

St. Ignatius of Antioch

May 12, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Easter

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O Shepherd of Israel,
you know your sheep by name and call us to
heed your voice. When we were lost and
afraid, you sent your only Son, Jesus, the
font of life-giving water, to quench our
thirsty hearts and, by grace, restore us to
life.

Open our ears so that we may hear the voice
of Jesus, who shepherds us on the path to
eternal life, and grant to those who follow
Christ refreshment and protection. Increase
our faith in your Son so that, with joy, we
may announce the gift of salvation to your
flock. May your reign eliminate all hunger
and thirst and draw all creation closer to
you.

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

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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.



May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.”

— Acts 13:47b

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 27-28

Weekend Offering.....\$8,570.50

Bishop’s Appeal\$27,891.00

Looking Ahead

May 18-19: Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Parish Collection - see page 3 for details.

May 25: Relay for Life Pasta Dinner. Proceeds benefit the American Cancer Society. 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.

Weekend June 8-9: Knights of Columbus tri-tip sandwiches for sale after weekend liturgies.

June 10: St. Ignatius of Antioch fundraiser: turn-around to Thunder Valley. See page 6 for ticket 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)

Schedule of Events

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

Monday, May 13

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

Tuesday, May 14

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
• Hula Class - 7:00 to 9 pm - Church
• Pastoral Council meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall

Wednesday, May 15

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

Thursday, May 16

- 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 17

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
• Eucharist - 8 am

Saturday, May 18 - Armed Forces Day

- Leadership Meeting - 9 am to 12 noon - Parish Hall
• 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
• Second Collection for Catholic Charities
• 40th Anniversary Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza

Sunday, May 19 - Fifth Sunday of Easter

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
• Second Collection for Catholic Charities
• 40th Anniversary Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Relay for Life Pasta Dinner Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
• Charter Members/Founders Brunch - after 10 am Liturgy - Parish Hall (invitation only)

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 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4; Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-8; Jn 15:9-17
Wednesday	Acts 12:24 — 13:5a; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thursday	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Friday	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11ab; Jn 14:1-6
Saturday	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sunday	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5a; Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Lay Ministers—Week of May 18th & 19th

4 pm: Lectors – Noela Noel-LoFranco, Mila Ellingwood; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Marla Plurkowski; **Host** – Bernice Campbell, Nancy DiMaggio; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Christoph Holl, Melodye Costanza; **Server** - Open

8 am: Lectors – Peter Degl’Innocenti, Timothy Cox; **Head Cup** - David Simpson; **Head Host** – Vianney Mendoza; **Host**– Jeanne Reilly, Carol Fanfa, Jack Goncalves, MaryJo Keister; **Cup** - David Rodrigues, Jenawati Kwa, Crispina Malonosan, Sharon Simpson, Jeannine Ford; **Servers** - Daniel Galvan, Phillip Rios

10 am: Lectors – Andrew Ngo, Linda Castro; **Head Cup** – Steven Andreatta; **Head Host** – Lesley Eubanks; **Host** - Helga Boardman, Estrella Rusk, Ed Cissell, Mark Costanza; **Cup** – Yvette Young, Sharon Cissell, Cynthia Enrique, Reyna Garcia, Cecelia Kennedy; **Servers** - Jean Paul Fortez, Stephanie Madoshi

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	Mother’s Day Novena
Sun. 8:00 am	Mother’s Day Novena
Sun. 10:00 am	Mother’s Day Novena
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	Alejandro Comia †
Wed. 8:00 am	In Honor of St. Isidore †
Thur. 8:00 am	Mother’s Day Novena
Fri. 8:00 am	Mother’s Day Novena

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Anna Alberti and Ronald Sbranti**. 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.

Catholic Charities of the East Bay

We are called by Pope Francis “to go to the margins” and help our brothers and sisters. Every year, we are invited by Catholic Charities of the East Bay to help those in need in our community. Our parish gift makes it possible for Catholic Charities to help people facing difficult circumstances move forward in life, as well as helping children who face pervasive violence at school, home or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands.

For more information, contact Stephen Pippin, Development Manager at: spippen@cceb.org or call (510) 508-1063.

2019 Bishop's Appeal



GOAL:
\$34,900 (100%)



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

By the numbers:
\$27,891 (80% of goal)
from 283 families

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

40th Anniversary Celebration Liturgy



Join with your parish family for a special 40th Anniversary Celebration Mass on June 1, 2019 at 4:00 pm. **All are welcome.**

See page 7 for information about the festive dinner dance immediately following the Celebration Mass.

