

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 9, 2020 – Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

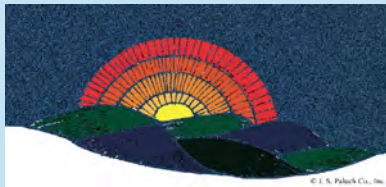
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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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Light shines through the darkness for the upright.

— Psalm 112:4

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 January 25-26

Weekend Offering.....\$8,582.07

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13; Ps 132:6-7, 8-10; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30; Ps 84:3-5, 10-11; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10; Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13; Ps 106:3-4, 35-37, 40; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19; Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-15; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34; Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-22; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

Looking Ahead

Feb 28-Mar. 1- Holy Rosary Parish Evangelization retreat. See page 4.

Feb 26– Ash Wednesday

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall

Monday, February 10

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 5 to 8:30 pm- Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, February 11

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

Wednesday, February 12

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following
- Faith Formation Class - 6 to 7:15 pm
- Music Guild meets - 7:30 to 8:30 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, February 13

- 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
- Adult Confirmation Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, February 14

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

Saturday, February 15

- Lector Training - 9 am - Church
- Adult Confirmation at the Cathedral - 10:30 am
- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy

Sunday, February 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- No Class - Confirmation I & II

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 |
| Geri Chiechi | Jim Peddicord |
| Vincent Cortese | Regina Ramos |
| Stacia DeBuhr | Ralph Ramirez |
| Zachary DeBuhr | Mack Spears |
| Zoe DeBuhr | Lilia Suarez |
| Rey Dollete | Beatrice Truxton |
| Infant Lucas Michael Fetty | Esperanza Valdez |
| Florencia T. Flores | Peter Villalpando |
| FF Craig Gjerman | |
| 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.

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. 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

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| Sat. 4:00 pm | Dale & Becky Manning |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Richard Noack † |
| Sun. 10:00 am | James Tadena |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Joe Lohmeier † |
| Tues. 8:00 am | All Priests and Deacons |
| Wed. 8:00 am | Benjamin Parrilla † |
| Thur. 8:00 am | All First Responders |
| Fri. 8:00 am | Al and Rose Necor |

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Deacon Rudolph Fernandes, Judi Heckendorn, Arthur Najera, Evangelina Ripp, Vincent DeLuca and Connie Morlino.**

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

LATER . . .

One who waits to do a great deal of good at once, will never do anything.

—Samuel Johnson



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Feb. 15-16

| Liturgy | 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil | 8:00 am Sunday | 10:00 am Sunday |
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| Lectors: | Joe Salvador Carmen Garces | Kathleen Clarke Peter Degl'Innocenti | Cecille Mirano Robert Solano |
| Head Cup: | Sharon Simpson | Vianney Mendoza | Gloria Olvera |
| Head Host: | David Simpson | Crispina Malonosan | Rose Necor |
| Host: | Pam Confetti Melodye Costanza Beth Enea Bernice Campbell | Jeanne Reilly Deanna Ribeiro Kathleen Hayakawa Diane Hack | Angelina Guieb-Alphonso Cecelia Kennedy Maritza Martinez Charlie Mirano |
| Cup: | Rowena Cayaban Christoph Holl Rhoda Herrera Shelli Daviess Teresa Glenn | Susan Howell Jenawati Kwa Frank Kauer Monika Kauer Nick Suarez | Al Necor Gloria Asuncion Jessie Okon Helga Boardman Cynthia Enrique |
| Servers: | Open | Daniel Galvan | Alessandra Necor Lorenzo Necor |
| Homilist: | Fr. Robert | Fr. Robert | Fr. Robert |

Catholics Care. Catholics Vote.



The Catholic bishops of the United States are pleased to offer once again to the Catholic faithful **Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship**, our teaching document on the political responsibility of Catholics. This statement represents our guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We urge our pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good will to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching. The statement lifts up our dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens with rights and duties as participants in the civil order.

Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship is available online at: www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/faithful-citizenship/.

We also have a link to this document on the homepage of the parish website: www.stignatiusofantioch.org

"We need to participate for the common good. Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves so that the leader can govern."

- Pope Francis, 9/16/13

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

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

Most Holy Rosary Parish Evangelization WEEKEND RETREAT

February 28-29 and March 1, 2020

Most Holy Rosary Parish Center
21 East 15th Street, Antioch

Friday 5:30 - 9:00 pm; Saturday 7:30 am – 9:00 pm;
Sunday 7:00 am – 5:00 pm

Must attend all sessions. This event is held in English.

Register on-line at <https://tinyurl.com/HRRetreat2020>.
Registration forms due by February 7.

No fee to attend, but donations accepted and appreciated.
For more information, call Brenda Steffen 925-779-9718.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille... A lifeline for marriages. Do you feel lost, frustrated, hurt, or angry with your spouse? Retrouvaille helps married couples heal and renew their marriages. The next Weekend Program begins February 21-23, 2020. For more information or to register visit our website at HelpOurMarriage.com or contact Gus & Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063.

