

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

June 2, 2019 – The Ascension of the Lord

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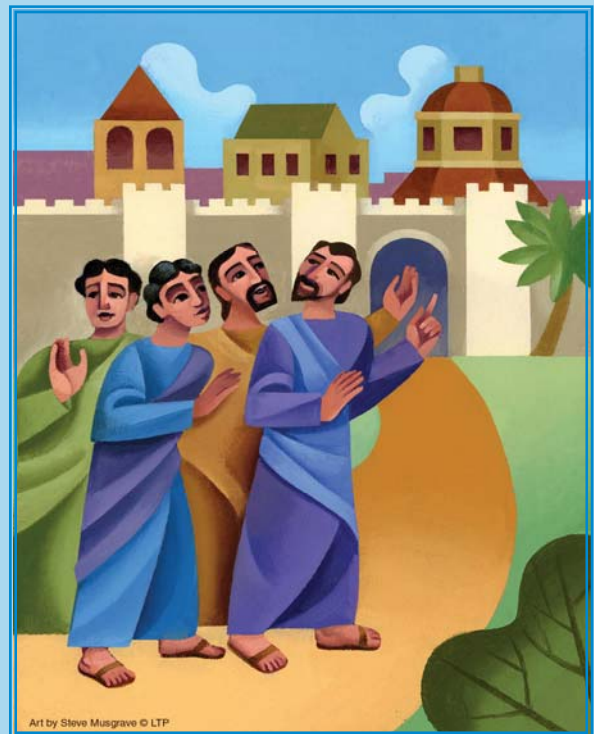
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God of power and might, you led Jesus to the Cross, raised him from the dead, and lifted him up in glory. Through his Paschal Mystery, you have given us life everlasting. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your Church and animate it to bear witness to Christ.

Clothe us with the power from on high, and grant us fortitude to proclaim your deeds to the ends of the earth. Enliven our spirits and heal our disbelief. Sustain our hope in you and protect us from all harm. Continue to open the eyes of our hearts so that we may know your glory and forever shout with cries of gladness and sing your praise.

We ask this through Christ our Risen Lord.  
Amen.



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**Fr. George Griener, S.J.**  
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Assisting Clergy

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**Estrella Rusk**  
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**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.



**June 2, 2019**  
**The Ascension**  
**of the Lord**

*God mounts his throne amid  
shouts of joy; the LORD, amid  
trumpet blasts.*  
— Psalm 47:6

**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 May 18-19*

<b>Weekend Offering</b> .....	\$10,154.00
<b>Second Collection (Catholic Charities)</b> .....	\$2,412.00
<b>Bishop’s Appeal</b> .....	\$31,747.00

**Looking Ahead**

**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.

**June 10:** St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Bunco at 7 pm in the parish hall. More information to follow!

**June 28:** Team Matthew Blood Drive in the parish hall from 9am - 5pm in the parish hall. More information to follow.

**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.

**Check us out on Facebook:**

More event pictures and memories posted every week.  
[www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch](http://www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch)

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, June 2 - The Ascension of the Lord**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing at each liturgy
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- Hospitality Sunday sponsored by St. Martha’s Guild after each liturgy

**Monday, June 3**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED
- No RCIA
- Confirmation Practice - 7 pm - Church

**Tuesday, June 4**

- 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
- Hula Class - 7:00 to 9 pm - Parish Hall\*

**Wednesday, June 5**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following
- Liturgical Ministers Evening of Renewal (Pentecost) -7 pm - Parish Hall

**Thursday, June 6**

- 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, June 7**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to 12 Noon

**Saturday, June 8**

- Confirmation for Students at the Cathedral - 10 am
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Knights of Columbus Tri-tip Sandwich fundraiser
- Second Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign

**Sunday, June 9 - Pentecost Sunday (Red)**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Knights of Columbus Tri-tip Sandwich fundraiser
- Second Collection for Catholic Communication Campaign

