rose Necor, Tina Costanza; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Jane Sharpe; **Host** - Carol Dollete, Angelina Guieb-Alphonso, Samantha Peralto, Dilcia Aparicio; **Cup** – Amante Asuncion, Gloria Asuncion, Noel Fortez, Sheila Fortez, Gloria Olvera; **Servers** - Giada Godina, Dezire Jackson

4:00 pm - Fr. George Presiding and Preaching

8 & 10 am - Fr. Robert Presiding & Fr. George Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4 pm	Joann Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfred & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Finian & Rosemary Anyanwu & Family
Mon. 8:00 am	Vince Iacona †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Marian Favalora †
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	Mary Kendrick †

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Ron Blakemore, Trevor Schnitzius, Anna Alberti, James Glisson, Victims of Synagogue shooting in Poway and Mass Terrorist Act in Sri Lanka**. 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



\$34,900 (100%)



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

By the numbers:
\$26,761 (77% of goal)
from 272 families

Please be assured that your gift, no matter the amount, is greatly appreciated.

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, visit our website at oaklandwmmw.org or contact Chuck & Anne at 925-849-5466 or applications@oaklandwme.org.

2019 Marriage Preparation Programs

2019 Marriage Preparation Programs for the Diocese of Oakland:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
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.

40th Anniversary News



Sunday, May 19, 2019:
Founder's Brunch. This is an 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.

Mobile Mall News & Dates

Mobile Mall accepts **clean** and gently used clothing, clothing accessories, kitchenware and linens. Donations can be dropped off in the collection barrel in the Narthex.

Next distribution - Sat., May 18th from 7:30 am to 12 Noon at Belshaw Elementary School (2803 Roosevelt Lane, Antioch). For more information about this ministry, please contact Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

Silver & Gold Breakfast

Come join us for breakfast at Denny's on Lone Tree on Wednesday morning, May 8th at 9:00 am. Great food...great friends ... interesting conversation ... and fond memories. Call the parish office if you plan to attend so we can make proper reservations.



Thank you to **Antioch YLI #101** for sponsoring and hosting this Sunday's Hospitality Sunday. You are a blessing to our parish.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Last Year, some of us attended the “Defuse Hate” program that is run by Rev. Will Mc Garvey of the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. It is a program that encourages us to seek out and respect the “Other” rather than be afraid of and hate them. When we hear in the news about bombings and loss of life from New Zealand to Sri Lanka, we are filled with sadness. I invite you to turn that sadness into action. We think hatred is “over there” and we say “I don’t hate anyone.” In today’s world, that is not enough. We have to think about defeating hate where we find it in our own lives.

That calls us to be courageous in our everyday speech. The seeds of hate starts small before they grow into actions. Every day I hear the seeds of hate on the news or in my neighborhood. The first step in defeating hate is to recognize when hateful, spiteful or angry words begin to show themselves. The next step is to silently listen to God’s voice to see how I can change the negative words into positive ones. Then, having consulted the Spirit, we need to find the courage to act. Our actions cannot be out of judgment, but out of love.

I remember a day on my street when I encountered two young ladies going at it. They were pulling hair and swinging fists. I interfered and challenged them to settle their differences with words, not physical actions. When I first spoke to them, they resented my interference. Finally one of them went into her house and the other asked for help in finding a rental place. Upon reflection, I realized they could have turned on me for interfering, but at the time, I felt a strong urge to try to restore peace to our quiet neighborhood. I saw an opportunity to help them do things differently.

In the Gospel, Jesus asks the disciples to look at their fishing expedition in a different light. “Cast your nets over the right side and you will find something.” In prayer, that is what we do: we look for a different way to act to produce a loving outcome. Then we share that outcome with others. “Bring some of the fish you have caught and ...come have breakfast.”

So when we encounter scenes of anger and hatred, after listening for the Spirit’s directive, we act to produce loving scenarios rather than hateful ones. And did I mention that we thank God for the courage to do so? “Jesus replaced the law of vengeance with the law of love,” said Pope Francis. We are called on to do likewise in our daily lives, to work toward a peaceful world rather than a violent one. This is not a pious dream, but one that begins with our own lives.

The Gospels of Easter are filled with Jesus sharing His peace with us. It is hard to find this peace with the vengeful tweets and actions we see in our world. This peace is “not as the world gives,” but as we find in the Kingdom of love. When we are connected to the Spirit, we can find peace even in difficult situations.

I suggest two tasks for this week: The first is to search one’s own heart to see if any spiteful or angry attitudes remain. In prayer, Jesus can wipe those away. The second is to watch for situations where your peaceful interference can change the narrative from vengeance to love.

