

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 15, 2020 – Third Sunday of Lent

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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.



March 15, 2020

Third Sunday
of Lent

While we were still sinners Christ died
for us.

— Romans 5:8

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 February 29-March 1

Weekend Offering.....\$10,305.00

Second Collection (Parking Lot Loan).....\$4,032.33

Readings for the Week

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4;
Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-51b, 6, 7bc, 8-9;
Mt 18:21-25

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20;
Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or
Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-11ab, 14, 17;
Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21ab; Lk 18:9-14

Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23:1-6;
Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41[1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38]

Looking Ahead

Mar. 20— 6:30 p.m. Cream of Carrot Soup Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

Mar. 25— 9:30am in the parish hall YLI Annual Lenten Retreat. Register by March 18. See page 6.

Apr. 17— Relay for Life Pasta Dinner. See bulletin for details.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, March 15 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- YLI Quarterly Mass at 10 am
- First Scrutiny at 10 am Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II—attending 10 am Liturgy
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Monday, March 16

- 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, March 17

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council meets - 11 am to 12 noon - Parish Hall
- Music Guild meets - 7 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - Contact Samantha Peralto for upcoming schedule 925-726-7117.

Wednesday, March 18

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

Thursday, March 19

- 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, March 20

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Lenten Soup Supper - 6:30 pm
- Stations of the Cross - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 21

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

Sunday, March 22 - 4th Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Second Scrutiny at 10 am Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Second Collection for St. Vincent de Paul

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

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	Avelina Gordovez †
Sun. 8:00 am	Lilia Suarez †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
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	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	John I. Reilly, IV †

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.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Geri Chiechi, Robbie Noia and Richard Paul Tucker, Jr.**

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

AVAILABILITY

God does not ask for our ability or our inability, but our availability.

—Anonymous



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Mar. 21-22

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Carmen Garces Joe Salvador	Tim Cox Ramona Baxter	William Necor Melissa Hoang
Head Cup:	Rowena Cayaban	Vianney Mendoza	Steven Andreatta
Head Host:	Pam Confetti	Jeannine Ford	Jane Sharpe
Host:	Kathy Augusta Bill Barbanica Fran Barbanica Mary Angelica Cayaban	Carol Fanfa Kathleen Hayakawa Jeanne Reilly Diane Hack	Mark Costanza Yvette Young Maritza Martinez Teresa Glenn
Cup:	Christoph Holl Shelli Daviess Melodye Costanza Tim Cox David Simpson	Sue Howell Rick Howell Samantha Peralto Natalia Joyce Jack Goncalves	Cynthia Enrique Helga Boardman Charlie Mirano Lee Oliver Noel Fortez
Servers:		Daniel Galvan	Lorenzo Necor Alessandra Necor
Homilist:	Fr. Richard	Fr. Richard	Fr. Richard

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

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

Safe Environment

All parishes must have the Code of Conduct for ministry to minors available for review. A link to this document is posted on the parish website Safe Environment page:

All those who minister (volunteers, employees and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it, and strategies for prevention. **Training is mandatory for all who minister - first before starting work or volunteering and then every three years thereafter.**

In the three-year training cycle, St. Ignatius of Antioch is due for training this year. A session is being planned later this year. More information will be forthcoming about online training options and well.

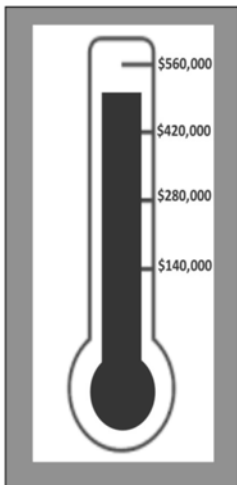
Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Jul 10-12, 2020 and Nov 20-22, 2020, both in Danville, California.

For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

Expansion Project News

Pledge totals as of Monday, March 2, 2020



Goal	\$567,314
Pledges	\$484,387
Participating Families	241
Participating Ministries or Organizations	6

Thank You

Volunteer Opportunity

If you would like to help St. Vincent de Paul help our neighbors in need please call (925)757-0941 and leave your name and phone number and let us know you'd like to volunteer to be part of the Home Visit program.

When we visit, we don't just pay bills although financial assistance is provided when appropriate. Our main focus is mentoring. We pray and work with families. We are there to see the face of Christ in them and want them to see the face of Christ in us.

Congratulations Lorraine!

Recipient of the Distinguished Discipleship Award for 2020. Thank you for all that you do for St. Ignatius of Antioch



Food Bank News

See the Food Bank distribution schedule on the bulletin board in the Gathering Plaza.