**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	Jim Peddicord	Peter Villalpando
Rey Dollete	Jose Guillermino Ramos	David Vizcay
Phil Herlick	Ralph Ramirez	Guy Worth
Willie Ilas	FF Cole Smith	

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>	Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33
<b>Tuesday</b>	Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a
<b>Wednesday</b>	Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19
<b>Thursday</b>	Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26
<b>Friday</b>	Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19
<b>Saturday</b>	Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25
<b>Sunday</b>	Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

**Lay Ministers—Week of June 8th & June 9th (Pentecost Sunday)**

**4 pm: Lectors** – Joe Salvador, Carmen Garces; **Head Cup** – Pam Confetti; **Head Host** – Melodye Costanza; **Host** – Bill Barbanica, Fran Barbanica; **Cup** – Beverly Iacona, Jessie Okon, Christoph Holl; **Server** – Open

**8 am: Lectors** – Matthew Bajet, Samantha Peralto; **Head Cup** – Vianney Mendoza; **Head Host** – Nick Suarez; **Host** – Deanna Ribeiro, MaryJo Keister, Jeanne Reilly, Hanny Reingold; **Cup** – Rick Howell, Sue Howell, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer, Jeannine Ford; **Servers** – Daniel Galvan, Phillip Rios

**10 am: Lectors** – Alicia Solano, Robert Solano; **Head Cup** – Dilcia Aparicio; **Head Host** – Amante Asuncion; **Host** – Helga Boardman, Zoe DeBuhr, Lesley Eubanks, Sheila Fortez; **Cup** – Cecelia Kennedy, Noel Fortez, Maritza Martinez, Gloria Asuncion, Al Necor; **Servers** – Jacob Mirano, Noah Mirano

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

**Mass Intentions for the Week**

<b>Sat. 4 pm</b>	Joann Russo †
<b>Sun. 8:00 am</b>	Alfred & Elina Avelar †
<b>Sun. 10:00 am</b>	Francesca & Bernardo Lideros †
<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>	Armando Garcia †
<b>Thur. 8:00 am</b>	All First Responders
<b>Fri. 8:00 am</b>	All Military Men and Women

**Rest in Peace**

Please pray for the souls of **Adora Montalbo, Ronald Sbranti, Mitchell Koffman, Derrick Chavis, Kenneth Mansfield and Donald Sears**. 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 Marriage Preparation Programs

2019 Marriage Preparation Programs for the Diocese of Oakland:

<u>Dates</u>	<u>Location</u>
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](http://www.EastBayCatholic.com).

Register online at [EastBayCatholic.com](http://EastBayCatholic.com) or call Laura Windham at 510-267-8395. Availability is subject to enrollment. Early registration recommended.

## Magnificat



**Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women invites all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast.**  
**Sat., June 22, 2019**  
**9:30 -12:30**  
**Crowne Plaza**  
**45 John Glenn Drive,**  
**Concord, CA**

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speakers Deacon Steve and Mary Anne Greco! Deacon Steve has been a deacon since 2007 and serves in the Diocese of Orange. He is currently the host of Empowered by the Spirit on Relevant Radio. Mary Anne has been teaching Bible study for over 30 years. She has a passion for the charismatic gifts and has led pilgrimages for 15 years. Together they have an inspiring story! Men are always welcome to attend!

**Tickets are \$33/\$40 after June 15th.**

**For more information:**

<https://magnificat-ministry.net/ca-walnut-creek>

Email [Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com](mailto:Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com) for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for more information.

## Hospitality Sunday

Thank you to **St. Martha's Guild** for hosting this weekend's Hospitality Sunday. This wonderful ministry is clearly a reflection of our parish's emphasis on service and hospitality, especially on this 40th Anniversary weekend.

## Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Why not give yourselves a weekend away from the pressures of work and everyday responsibilities. A chance to talk and listen that special someone who loves you.

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 [oaklandwwmw.org](http://oaklandwwmw.org) or contact Chuck & Anne at 925-849-5466 or via email at [applications@oaklandwwme.org](mailto:applications@oaklandwwme.org).