Thank You!

Thank you to all who supported and participated in our annual Super Bowl 50/50 Raffle. Our church raised \$1,000.00! A very special THANK YOU to Clem Bushman and Bob Plurkowski for being in charge of this fun event! Congratulations to the following winners!!

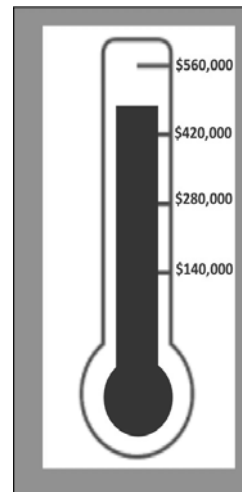
- 1st Quarter : Jesus Pena
- 2nd Quarter: Doris Radovan
- 3rd Quarter: Doris Radovan
- 4th Quarter: Carlynn Costello

Until next year...Super Bowl LV

Expansion Project News

As Father noted last weekend, our project is scheduled to be on the agenda for the February meeting of Bishop Barber and his Consultors. This meeting is a small but important step. **As we move forward, it's very important that we continue to close the project funding gap and ultimately achieve the campaign goal.** If you haven't yet made a pledge, you are encouraged to do so. All pledges are critical. Pledge forms are on the credenza in the rear of the church, from the parish office or online at

<https://www.stignatiusofantioch.org>



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| Goal | \$567,314 |
| Pledges | \$448,179 |
| Participating Families | 216 |
| Participating Ministries or Organizations | 4 |

Thank You

Pledge totals as of Wednesday, January 29, 2020

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

The Gospel of today is often used by Christians who work for justice. These thinkers and writers point out that we are called to be “salt and light” to the world. In fact, the Bishops wrote a document in 2006 called *Communities of Salt and Light: Reflections on the Social Ministry of the Parish* (available on Amazon). We are called to add flavor to the stew of events that stir our lives and bring light to the darkness of the situations in which we find ourselves. Other Gospels talk about being leaven in the dough of the world. All these images point to the fact that Jesus expects us to make a difference.

Isaiah tells us in the first reading how to do this: share bread, offer shelter and clothing. Do not turn your back. “Then your light shall break forth like the dawn...gloom shall become for you like midday.” In other words, you will see clearly and know where the next step is.

Yet when we look at our lives, we are often tempted to discouragement. Things do not go as we planned. Our loved ones get sick. Our children go astray. If you are young, you feel the burden of a world that is confusing and challenging, a world divided by opposing views which seem irreconcilable. How do you find your place? Where is the truth? Where do you draw strength to stand for fairness in the midst of confusing example of adults who cannot seem to give clear answers to complex questions that present themselves in 2020, who hand you a planet that is in danger because of climate change. The world certainly needs “a light that rises in the darkness” and overcomes the gloom, the fog that seems to surround us.

We are used to fog in the Bay Area. Sometimes we see it as preventing us from getting where we are going because we can't see the road in front of us. It slows down traffic. Other times we see the beauty of its ebb and flow weaving through the trees. Poets write about its calming effect. Most things can be seen from more than one viewpoint.

We can look at the current state of affairs also from many viewpoints, but as Christians, we cannot be merchants of fear. Jesus' world was in great distress through Roman occupation, great poverty, and betrayal of spiritual principles by Temple leaders. What did He do? He entrusted Himself into the Father's Spirit and let Himself be born on the waves of the unknown (the fog). He fled away from the crowds to the desert or the mountain, or the sea to listen to God's voice. He was an advocate of being in the Present Moment. After prayer, He was able to see what was before Him, but He saw it with the eyes of the Spirit. In each instance He listened within before He acted. When we immerse ourselves in God, we see differently.

This is the way through our confusing world. If we can get off our phones, and away from the TV long enough to be in the silence, God is waiting to speak to us and to point the way. When we immerse ourselves in the quiet silence each morning and night, we can feel His embracing love. In this new year, let us rededicate ourselves to those times of quiet in each day so we can face the uncertain future without fear and fill our world with love. In Baptism, we have been given the awareness that Jesus is with us. In prayer and especially in our Eucharists together, this awareness is confirmed and strengthened. It is the bright light that guides us through the fog. Let us put that lamp on the lampstand as we go about this coming week.

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Music and Hachimaki

Even though it's been several weeks since Dan Schutte has been with us, I feel compelled to write something about his involvement with us. The universal Church has been singing his music for decades. Here at St. Ignatius of Antioch, we have been singing his music consistently for at least 15 years. We have been led spiritually by the music of other composers such as David Haas, Rory Cooney, Marty Haugen, and Richard Proulx. Familiar names, but unknown people to us. I remember the first time I saw our own Don Pearson's name beside a piece of music. “Wow,” I thought “I know this guy! This is his music.” That same thrill came back to me and was experienced by many new people when Dan Schutte came to give a recital/concert/sing-along.

