

St. Ignatius of Antioch

July 28, 2019 – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

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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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*You were buried with him in baptism,
in which you were also raised with him
through faith in the power of God,
who raised him from the dead.*
— Colossians 2:12

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. All of our programs, liturgies and outreach programs are possible only because of your generosity.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.” —Matthew 6:21

Our weekly plate collection goal is: 12,500.00

Weekend Offering for July 13-14

Weekend Offering.....\$9,483.34

Bishop’s Appeal (97% of Goal).....\$33,697.88

Readings for the Week

Monday: Ex 32:15-24, 30-34; Ps 106:19-23 or Ps 34:2-11; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28; Ps 103:6-11; Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35; Ps 99:5-7, 9; Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38; Ps 84:3-6a, 8, 11; Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37; Ps 81:3-6, 10-11ab; Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8; Mt 14:1-12

Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

Hospitality Sunday

Next Sunday, the parish’s SPRED ministry will host Hospitality Sunday. This ministry has served our parish community for over 20 years. Stop by the Gathering Plaza for some coffee, treats and fellowship. Learn about SPRED too!

Schedule of Events

Sunday, July 28- 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies

Monday, July 29

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- No SPRED / No RCIA

Tuesday, July 30

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Hula Class - 7:00 to 9 pm - Church - Contact Samantha Peralto at 925-726-7117 for upcoming class days & times

Wednesday, July 31

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

Thursday, August 1

- 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, August 2

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

Saturday, August 3

- First Saturday Liturgy - 9:30 am - Fr. Richard presiding - fellowship following in parish hall
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Backpack Weekend for St. Peter Martyr School
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan

Sunday, August 4- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Backpack Weekend for St. Peter Martyr School
- Birthday Blessing at both liturgies
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan
- Hospitality Sunday sponsored by SPRED
- C.O.T.A. Fundraiser-“Paint for a Purpose”- 4 to 8 pm - sponsored by the Ouimet family to help offset costs for families with transplant related expenses

Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

FF Larry Bennett	Jim Peddicord
Gavin Cano	Jose Guillermino Ramos
Stacia DeBuhr	Ralph Ramirez
Steve Dewhurst	FF Cole Smith
Rey Dollete	Lilia Suarez
FF Joe Grima	Beatrice Truxton
FF Craig Gjerman	Peter Villalpando
Phil Herlick	David Vizcay
Willie Ilas	Guy Worth
Linda Morrison	
Jose Palomino	

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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4 pm	Maria de Jesus & Al Borgsteadt †
Sun. 8:00 am	Eva & Guido Romani †
Sun. 10:00 am	Alice Schmuck †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Thur. 8:00 am	Alfred & Elina Avelar †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men and Women

Are You New to the Parish?

If you are planning to make this parish community your spiritual home, we cordially invite you to register. Visit www.stignatiusofantioch.org to download and print a registration form or pick one up from the credenza at the rear of the church. Complete the form and return it to the parish office during regular business hours.

You may also register in person at the parish office. Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:30 am until 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at (925) 778-0768.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **James Cook, Daniel DeRenshe and Olivette Gambetta.**

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

Deception

Indeed, it is not in human nature to deceive others for any long time, without in a measure deceiving ourselves, too.

—John Henry Newman



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of August 3 & 4

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Susan Batterton Melodye Costanza	Angela Bueno Matthew Bajet	William Necor Cheryna Wright
Head Cup:	Pam Confetti	Vianney Mendoza	Jane Sharpe
Head Host:	Rowena Cayaban	Jeannine Ford	Lesley Eubanks
Host:	Kathy Augusta Mary Angelica Cayaban	Edith Quiambao Romeo Quiambao Kathleen Hayakawa Natalia Joyce	Rose Necor Estrella Rusk Helga Boardman Zoe DeBuhr
Cup:	Beth Enea Christoph Holl Beverly Iacona	Jack Goncalves Jenewati Kwa Deanna Ribeiro Tim Cox Carol Fanfa	Sheila Fortez Amante Asuncion Gloria Asuncion Cynthia Enrique Maritza Martinez
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan Philip Rios	Jean Paul Fortez Stephanía Madoshi

Special Religious Education Department

SPRED has openings for children ages 6-10 at St. Anthony's in Oakley! SPRED provides ongoing Faith Formation for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through participation in a SPRED community of faith they are better able to celebrate the sacraments and to enter into the worshipping experiences of the whole Church. For information, contact John Dixon: phone: 925-325-3469 or email: jfdixon49@gmail.com

Mobile Mall

August 1st to August 31st—Summer Break

Please Note: Mobile Mall is not accepting donations until September. Thank you for your generosity and support in the past.