## 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 sorting:**

Sat., June 13 - 9:00 am to 12 Noon  
 Holy Rosary Parish - Dominican Hall  
 1313 A Street, Antioch CA

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

## 2019 Bishop's Appeal

**GOAL:** \$34,900

**Our Current Total:** \$31,747. (91%)

Please place all Bishop's Appeal donations and pledges in the collection baskets at weekend liturgies. **Please be assured that all gifts, no matter the amount, are greatly appreciated.**

*Justice Corner*

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

When any family celebrates an anniversary, stories are told of the past and dreams and hopes are spelled out for the future. We give witness to the things that have brought us together and we set a path for what is to come. This is what the disciples did in today's Gospel. They witnessed the ascension and then "returned to Jerusalem with great joy" to await the coming of the Spirit.

We have enjoyed the stories from the past that the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has so graciously given us and now it is time to think about the future of this community. Truly we are passing on a rich inheritance of holy ones that have gone before, but at this juncture it is also appropriate to think about a church that is open to the changes necessary to appeal to the youth who are our future.

From a book by Diarmuid O'Murchu\*, I offer the following thoughts. The spirituality of the current age has much to do with caring for mother earth. Young people recognize the ancient call of the earth to remind us that we are a small part of creation. As such we are interdependent and relational. We "live and move and have our being" in the life force of creation (we call it Christ) that carries us forward. We need a church that is at the forefront of caring for and renewing the earth. Signs of this concern and care should be in every bulletin and every homily.

We must have structures that are governed by conviction of purpose and meaning. These structures should be "open systems" and not closed ones. Young people want to have meaning and purpose in their lives. They might not express it in traditional forms, but it is there. We need to ask them about their spirituality rather than try to impose what we know on them. I am reminded of St. Paul's discovery of the statue with the inscription, "To an unknown God." He knew that there was an awareness of the divine in the people who created that statue. In the open ended discussion that followed, he was able to enlighten the people of Athens on who that God was.

We need a church that is not so centered on perpetuating the current system, but open to the Spirit's guidance. It must be governed by the unity of masculine and feminine rather than by patriarchal dominance. It must be relational, connected to heart rather than driven by outmoded rationalities. This means we have to be open to change. Also, we will have difficulty because current "devices" isolate people from one another rather than bring them together. So we will need to create workshops, retreats, meetings where people can share where they find meaning in their lives and help one another to understand where Jesus' Spirit is leading us. We need to be people of prayer. We need to set examples of service.

We need to "outgrow the restrictive and oppressive parameters of patriarchal ordering," and listen to the rhythms and patterns of evolutionary unfolding. We need not so much to set boundaries as to look to the horizon. The world is changing very fast. What are the things that remain stable in the constant chaos in which we live? Things like family, friendships and ritual come to mind. We need to make time for these things to grow. We need to tell stories of heritage in our own family and in the family of saints. We need to share dreams for the future. Do you spend time in your household doing these things?

\*O'Murchu, Diarmuid, *Reclaiming Spirituality*, New York, Crossroads Publishing Co. 1998.

*Parish Perspective—*

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Comfort and Joy*

Every Wednesday morning those who participate in the devotional novena to Our Mother of Perpetual Help are quite familiar with the phrase "...help us comfort the sick and the dying..." It is part of a prayer and definitely part of the open-ended commandment given to us by Jesus to "Love one another as I have loved you." There are many within our parish who suffer from sickness. There are those who are dying from serious diseases, especially cancer. We seem to have had a virtual floodgate of cancer diagnoses amongst the congregation lately. Many of the names listed in the bulletin in the Prayer Chain section have this diagnosis. Some cancers are very slow growing and are easily removed by surgery. Others act so fast; people have only months to live and are making the best of the time they have left. The question is, "How do we know who they all are?" The answer, I believe, is to treat everyone as if we might not see them tomorrow, for indeed we might not.

