

St. Ignatius of Antioch

August 18, 2019 – Twentieth 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.



August 18, 2019
Twentieth Sunday
In
Ordinary Time

*[Jesus] endured the cross,
despising its shame, and has taken
his seat at the right of the throne of
God.*

— Hebrews 12:2

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 August 3-4

Weekend Offering.....\$9,259.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$3,601.00

Grand Raffle Total as of 8/12/19.....\$12,290.00

Bishop's Appeal Update (101%).....\$35,200.00

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Sunday: Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1-2; Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

Looking Ahead

September 2 - Labor Day Bingo sponsored by Faith Formation.

September 13 - 3rd Annual Cabaret. Theme: “The Magic of Music.” Tickets on sale beginning August 24 and 25.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, August 18– 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Knights of Columbus Breakfast Burrito Sales - Gathering Plaza - after both liturgies
- Grand Raffle Committee in Gathering Plaza

Monday, August 19

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

Tuesday, August 20

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council meets - 11 am to Noon - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall - Contact Samantha Peralto at 925-726-7117 for upcoming class days & times

Wednesday, August 21

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

Thursday, August 22

- 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 23

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

Saturday, August 24

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Grand Raffle Committee in Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection for Mission Co-Op Appeal

Sunday, August 25– 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Grand Raffle Committee in Gathering Plaza
- Cabaret Ticket Sales - Gathering Plaza
- Second Collection for Mission Co-Op Appeal

Pray for the Sick

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

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

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	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	Moundo & Elizabeth Eli †
Sun. 10:00 am	Sheryl Young Benson †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Vince Iacona †
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
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 **Paul Dutra, Paul Urenda, Mrs. Yvonne Matthews and John Valdez.**

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

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon how we occupy that place.

—St. Thérèse of Lisieux



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of August 24 and 25

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Sylvia Gray Vince Augusta	Peter Degl'Innocenti Deanna Ribeiro	Cecille Mirano Lee Oliver
Head Cup:	Sharon Simpson	Vianney Mendoza	Cecelia Kennedy
Head Host:	Pam Confetti	Nick Suarez	Carol Dollete
Host:	Bernice Campbell Mary Angelica Cayaban	Kathleen Hayakawa Edith Quiambao Romeo Quiambao Diane Hack	Cynthia Enrique Rose Necor Gloria Asuncion Lesley Eubanks
Cup:	Rowena Cayaban Rhoda Herrera Jessie Okon	Rick Howell Sue Howell Tim Cox Carol Fanfa Jeannine Ford	Gloria Olvera Dilcia Aparicio Mark Costanza Reyna Garcia Al Necor
Servers:	Dave Simpson	Philip Rios David Rodrigues	Alessandra Necor William Necor

Faith Formation News

Returning Families registration information has been mailed to all who attended last year.

New families can register their children by visiting the parish office during the week or contacting the Faith Formation office at 925-778-1631 or email:

francesrojek@aol.com.

Class start date reminders:

RCIA - Monday, September 23

Faith Formation - Wednesday, September 25

RCIC - Monday, September 23

Confirmation - Tuesday, September 22

RCIA

The Rite of Christian Initiation is a process of initiation into the Catholic faith.

Who is the RCIA for?

- Persons who have never been baptized and wish to receive the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist in the Catholic Church.
- Persons who were baptized in another Christian denomination and wish to be received into full communion with the Catholic Church by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.
- Baptized Catholics who have not completed their initiation; by receiving the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

For more information regarding the RCIA, please call: Frances Rojek at 925-778-1631 or email:

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

Pork & Beans - 15 oz.

Chicken Noodle Soup - 10.5 oz. can

Mac & Cheese - 7.25 oz.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a time to rejoice in the beauty of your marriage and family. The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Sep 13-15, 2019 in Concord and Nov 15-17, 2019 in Danville. For information and/or to register for a weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or call Chuck & Annie at 925.849-5466.

Holy Rosary Address Change:

All parish offices at Most Holy Rosary Parish have been relocated to the Parish Center at 21 E. 15th Street, Antioch, CA 94509.

Pastoral Care Ministers Sought

Our parish has an active pastoral care ministry for the homebound, retirement homes and convalescent hospitals as well as at Sutter Delta and Kaiser hospitals.