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

New Lectors and EM's Sought

Fully-initiated parishioners are invited to serve as Lectors or Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist (EM's). Lectors serve our parish by proclaiming the scriptures. EM's serve by assisting in the distribution of the Body and Blood of Christ. Training is required and will be provided prior to scheduling you for service. If interested, please contact the parish office at 778-0768.

Catechetical Congress 2019

Join us for a day of enrichment and inspiration by nationally known speakers and local leaders in ministry. Lead Me Lord Catechetical Congress 2019 will be held on Saturday, August 10 at Bishop O'Dowd High School, 9500 Stearns Ave., Oakland. Registration and speaker information may be found at www.oakdiocese.org/congress. Note there will be no on-site registration. For more information, please contact Patti Collyer, Department of Faith Formation and Evangelization at pcollyer@oakdiocese.org or 510-267- 8389.

Choir News

Our wonderful choir is now on Facebook. You can listen to performances by our talented choir members as well as magnificent and inspiring music performed by our Music Director, Don Pearson.

<https://www.facebook.com/st.ignatiusofantiochchoir/>

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
Mac & Cheese - 7.25 oz**



Have YOU
Thought About
**BECOMING
CATHOLIC?**

Life is a journey and every so often we encounter the big questions of life. Two of the biggest that we all have to answer are "Who am I?" and "Where is God calling me to go?" **You are invited to open yourself to God's Spirit, who is constantly nudging us to Himself.** Come and explore with us, through the Catholic lens and imagination. For more information regarding the RCIA, please call: Frances Rojek at 925-778-1631 or email: francesrojek@aol.com

C.O.T.A. Benefit

Join us for a "Paint for a Purpose" evening of fun and fundraising to help benefit the Children's Organ Transplant Association (C.O.T.A.) in honor of Molly and Matthew. C.O.T.A. helps offset the costs for families with transplant related expenses.

Sunday, August 4, 2019 4pm-8pm

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

\$60 to paint and get a catered taco meal.

Wine, beer and baked goods will also be sold at the event.

Raffle Prizes

Contact Kristi Quimet (925-595-4086) for tickets. Make checks payable to "COTA."

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Think of the people who are in the spotlight of today's news for crimes and misdemeanors-Forgive them. Think of your own families with their faults and failings-Forgive them. Think of your own weaknesses-Forgive them. That is what today's readings call us to do. We cannot wallow in shame and discouragement. God forgives us as we forgive. "Forgive us our debts and we forgive our debtors." Forgiving ourselves is the hardest part.

"Between the porch and the altar we say, "Spare us." Between our homes and our church we say, "Spare us." If this world had a little more of the balm of forgiveness and less of the "get even" direction, we would be in a better place. Let us rejoice in the righteous of this world in order to keep God's hand from destroying this wicked generation. This is the feeling of the writers of today's Scriptures. We are asked to become one of them by our decency and compassion. If you are young, imitate those who forgive and practice mercy. If you are old, be an example of self-forgiveness and compassion toward others.

Everyone needs a hug. Give the sinner in your life a hug today. Give them the compassion of your heart. Then God will shine in our world this week.

There is a catch when we bring to mind the words of the *Our Father*. We have to intend to forgive everyone who has hurt us. The Gospel speaks of persistence. The friend says, "Don't bother me," but in the end lends his neighbor a loaf of bread because he keeps knocking. When confronted with today's evils, we have to keep knocking. "Lord, have mercy on us." Have mercy when we get in the same rut. Have mercy when my anger flashes up again against my loved ones. Have mercy on the blindness of this world.