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
Belshaw Elementary School
2803 Roosevelt Lane , Antioch

For more information about this ministry, please contact Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

Divine Mercy Thank You

Thank you to all the people that joined and supported us in celebrating the Divine Mercy Sunday. We are grateful to those that donated food, money and time to make this occasion a big success.

Food Donors: Belen and Alex Caragay, Vangie Parrilla, Melania Sagucio, Geraldine Ocang, Hanny and Howard Reingold, Vicky Ancheta, Linda Titus, Dilcia Aparicio, Sonia Dimafeliz, Rose Salamanca, Alice Linderos, Janet Roque, Steve Andreatta, Leslie and Bobbie Ocang.

Monetary Donations: Lorna Napigkit, Rowena and Antonio Cayaban, Norma and Pablo Villegas, Doris Radovan, Vicky and Bobby Ancheta, Cita and Ernie Malbog, Jun and Kathy Ocang, Frances and Steve Rojek, Rose and Al Necor, Nieves and Buck Buclatin, Gloria and Amante Asuncion, Nancy and Virgilio Santos, Josie and Larry Demonteverde, Cecille and Charlie Mirano, Linda Titus, Judy and Roy Quicho, Estrella Rusk, Rose Salamanca, Evelyn Mendoza, Crispina Malonosan, Norma Cardinal, Cynthia Enrique, Mency Osborne, Guadette Melquiades, Herminia Lucas, Steve Andreatta and Thelma Benasfre.

Raffle Prize Donors: Rowena Cayaban, Lorna Napigkit and Evelyn Mendoza.

Flower Donors: Rudy Fernandez, Pablo Villegas, Belen Farin and Bobbie Ocang.

Thank you so much to Music Director Don Pearson, and Cantors Terri McNesby, Doreen Manalac and Gino Ramos for the music you bring that touches Heaven.

Special thanks to:

The families that hosted one novena day at their homes: Cynthia Enrique, Rowena and Antonio Cayaban, and Belen Farin; Cynthia Enrique for being such a wonderful emcee for the raffle drawing making the event so much fun; to all those that helped clean up the hall: Rowena and Antonio Cayaban, Vangie Parrilla, Josie and Larry Demonteverde, Cynthia Enrique, Steve Andreatta and Bobbie Ocang.

Thank you Maryann Peddicord for preparing the worship leaflets for Divine Mercy Sung Evening Prayer.

Peter Degl'Innocenti, thank you so much for presiding over the celebration, capped by your "fire and brimstone" homily that gave us insight into God's actions pointing us to Mercy that knows no bounds.

Thank you, Father Robert, for your support, gifts and charism that set an example of Divine Mercy for all of your parish peoples who are proud to be community at St. Ignatius of Antioch Catholic Church.

Cordially yours in Christ,
Steve Andreatta, Bobbie Ocang

Don't Forget!
Mary Project Donations being
accepted THIS WEEKEND!
Thank you for your support of
this important outreach.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

A friend sent me a card saying, “Beauty saves.” I think this is a saying from Dorothy Day, who gave her life to nurture the poor. She knew a secret. In the midst of tragedy and heartache, the beauty of nature and art can restore us. Nature and art are signs that God is still at work with His people.

Recently there were some beautiful lilies blooming near my apartment. One day the groundkeeper came along and trimmed all the bushes, cutting all the blooms and leaving only the stalks. This was a test of my faith, that the Creator would renew these beautiful flowers again next spring. But I will miss them on my walks. When part of us gets cut down there is sadness and loneliness, yet if we wait long enough something new emerges.

An awareness of beauty is necessary for the feast of the Good Shepherd. When we are cut down by life, the Shepherd of souls will find us. When we are lost on a rocky hillside, we have a Friend who will look for us and make us bloom again. We are the flock He tends, sheltered by His loving care. We know by His example that death and resurrection are one experience. We cannot have one without the other. “The One who sits on the throne will shelter them,” says the Gospel. When we are cut down, we feel alone, but if we wait long enough, the Shepherd picks us up and gives meaning to our experience. He makes us aware of a new way of being.

It must have been hard for Paul and Barnabas to “shake the dust from their feet,” feet that had walked the Jewish path for most of their life. But when the rejection of Truth came from the Jewish leaders, they knew that they were called to the Gentiles, to other cultures where the Word was to be planted and bloomed. We are inheritors of both Jewish and Gentile faith. In Paul and Barnabas, the best of these cultures were mixed together. They extracted the beauty of many traditions to weave together a new way of being that we know today to be Christianity.

In this global world where internet has connected us all, we, too, have an opportunity to follow their example and weave together a new/old Christianity. It is old because it stands on the shoulders of those saints who have gone before. It is new because this is a new time for the people of the earth, a time when the beauty of all cultures is at our fingertips.