At this time, there is a need for pastoral care ministers at Deer Valley Kaiser hospital. Anyone interested in this important outreach should contact the parish office with your name and phone number. Deacon Gary, coordinator of this ministry, will contact you directly. Thank you for caring.

Building Community Near & Far

The past weeks' homilies have challenged us to reach out to our neighbor. But who is my neighbor? Where is this neighbor?

A unique opportunity will challenge our parish to find that neighbor, to help that neighbor. Grants of \$25 to \$500 will be given to registered parishioners to pursue this endeavor.

So ask yourself what causes are you passionate about: The homeless? Shut-ins? Foster youth? Isolated seniors?

Ask yourself what services could you provide: lunch for homeless veterans; make blankets for a needy group; crochet/knit baby items for a new mom.

Money is now not the obstacle to do something – to build community near and far. Talk about this with your family and friends, with other parishioners. The Holy Spirit planted the seed in the heart of the donor. Let the Spirit touch your heart.

Coordinator of Project: Patricia Kramer

Bishop's Appeal

Thanks to the your incredible generosity, our parish has reached our 2019 Bishop's Appeal Goal of \$34,900! Over 300 families participated in this year's effort and that is certainly indicative of your ongoing commitment to this parish as well as your commitment to the Church of the Oakland Diocese.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Lest we think we can avoid conflict in this life, Jesus' teaching in today's Gospel makes it clear that upholding Christian values is a divisive task. Whether we are arguing how much "screen time" our children should have, or trying to discuss today's news, this Gospel points out that being a Christian brings conflict. Did we think that our lives would be without controversy? No. In fact, we have a "cloud of witnesses" who tell us otherwise, many of whom gave their lives in imitation of Jesus' death on the cross. St. John of the Cross was kicked out of his own order. Mother Teresa endured much internal loneliness.

The Epistle says, "Consider how he endured such opposition." That is the point of this article today. How are we to endure the many conflicts in our lives and "not grow weary and lose heart?" How do we frame our attitudes when disagreements arise and when people cannot come to any common understanding? Here are some immediate points for consideration. For one, we can learn to listen better and respect another's opinion. We can learn to paraphrase what another is saying before we jump in with our view. We must also examine our own stance in prayer to see if it is what it should be. This is where Ignatian discernment is a big help. After we have examined our own view and weighed pros and cons, are we willing to hold it before God and listen in the silence to see what God (not us) wants?

Jesus says, "I have come to set the earth on fire." What does that mean? Consider the properties of fire. It keeps us warm in winter and heats food for our bodies. Yet, as we know well in California, it can destroy all that is familiar.

When we say that someone is on fire, we usually mean that they are excited, passionate about something. Greta Thunberg, for example, is on fire to do something about climate change. Jesus sets the earth on fire, a fire that is both warming and destructive. His word enlightens us, burns inside so that we have to act. Yet in acting, we often cause division and confusion. There is no way around it.

So what is the answer when surrounded by conflict? We need prayer and silence with what burns inside to make sure it is from God and not from our own selfish aggrandizement. Then we have to act according to that passion that Jesus places in our hearts.

As we look at the world today, we see many whose lives do not reflect the Gospel. There are liars, cheats, thieves and murderers. But there are also those whose lives stand for goodness, truth and beauty. I want to be in the "cloud of witnesses" who are not afraid to stand up, who have a passion to name the truth, rejoice in the goodness and recognize the beauty in this world and thank God for it. I pray for the courage to do this in the midst of all the bullies that want to create an atmosphere of hate. We must find that passion, that fire for doing what is right and act on it. Fire does not stand still. Either it shows up in words and actions, or it burns us up from within. Many of us are affected by the continued mass shootings. Have we done something about it, written or called Congress?

What is your passion for changing the world? Do not stifle it. In prayer, find what actions you can accomplish and go for it!

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A Harsh Everything

Last week during one of the Growing In Faith Together (GIFT) sessions on Thursday morning, a question was raised about the gospel passage that has Jesus telling the disciples he must suffer, die, and rise again. Peter saying, "God forbid Lord, no such thing shall ever happen to you." Jesus replies, "Get behind me Satan. You are thinking as men do, not as God does." Those are pretty harsh words and I don't think any of us would care to hear them directed at us. But to Jesus' ear, Peter's words are equally harsh. Words that take us away from what God has planned for us to do are harsh to hear and often strike deep into the heart. There are many biblical passages that have been called "hard sayings."