He was very unassuming, humble, and forthright about his music, his theology behind the music he wrote, and the passage of years that were needed to build the treasure trove of music that is loved and played all over the world. At the end of the evening's musical cavalcade I humbly asked Dan to autograph my copy of the program; which he did, gladly. More than just having the man's signature, we gained an everlasting connection between the God we worship with song and the man who helps us to do so. When we sing his music, note his name beside it, and remember the nice things about him, we can say, “Yeh, I know that guy!”

On a more whimsical note (no pun intended) the Knights of Columbus had their first full organized(?) meeting since the end of the holidays and the start of the new year. At this particular meeting Fr. Robert presided for the blessing of a new gold chalice and paten in the memory of our recently fallen Knight Richard Butler. Every Fourth Degree Knight who dies has a gold chalice donated in his memory. The chalice is first used at the member's local Church and then sent anywhere in the world where Catholic priests are struggling to preside at Mass with chalices worthy of carrying the Blood of Christ. As always, Fr. Robert's blessing was heartfelt, personalized, inclusive, and masterfully done. So well done that at the final “amen” there was a spontaneous motion and vote to send Fr. Robert out blessing chalices to raise money for the Hall expansion.

Then unexpectedly, a member came forth bearing a folded scarf he called a special priest's stole to be worn at Sunday's Masses (Super Bowl Sunday). Upon unfolding the scarf/stole the bright red insignia “SF” dangled at the bottom of each end. While the whole council laughed, Fr. Robert elicited more whoops of laughter when he tied the scarf around his forehead like a Japanese style Hachimaki head band. Either way, as a stole or a Hachimaki I hope it works (worked).



Volunteer Opportunity!

We are working to make St. Ignatius of Antioch a distribution point for the Food Bank's fresh vegetables on the first and third Fridays of the month.

The time commitment is 1 hour on the days of the distribution. We need 4 or 5 volunteers each week. Tentatively, distribution will take place from 3:30-4:30.

If you are interested, please contact the parish office and leave your name and phone number. Once this is in place, we'll contact you with the schedule.

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*YLI District #4
Annual Lenten Retreat
Presents*

Unity, Sisterly Love and Protection

"Out of the Darkness"

Wednesday, March 25, 2020

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
3351 Contra Loma Blvd, Antioch 94509**

**We are Blessed and Excited to have
Fr. Robert Rien as our Facilitator.**

**9:30a.m. Hospitality and Check-In, Morning
Sessions, Mass, Lunch, Special Q & A
Session with Fr. Robert.
2:30p.m. Concluding Blessing.**

**Everything you always wanted to know but
were afraid to ask.**

**Fr. Robert has graciously offered to answer
your questions about the Church, Priest life
and Catholicism. We thank Father Robert
for this opportunity to ask ANYTHING!
You can bring your questions with you or
submit them anonymously.**

**Cost is \$20.00 per person
Please RSVP by March 18.**

**Make checks payable to Kathy Augusta and
mail to: 2004 Crestwood Drive
Antioch, CA 94509**

**If you wish to submit your questions in
advance, mail them to:**

**Kathy Augusta
2004 Crestwood Drive
Antioch, CA 94509**

or email her at giraffiegirl@comcast.net

**Retreat questions? Call
Kathy Augusta at 925-628-9761 or
Beth Enea at 707-218-5758.**



The 2020 Bishop's Appeal has begun. Bishop Michael C. Barber, S.J. decided to continue with the theme, ***Rebuild My Church***, a phrase inspired by St. Francis of Assisi. By sharing our talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers, we are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to us.

By embracing ***Rebuild My Church***, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the East Bay. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, clergy, leadership, and those

served by the ministries offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. All gifts to the Appeal are equally important. As stewards of our faith we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond.

Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by ***Rebuild My Church*** and participated in our annual Bishop's Appeal. While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals each year.

The Bishop's Appeal provides funds to help offset some of the following programmatic expenses: (1) Parishes & Schools in Need, (2) Clergy Formation & Support, (3) Religious Education & Faith Formation, (4) Pastoral Ministries & Services and (5) Priest Retirement & Care.

Jesus Christ promised us at His Ascension: "I will be with you all days until the end of the ages." If Christ has helped you and your family, if He has been generous to you, will you consider sharing some of the blessings you have received with Christ and His Church?

Thank you for your prayers and gifts!

A Message from Father Robert

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I realize that we are in the midst of our campaign to close the funding gap for the Expansion Project and that we have never been closer to making this dream a reality. I am deeply grateful for the incredible support that you have shown already, and I hope that you will continue with your pledges and with your prayers for our success.

We must also keep in mind that we are part of the Church of Oakland and as a member of this church, we must consider the needs of the larger community. I urge you to prayerfully consider supporting the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. Please join with me in making a contribution to this annual appeal according to your ability.

Your Pastor and Shephard,

Fr. Robert