

# St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 5, 2020 – The Epiphany of the Lord

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## The Epiphany of the Lord



*United in Faith, Ignited by the Spirit, We Reflect the Light of the Living Christ*

**Fr. Robert K. Rien**  
Pastor

**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.



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**The Epiphany of the Lord**

*They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.*

— Matthew 2:11b

**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**

*Weekend Offering for December 21-22*

**Weekend Offering.....\$9,501.00**

**Second Collection (St. Vincent de Paul).....\$2,542.00**

**Readings for the Week**

Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44

Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52

Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16

Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30

Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10; Acts 10:34-38; Mt 3:13-17

**Looking Ahead**

**Jan. 26 - Feb. 6** - Catholic Schools Week. Celebrate Catholic education.

**Feb. 8** - Knights of Columbus Crab Feed in the parish hall.

**Feb. 26, 2020** - Ash Wednesday

**Schedule of Events**

**Sunday, January 5 – The Epiphany of the Lord**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Epiphany Procession
- No Confirmation I and II (Christmas Break)

**Monday, January 6**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

**Tuesday, January 7**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Music Guild Meeting - 6:30 pm - Parish Hall

**Wednesday, January 8**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Faith Formation Class - 6 to 7:15 pm

**Thursday, January 9**

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Adult Confirmation Classes begin - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Office
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

**Friday, January 10**

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

**Saturday, January 11**

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Second Collection for the Seminary

**Sunday, January 12**

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Collection for the Seminary
- Confirmation I & II Class resumes - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

### Pray for the Sick

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

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| Gavin Cano                 | Linda Morrison    |
| FF Capt. Steve Carter      | Jose Palomino     |
| Vincent Cortese            | Jim Peddicord     |
| Stacia DeBuhr              | Regina Ramos      |
| Zachary DeBuhr             | Ralph Ramirez     |
| Zoe DeBuhr                 | Mack Spears       |
| Rey Dollete                | Lilia Suarez      |
| Infant Lucas Michael Fetty | Beatrice Truxton  |
| Florencia T. Flores        | Esperanza Valdez  |
| FF Craig Gjerman           | Peter Villalpando |
| Phil Herlick               |                   |
| Willie Ilas                |                   |
| Kristopher Leffle          |                   |
| Carmen Morales-Hall        |                   |

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. 4:00 pm	Joann A. Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Alfredo & Elina Avelar †
Sun. 10:00 am	Our Parish Family
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Lino Macedo †
Thur. 8:00 am	Richard Noack †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & 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](http://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. 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 **Mel Caughel, Tom Lococo, Larry Noack and Erotida Mendoza.**

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

### FULFILL TODAY

If what you did yesterday still looks big to you, surely you have not done much today.

—Anonymous



### Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Jan. 11-12

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
<b>Lectors:</b>	Mila Ellingwood Therese Kain	Peter Degl' Innocenti Theresa Galvan	Melissa Hoang Lee Oliver
<b>Head Cup:</b>	David Simpson	Open	Gloria Olvera
<b>Head Host:</b>	Sharon Simpson	Vianney Mendoza	Lesley Eubanks
<b>Host:</b>	Bill Barbanica Tim Cox Kathy Augusta Marla Plurkowski	Diane Hack Rick Howell Carol Fanfa Jack Goncalves	Mark Costanza Cynthia Enrique Jane Sharpe Yvette Young
<b>Cup:</b>	Teresa Glenn Shelli Daviess Rhoda Herrera Christoph Holl Pam Confetti	Sue Howell Natalia Joyce Samantha Peralto Nick Suarez Monika Kauer	Lee Oliver Noel Fortez Sheila Fortez Estrella Rusk Nancy Santos
<b>Servers:</b>	Open	Daniel Galvan	Jean Paul Fortez Giada Godina
<b>Homilist:</b>	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert



### Winter Nights

Our parish will host the Winter Nights Shelter at the Community Presbyterian Church in Pittsburg from January 13, 2020 through January 19, 2020.

We will be asked to provide lunch supplies, breakfast supplies and other items needed for the week. Please check out the supplies list posted in the Gathering Plaza. **Thank you.**

### Facebook

**Check us out on Facebook:** If you haven't viewed the parish's Facebook page recently, check it out. More pictures and events are being posted. Most Sundays homilies are also posted.

[www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch](http://www.facebook.com/stignatiusofantiochchurch)

### Meals on Wheels Needs Help

Meals on Wheels has a great need for drivers in our area. The commitment is just 2 hours once a week to deliver meals to seniors who are food insecure.

If you can help, call 925-937-8607 or visit the website at: [www.mowdiablregion.org](http://www.mowdiablregion.org). for more information.

### Marriage Encounter

Married Couples: Give Thanks for Sacrament of Marriage and give your marriage a gift. Plan to attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and come back with a marriage that is refreshed and full of energy!

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include:  
Feb. 21-23, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA.  
Jul 10-12, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA

For information and/or to register for a weekend, visit our website at: [oaklandwwme.org](http://oaklandwwme.org) or call Chuck & Annie at 925.849-5466.