Parish Perspective— “Best of”

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

High Holy Days in Review

One of the first things that the church staff and other ministries do after a major Church High Holy Day, like Easter, is to evaluate how things went. So, here are a few samplings of insights made by ministry leaders, staff, participants in the liturgies, and remarks made by the congregation that were overheard.

As usual the “big three” were the main topics of discussion; the environment, the music, and the preaching. The church was beautiful. The flowers virtually glowed with a divine light. The colors and positioning of the flowers made a perfect framework for the magnificent tryptic painted by Sherry Morris of the ascending Christ. My favorite is the spray of flowers at the base of the paschal candle that seem to reach-out and lift up the book of the gospels at the ambo. Others noted the huge ficus plants set on pedestals so that the branches were reaching even to the height of the organ loft!

The music was also unparalleled in our church history. The choir held the largest selection of voices we have ever had. The music spanned the range from the sublime to the dramatic and from the tearful in sadness to the tearful in joy. The added touch of having a cello played at Holy Thursday’s “foot washing” Mass gave a new depth of feeling to the occasion. At the Easter Vigil Mass, the choir gave the most evocative rendition of *Halleluia* most of us have ever heard.

To top it all off the preaching was beyond compare. Fr. Mangini’s homily pointing to Jesus’ last words of “Father, into your hands I commend my spirit” as a statement that it is into our hands that he now entrusts his spirit, will give us many days and ways to ponder that responsibility in our hearts. Fr. Robert’s homily of Easter Sunday morning garnered equal praise for its scope of topics and no-nonsense view of our place in and on God’s green earth, to be followers of Jesus, and stewards of God’s creation; including all people God has given life. Those fortunate to attend the 8 :00 am service heard, for the first time, the Eucharistic Prayer sung by him in a style that revealed a very melodic and lyrical aspect of his voice not usually heard.

Many others commented on how they loved the return of the Good Friday Ecumenical Service at noon. The Holy Spirit is indeed at work in the hearts of all Christians. As St. Peter found out that the Holy Spirit was poured-out upon the gentiles as well as the Jews, so too many found out the power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of our Protestant brothers and sisters.

So, there you have it. A tip of the iceberg of comments and notes people have made about the liturgies leading up to and including the Sunday Masses. Now He is risen. So too must we rise with Him, to live a life of giving as He gave. We are risen indeed, Alleluia!

Bingo



Monday, May 27th
 St. Ignatius of Antioch
 Parish Hall
 Doors Open @ 11:00 AM
 Lunch at 11:30 AM
 Games Begin @ 12:15 PM



10 Regular Games - \$100 Payout Each
 Specials

\$25 per person includes
 10 Games & Lunch
 Dauber - \$1 each

Tickets available after Masses
 May 18/19 - May 25/26
 or by calling Steve @ 925-642-2329

Once Upon a Relay



St. Ignatius of Antioch Pasta Dinner

Hosted by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team

When: Saturday, May 25, 2019

Time: 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Where: St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Cost: \$20 per person – Tickets will be on sale after liturgies starting
 Weekend of May 4th. Also available in Parish office and at the door. Parish office
 hours are Mon. – Fri. 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Menu: Appetizers, mixed green salad, pasta, roll/butter and dessert.
 Dinner will be served at 7:00 pm

Great raffle prizes!! Music by The Nite Notes with guest singer Alicia
 Perez

Please call Alicia Perez @ 925-757-3354 or Maryann Peddicord @ 925-778-0768
 for more information or for early bird tickets.



**40 YEARS AS A PARISH FAMILY:
 CELEBRATE THE JOURNEY,
 THANK GOD FOR THE PAST AND
 LOOK TO THE FUTURE**
 on Saturday, June 1, 2019.

Our 4:00 p.m. liturgy will be a special Anniversary Celebration Mass. All are welcome.

Immediately after, join us for Dinner catered by Zandonella's followed by an evening of Dancing and other Festivities. Tickets for the Dinner/Dance are on sale after the weekend liturgies.

The cost is \$45 per person (\$20 for children).



The Mary Project

The Mary Project is returning for the 11th year! Help support Birthright of Brentwood with your donations this coming Mother's Day Weekend, May 11th and 12th.

Birthright can use new and/or gently used baby items and clothing up to size 2T. Suggested donations are – diapers, wipes, body wash, lotion, pacifiers, bottles, sealed food and/ or formula that has not expired, blankets, and clothing.

For questions or more information please contact Kathleen Clarke at kstuhldreya@yahoo.com or 209-373-8707.

**Bring your donations
next weekend
May 11-12.
Thank you!**