Take the parable of the workers in the vineyard who start at various times of the day yet receive the same wage at the end. "Unfair!" we cry! It is difficult to comprehend on the surface, especially since we live in a capitalistic society where most people work for an hourly wage. But from God's view what He offers is everything he has. Everything he has is offered to the first person who does his work. Everything is offered to the second, third...and right down to the last. We think the first should get more, but there is no "more" to give. They all get everything there is to give! Again, in the parable of the prodigal son, the father speaks to the older son after the return of the younger saying, "All I have is yours..." There is no more inheritance to divide and everything will go to the older son. There is nothing more the father can give either son.

We go through life thinking a lot of things just don't seem fair or fall into line with our own personal sense of justice, who should get what, who should be what, who should have what, who should suffer, and who should plunder.

But there is always hope. Here is common ground for us to stand on. There is faith. Our profession of faith is our most common ground. Every time we proclaim it, with meaning in every word, we testify to the power and promise of God that in the end, on His day there will be perfect justice. All the wrongs will dissolve into nothingness as we his children will be given the wage, he gives to all who do his work, that is...
EVERYTHING!

Winter Nights Appeal

Winter Nights Rotating Shelter serves homeless families with children. The shelter rotates every two weeks to a new faith community that steps forward to provide 'hosting' services (a warm place to sleep, meals and volunteers) under the direction of professional staff. St. Ignatius of Antioch has a long history of supporting this effort as a co-host. The parish is again scheduled to participate in January, 2020.

In the meantime, the shelter is scheduled to open for the 2019-2020 season on Monday, September 9. If you would like to help, the shelter staff has reached out and requested the following items:

New Sleeping Bags & New Bed Pillows

Donations may be dropped off at the parish office.

Prepare for an Emergency with a "Go-Bag"

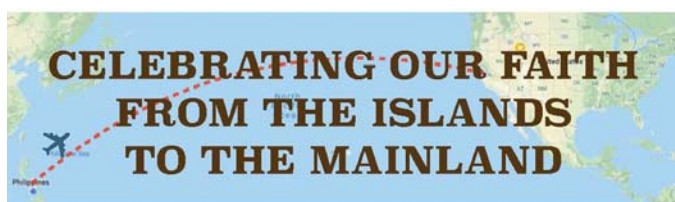


Recent natural disasters – fires, earthquakes, hurricanes, and others, are a constant reminder that disaster can strike at any time. One tip that every person needs to take from all these situations: how to pack a "go-bag".

A go-bag is a packed case that you grab on your way out the door in the event of the need to evacuate in a hurry. Pack a separate bag for each member of your household.

Include: First-Aid Kit, Eyeglasses, Baby Wipes, LED Flashlight, Multi-Purpose Tool Kit with a Knife and Can Opener, 3 Day supply of Medications, Hand-Cranked or Battery Powered Radio with Phone Charger, Phone Charger, Travel-Size Toiletries, Change of Clothing Lightweight Rain Gear and Boots, Bottled Water, and Energy or Protein Bars. In a Zip-Lock Bag include a copy of Birth Certificate, Driver's License, Proof of Address, Social Security and Medicare Cards, Marriage Certificate, Medical and Life Insurance information and Cash (Small Bills and Coins).

Some Advice from the St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus



CELEBRATING OUR FAITH FROM THE ISLANDS TO THE MAINLAND



Understanding and Appreciating Filipino Spirituality and Religiosity

*Pananampalataya (Faith)
Panalangin (Prayer)
Pagsasabuhay (Living the Faith)*

OCTOBER 5, 2019 (SAT) 8AM - 4PM

St Michael Catholic Church 458 Maple St Livermore, CA 94550

St. Michael Catholic Church, 458 Maple St.
Livermore, CA 94550

Free event. Pre-register:

www.500thAnniversaryCelebration2019,eventbrite.com

Labor Day BINGO

Monday, September 2
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
Aug. 24-25 and Aug. 31-Sep. 1or by
calling Steve @ 925-642-232924

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