“My sheep hear My voice; I know them and they follow me. I give them life and they will never perish.” The part of us that the Good Shepherd is molding will never perish. It may not look like we thought it would look, but it calls us to be different people. No one can take us out of the Shepherd’s hand. He molds us to the beauty that He desires. All we have to do is say, “Yes.”

Parish Perspective— “Best of”

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Mystagogy and the Disappearing Incense

Yes, it’s still Easter. Even though Holy week and the great Octave of Easter have been celebrated, we still immerse ourselves in the Easter season. Many of our neophytes were immersed in baptismal waters and we identify with them as they continue the Easter season with us. For the neophytes, as it should be with us, it is a special time of “Mystagogy.” In simple terms it is the school of “real life.” This is the time where they learn how their lives change with the graces they have received. It is a learning process of being Christian that can’t be taught with a book lesson in a class room. They have to go out into the real world and apply the graces they received as well as the lessons they learned. We learn by doing. We learn by being. For Catholic Christians it is the “being” Catholic that is so inexorably tied to the “doing.” Eventually we figure out, as we go through life, the learning never stops. New technologies, relationships, and world concerns constantly impress upon us the need to learn. Learning to cope within a changing world and yet maintain our solid Catholic Christian faith, to continue to proclaim Christ risen, is a never-ending period of mystagogy for us.

Sometimes learning is a gradual process and at other times it is thrust upon us where we learn to cope with minor emergencies or the unexpected. This is usually called the “School of Hard Knocks.” Here is a lesson I learned this very Easter, at the Vigil Mass. I was assigned to be minister of incense. Nobody takes incense more seriously than I do except for Fr. Robert. New incense had been ordered, charcoal was set in the censor, and a supply to “keep the home fires burning” was plentiful and within easy reach. The thurible (the small brass bowl used to carry the incense along with a tiny spoon) was filled with the magical concoction of resins, minerals, and plant fibers. From the beginning of the liturgy at our fire sculpture in the plaza where 3 lbs. of incense were poured all-at-once into the fire, to the incensation of the altar, to the incensation of the Book of the Gospels, all went well.

Then, during an unobtrusive moment in the liturgy I went to check that the coals were still “live” for the incensing of the gifts on the altar. Coals were OK but the thurible was gone! With age comes forgetfulness, so I thought “where did I put it?” In a panic I started to search my memory while thinking, “This is a heck of a time for my own personal Alzheimer’s to kick-in!” I even thought I might have forgotten to take the thurible back from Fr. Robert when he incensed the gospel. I peeked from the door to the hall to where he was sitting, no, not there. I tried to be as invisible as possible when checking the credence table where the vessels of wine and bread were. Did I leave it there? No. I scurried to the sacristy in a vain attempt to see if I had left it there. Again, no. Then is searching the sacristy my eyes fell upon an ancient stained glass thurible long out of use. Ah ha! I’ll use this, pour some new incense in it and...how will Father spoon it into the censor? Rummaging through the drawers and by the grace of God there was a spoon! It was big enough to be used to feed an elephant, but it was a spoon. Just in time everything was ready to use. I walked to the altar, handed (more like “juggled”) the thurible and goliath spoon to Fr. Robert and raised the lid to the censor. Father gave a short quizzical look at me over the new apparatus, as if to say, “Peter, why are you throwing me this curve-ball?” After the incensation of the gifts I returned everything to its stand in the hall. I wondered if it would be there for the final procession out of the church. It was and the liturgy ended gracefully.

Three days later, like Jesus from the tomb, the thurible was found, void of any trace of incense. I have my theories as to who and why the incense was hidden, but I’ve learned that a secret back-up thurible and spoon will be a wise move hence forth!

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.



St. Ignatius of Antioch Fundraiser

Monday: June 10, 2019

Depart:

8:30 am – St. Ignatius of Antioch
 3351 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch

7:45 am – Pittsburg Senior Center

Return: 3:30 p.m.

Fare: \$45.00
Includes: Luxury Transportation
 \$15.00 **FREE** Slot Play
 \$12.00 Food Voucher
 Continental Breakfast
 Snacks and Drinks on return trip

Contact: Frances Rojek
 925.778.1631

Not responsible for parked cars .
 Fare is nonrefundable





40th Anniversary

*Celebrating the Journey
Thanking God for the Past
Looking to the Future!*

**Tickets on sale
after weekend
liturgies**

*You are invited to the
40th Anniversary
of
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church*

*There will be a
Mass of Celebration
and Dinner/Dance
June 1, 2019 at 4:00 p.m.*

*Dinner catered by Zandonella's Catering
Music by DJ Charles
Tickets- \$45.00 per person*

No tickets sold at door