### St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

- Canned Peaches - 15 oz.
- White Rice - 1 lb. bag
- Tuna - 5 oz. can

**If you need help call (925)757-0941.**

### Adult Confirmation Classes

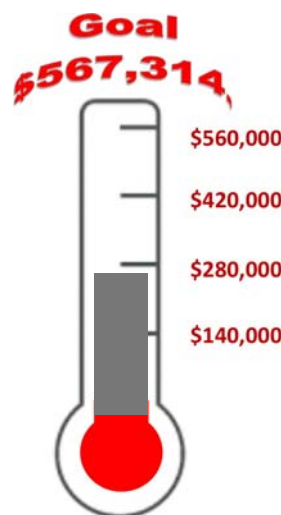
Anyone 18 years of age or older on February 15, 2020 and desiring to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and is invited to register for classes now. Contact the parish office or Peter Degl'Innocenti directly at (925) 756-6172. **Deadline: January 11, 2020.**

### Expansion Project News

We are well into the 60 day campaign to eliminate the Expansion Project funding shortfall with cash gifts and verifiable pledges before our meeting with the Diocese on January 31, 2020 . If you have not already made your pledge, we urge you to do so in the few weeks. Pledge forms are available on the credenza at the rear of the church or from the parish office.

**Remember: Pledges do not have to be paid prior to the meeting, but will be an important part of our presentation to the Diocese. Pledges are simply your promise to contribute to the Expansion Project over a period of time that fits your budget. This can be as long as 3 years . . . you decide the amount and the pledge period.**

As of Thursday, December 26:



Pledges	\$269,300.
Participating Families	105
Participating Ministries or Organizations	2

# Thank You

### St. Joseph Missals Available

If you would like to purchase a St. Joseph Missal for the new liturgical year through the parish, please stop by the parish office or contact the parish office at (925) 778-0768. The cost is \$5.00.

*Justice Corner*

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

This is a New Year and a new decade. In the Epistle, St. Paul encourages us toward unity, to be “coheirs, members of one body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” We in the United States are coheirs to this democracy where “all are created equal” and co-partners in building a church that is open minded and true to the Gospel message. In the past year it is easy to see that we have fallen short of this inheritance.

Two weeks ago, some of us decided to try to fulfill the first part by standing at the Railroad overpass with signs saying “End Gun Violence.” There were eleven people from four churches. To our surprise, about every fourth car beeped or gave us a “thumbs up.” I found this encouraging after the past weeks of long drawn out impeachment hearings. People do care and want a democracy where shootings do not occur and people with different views are respected.

An article by Franciscan Fr. Daniel Horan in the National Catholic Reporter, points out that we are in a state of spiritual and intellectual blindness both in the society and in the Church. We have a moral obligation to pursue cultural and ecclesial issues with an open mind and with intellectual research of ideas that would move us forward. Martin Luther King said, “One does not have to be a profound scholar to be open minded, nor a keen academic to engage in the assiduous pursuit of the truth.” So as we go forward in 2020, let us be a little less sure of our opinions, and give some listening space to those who may differ from us. We have a lot of bridge building to do to restore democracy to the country and true Gospel following to the Church. Let us start with our own families and friends. Can we ask questions rather than pound our own opinion down people's throats? Can we pray that our presence can be peace-making?

What has happened slowly over last year is that people are afraid to introduce topics that cause division, but unless we talk about the divisions, they will go on dividing us. It is the way we talk about them that matters. If our ego gets in the way, there is no room for Christ to heal us.

St. Paul had this kind of battle before him. He was the apostle to the Gentiles. The Jews felt that they were the chosen people with no room for those not of the Jewish faith. Jesus had this kind of battle with the Temple officials. There was no room for Samaritans and foreigners. Yet He came to realize that God is a God for all people. He risked healing those that were different. He listened to the human pain and brought compassion into His words and actions.

So our Faith encourages us to reach across the divide and try to bring healing in this new year. God's justice is for all people. Let us pray for the courage to talk about difficult questions, to see the hurt underneath the division, and to not be so sure of our own way of thinking about things. Let us research the issues from both sides. Let us ask the Spirit for inspiration to guide our words, for what matters is that we love one another. In 2020, let us hold on to the Gospel star that guides us and be bridge builders across the great divides that seems to paralyze our country and our church.

When we encounter someone of a different opinion, listen lovingly to them. Repeat what they are saying so that they know that we have heard them. Let us ask questions rather than tell them what we think as if we know the answer, and let us pray for the healing necessary to bring us together in faith and justice.

*Parish Perspective—*

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

*Change is Life*

For Christmas day my wife and I had to collect my sister and father for the family get-together. This involved using the Oakland – San Francisco bay bridge instead of our usual route over the San Mateo bridge. It had been ages since we traveled through “Frisco” and down the peninsula. The changes along the way seemed too numerous to count and not all of them esthetically pleasing either. The very new was standing where there was nothing before and the very old, remembered from my childhood, was gone. The Planters Peanut building is still there but the dozens of Mr. Peanut statues that lined the rooftop are gone. Gone also are the three WWII escort carriers once moored not far from Candlestick Point. They can now only be seen in the Dirty Harry movie, *Magnum Force*. Change, it seems, is the universal constant.