In the first reading there is an intimate conversation between God and Abraham. Abraham is asking for mercy in the midst of evil. "Even if there were only ten..." I think we are all called upon to be Abraham and ask for mercy. "Even if there are lies and cheating, thefts and murders, will you still save us, Lord?" Luckily we know the answer to that. We already have a savior in Jesus. No matter how great the sin, when we turn to Him and ask for mercy, it is there. But we are also required to give mercy even if the offense is multiple. Think of the person that most offends you. Forgive them. Think of the family member who never gets it right. Forgive them. He has forgiven us and nailed our sins to the cross. Let us say with Him, "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

A big THANK YOU to all who contributed to the free will offering for border families last week. Like the young boy who began throwing back the starfish on the beach, we cannot save them all from the cages, but like he remarks in the story, "at least we can save this one." Rev. Deborah Lee from Interfaith Movement for Human Integrity will be contacting us soon to share her appreciation.

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

New Candles into Old Holders

We've all heard the parable Jesus taught about putting new wine into old wineskins. Everyone yawn at this point and say, "Yeah, I know. The new wine stretches the old skin until it bursts, and both the wine and skin are ruined." OK, simple enough for a fifth grader to understand...yet, we must have some fourth graders putting votive candles into the glass votive holders around the inside walls of the church. God bless you; I love you for your efforts; (here comes the Billy-goat part)...**BUT**, if you don't take the time to remove the metallic tab that holds the wick in place from the previous candle, you are wasting candles and destroying the glass holders. Here's how.

The metal_tab has a flat base with a **raised** stem. The top of the stem prevents the next candle placed on top of it from seating flat in the holder. The result is a tilted candle that leans closer to the side of the glass holder. Repeat this maneuver two more times and the candle becomes so tilted that the wick "drowns" in the melted wax and is unusable. Also, even though the glass is tempered, it is not high-quality enough to resist cracking from a direct candle flame. Holders have been destroyed this way. If you don't have time to remove any tabs and wax sticking to the walls of the holder (that will prevent a new candle from seating squarely on the bottom), simply get a new holder and a new candle. Easy!

This last Sunday I found three votive holders that contained a total of eleven (11) metal tabs! Two of the holders had nearly full-length candles in them that couldn't be lighted because the wicks were imbedded in the slanted wax. One glass holder was cracked and chipped rendering it unsafe and needed to be destroyed.

One other factor that robs us of the money we spend on candles and holders is that they are seated upon fine sand. Not that the sand is bad, on the contrary it is an ideal insulator. It's that the larger glass vessels containing the sand can be bumped or shifted when a new votive holder is placed on it. If you see a candle that is not straight up-and-down and thus burning unevenly, give it a little straightening push in the right direction.

So, keep on replacing candles as we need them. We need you as much or more than we need the candles. Now you can proceed with new skills and solid reasoning for the way you help us out. Now the only thing I have to do is decide which of these two titles to use for the article: *Lighting a Candle Rather Than Curse the Darkness* or *New Candles into Old Holders*. Given the intro, I'm going to go with the latter.

10th ANNUAL GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE!

Win A France Trip with Father Robert
or Custom French Riviera Trip

SECOND PRIZE: \$2000 In Cash

THIRD PRIZE: \$1000 in Cash



Drawing to be held at St. Ignatius of Antioch •
October 20th 2019-3:00pm • Need not be present to win

Project: Building Community Near and Far

Have you had a desire to help someone in need but realized that you didn't have money to do it?

An opportunity is coming! An opportunity to build community from you, your family, your friends, your parish to someone you know, to someone you don't know.

We have a commitment of \$10,000 to distribute grants from as little as \$25 to as much as \$500, depending on the nature of the proposal. These grants are eligible to registered parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch.

What causes are you passionate about? The homeless? Shut-ins? Foster youth? How might you reach out to them? Sandwiches for lunch for homeless veterans? Thoughtful gift of flowers and a visit to an isolated senior? Personalized birthday cake for a foster youth?

There will be future bulletin announcements with more details, a presentation at all Masses in early September, the kickoff in October on Commitment Weekend with the conclusion of the project just before Christmas.

In the new year we will encourage participants to share their experience.

The inspiration for the project was the Holy Spirit stirring a heartfelt desire that the parish experience community in deeper ways. Ask for inspiration on how you can get involved.