Eventually we all need comforting. Upon meeting Nathaniel for the first time, Jesus gives him comfort by affirming his status as a true Son of Israel. Giving comfort, recognition, and love to everyone we meet is part of being a follower of Jesus. After all, who are the dying? Aren't we all? In a way, time is the cancer diagnosis we all suffer from. A friend once told me, half-jokingly, "Live long enough...pick your cancer."

Again, a theologian once wrote that although Jesus has freed us from sin and eternal death there is one lingering aspect left over from the fall of Adam and Eve, that is the "curse" of humanity; that we are aware of our own mortality. Animals don't suffer this burden of thought. They have instinctive fears, feel pain, and see other animals die, but don't anticipate or contemplate their own death. Only we humans carry this load. Therefore, it is incumbent upon us to comfort everyone, including ourselves, for as Jesus said, "We know not the day or the hour."

The marvelous part of giving comfort is knowing we are obeying Jesus' command. Knowing that, we hold fast to the promise that goes along with our obedience; eternal life! No one knows more about life than Jesus does. He has consistently told us what true life is all about. He's also told us flatly what life is not about; eating, dressing, worrying, and even I might add...breathing in and out. There is so much more to this gift God has given to us. We will not fully realize it until we are in such a place as to fully exercise it – heaven! Given the human propensity for war, violence, terror, and cruelty the diagnosis for us all is dire, but the prognosis...ahh, the prognosis is wonderful!



**KNIGHTS  
OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

**Tri-Tip Sandwiches**



Saturday & Sunday  
June 8 & 9

After all Masses  
4 PM – 8 AM – 10 AM  
\$5.00 per sandwich  
Take-Out only



**Contra Costa Interfaith Housing**

**Interested in helping out at a summer day camp for one week?** CCIH needs volunteers for general help as we are currently putting together summer programming for kids (toddler through middle school). *Many of these kids are formerly homeless or very low-income.* Camps take place at our housing sites (Pittsburg & Concord) for a couple hours/day for 4-5 days during the week. All camps are supervised by on-site CCIH staff. Email: gloria@ccinterfaithhousing.org for more information.

**Free Concert!:** The last of the 2018-2019 St. Andrew's Presbyterian Chamber Music Series will be on Sunday, June 9 at 3pm at St. Andrew's Presbyterian. 1601 Mary Drive, Pleasant Hill. You will hear music by Endre Szervánszky, Carl Reinecke, Johannes Brahms and Germaine Tailleferre. Performers come from all over the Bay Area to bring beautiful music to you for an important cause. Freewill donations accepted to benefit CCIH.



**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





June 1, 2019

Dear Fellow Parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch,

This week marks the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. I am grateful to the 40th Anniversary Committee for all their work in helping us celebrate this important milestone. It has been my privilege and distinct honor to serve you since my appointment in December of 2005.

Many honorable men preceded me in service to this parish community; Anthony Harcar, Vince Cotter, Leo Edgerly Jr., Ramiro Flores, and Geoffrey Baraan. We have also been blessed by the presence and commitment of our Permanent Deacons; Al Fleischer, Jerry Waters and Gary Hack.

Two weeks ago, we honored the founding members of St. Ignatius of Antioch. Back in 1979, they embraced and committed themselves to this new parish in Antioch and laid the groundwork for the wonderful community that we have today.

On this Anniversary Weekend, let's also remember and thank the current and past members of our Pastoral Staff for their unfailing dedication to the parish. Let's also celebrate the tremendous parish organizations, ministries and individual volunteers who play such an integral role in shaping and supporting our parish community.

Just like any family, our parish family has experienced its share of struggles over the years. Struggles are inevitable and our reaction to them is always a choice. I am thankful that our community has consistently been able to choose Jesus' message of love in Mt. 22:37-39: **"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Your heartfelt acceptance of this message is evident in our parish's reputation for hospitality and outreach. As we look forward to the future, let us remember and honor those who came before us, let us thank God for the blessing of this vibrant community, and let us recommit to doing whatever we can to build God's kingdom in this world.

With a grateful heart, I remain your Pastor and Shepherd,

*Father Robert*