Rolling into a new year we can expect some changes to occur. Some changes we want to happen, like the construction of our new parish hall. Some changes may come along that we might not particularly like; yet as a Church we shall face them as a steadfast community grounded in faith. As with each new year we hope, with love in our hearts, that the good changes will outnumber and outweigh the less desirable changes. But down deep we know that change represents life. Life is a continuous sequence of change. Without the changes of day and night, seasons of warm and cold, dry and wet, and even of world climate, life could not flourish as it does. The same may be true for faith.

We face ups and downs in our lives that can challenge our faith. It is precisely those challenges we meet and prevail against that strengthen our faith. Sometimes we forget that we don't have to meet all those challenges alone. As Church we have a vast community of thoughtful and loving people willing to lend a hand in times of distress. Never be afraid to ask for help, you just might get it.

So, this is what 2020 looks like! Take a good look around. See the potentials for positive change in our parish. Ask yourself how you can help bring these changes about. Take ownership of this, your parish and be a contributor of ideas. Make yourself available with the special know-how that you uniquely possess. When you help with making good changes happen, then you become part of the flourishing life of the parish. Make this the year you live as you've never lived before!

### *A Message from Marla Plurkowski*

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

My name is Marla Plurkowski. I have been a member of St. Ignatius of Antioch for forty years. I am currently the head of the Social Events Committee and was the chairperson for the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. I was also a member of the Harvesters years ago.

The Harvesters were a group of parish ladies (and later men) who came together to "build" the community of St. Ignatius of Antioch. The Harvesters filled the NEEDS of outreach, justice, community and visions for our church by doing bake and craft sales. They also were key in helping with pledge drives and fundraisers over the years. If there was a NEED, they worked to meet that NEED.

Over these forty years, I feel as a parish, we've been very generous in our outreach programs.

St. Ignatius of Antioch has responded to the NEEDS of various groups, programs and individuals with financial help or with material items. We still do today with even more participation and generosity than ever before! If there is a NEED for others, we fulfill it! We have literally put others before us...which is exactly how it should be!

But now, just this once, it is time to fill our NEEDS. We NEED the proposed expansion and the kitchen remodel if want to continue the parish life that we have successfully developed over these 40 years. We NEED it to continue to provide fellowship, social events, outreach and meeting areas to keep our church alive and vibrant for the years to come and for our next generation. We NEED to make St. Ignatius of Antioch a priority in our lives. We NEED your pledge to the expansion fund. Please do your part, St. Ignatius of Antioch NEEDS you!

Thank you!  
Marla Plurkowski

## **Holy Rosary School Now Enrolling!**

**LEARN - SERVE - LEAD - SUCCEED**

**Holy Rosary School is now accepting applications for Grades Pre-K through 8th Grade for the 2020-2021 school year!**

**Open House  
Sunday, January 26, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

School tours available by appointment.

**For additional information or to inquire about our 2-3 year old learning center, please call the school office at (925) 757-1270 or visit us at our website: [www.holyrosarycatholicsschool.org](http://www.holyrosarycatholicsschool.org)**

## **St. Peter Martyr School**

**is accepting applications for 3 yr. old Preschool, 4 yr. old PreKindergarten, Kindergarten and grades 1st through 8th.**

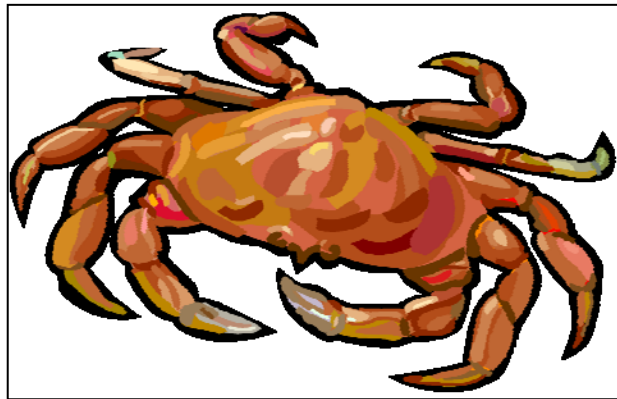
**Open House  
Sunday, January 26, 2020  
10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**

**The school offers a strong academic program and spiritual knowledge of the Catholic faith, morals and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available.**

**For further information, call the school at (925) 439-1014 or visit the website at: [www.stpetermartyrschool.org](http://www.stpetermartyrschool.org).**



Get Your Tickets to the  
8th Annual Knights of Columbus  
**Crab Feed**



**Saturday, February 8, 2020 - 5:30 PM**

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

All You Can Eat:

Appetizers

Dungeness Crab

Salad – Bread – Pasta – Dessert

No-Host Bar

Raffles

\$55 per person

Tickets sold after Mass

January 11/12, January 18-19,  
January 24-25 and February 1-2

or

Call Steve Rojek at 925 642-2329

(No tickets sold at the door)