Easter Egg Hunt at Holy Cross

Celebrate the Resurrection by joining us after Mass for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, 2020 at the Holy Cross Cemetery Courtyard, 2200 East 18th Street, Antioch.

Blessing of the children after 11am Mass followed by our Easter egg hunt. For more information: call the Holy Cross Cemetery office at 925-757-0658.

Lenten Friday's

Join us for a simple soup and bread supper each of the remaining Lenten Friday's at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. Following supper, there will be a different Lenten service each week. A free-will to benefit St. Peter Martyr School will be gratefully accepted.

Mar. 20	Cream of Carrot	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 27	French Onion	Sung Evening Prayer
Apr. 3	Clam Chowder	Communal Penance & Sacrament of Reconciliation

Justice Corner**By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate**

Did you notice the clever invitations by Jesus in today's Gospel? The first was a simple request for water to drink. The woman's response was to identify the major rift between Jews and Samaritans. She did not answer the request, but changed it into identifying the differences between two cultures. She wasn't listening.

So often today, we change a simple request into the rifts between those who differ in opinions. Whether liberal or conservative, republican or democrat, we get caught up in the arguments without hearing the real question. We let ourselves be caught up in "motivated reasoning", thinking with a mental bent. Jesus is looking for something else. He leads her on by inviting her to ask for "living water", the water of grace that makes our souls come alive. I wonder if the next time we get into a situation of differing opinions, we can search for the real question. We all need love and recognition. What will make us closer to the Lord. How can we lead others, not to agree with our opinion, but to search for the goodness that God gives us daily.

The Samaritan woman then bites. She asks, "Where can I get this living water?" but she still does not understand His meaning. So He explains that He is speaking of the spiritual flow that wells up in our hearts, leading us to eternal life. He then leads her further by identifying her broken relationships. She is embarrassed so she changes the subject and tries to pull Him into a familiar argument. "I see that you are a prophet, so tell me where should we worship, on this Holy Mountain or in Jerusalem?" Jesus sticks to His purpose. "Worship the Father in Spirit and in truth." He gives her an opportunity not to be held down by arguments, or by her sinfulness and bad decisions. Living with five different men certainly indicates some failures on her part. The woman is intrigued by His insightful comments and by the fact that He has not condemned her, but is inviting her further into grace. She comes closer, "The Messiah will reveal all," and He responds, "I am He." She then becomes a missionary disciple and runs to tell the whole town!

The spiritual life begins by acknowledging the simple things of life: water, a bucket, ordinary conversation, the reaching out to another. The grace that flows within us is not about intellectual or theological arguments. It's about a lasting relationship with that divine spark within us. It depends on our own desire to grow closer to God, to recognize the Spirit that is already within us, the living water of insight and grace. It is the desire to live in God's grace that is important, to see with God's eyes and to trust where He leads. We, too, have broken relationships that seem impossible to heal. Some of the brokenness centers around old arguments and grudges. All these we must let go in order to worship God in Spirit and Truth. When we sense the Spirit within, when insight and wisdom come, then our hearts look on those we meet with love and understanding. Then the Messiah comes. He is present and active in our daily lives.

Leadership in our families, our church and in the world begins with this self-awareness. When we are faithful to God, our outer actions become Spirit filled. Chris Lowney* writes that great leaders begin with self-awareness. They understand their strengths and weaknesses, values and world view. They are motivated to adapt and embrace a changing world. They engage others with a positive loving attitude. They energize others through heroic ambition. The Samaritan woman came to understand herself through Jesus' invitations. She embraced a world where two cultures would be drawn into unity. She engaged her towns folks to come and see the One who lead us to a community of love. She risked herself to energize others with this new information. Become a heroic leader this week in your home, school and workplace. It begins with listening to Jesus invitations in prayer.

*Chris Lowney, *Heroic Leadership* (Chicago, Loyola Press, 2003), p. 9.

Parish Perspective—**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate***I Thirst*

The woman at the well is one of the great passages in scripture. It is so rich in material that preachers have found it a wellspring, in itself, for countless homilies, reflections, and sermons. Jesus tells the woman, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give, will never thirst..." All of us, like the preachers throughout the ages, have found endless variations of God's love and willingness to provide for the true essences of eternal life in this encounter at the well. Jesus, the human man, was thirsty for water but Jesus the Son of God was thirsty to give out spiritual water to the woman. Both were thirsting for permanence. The permanence of eternal life and the permanence to worship God at our own level and place.

Jesus gives us the same spiritual water today that he gave to the Samaritan woman two thousand years ago. It fills our hearts and souls in a refreshing new way. It opens our eyes to see our brothers and sisters as God sees us and them. We can feel this water remain in our hearts, never drying-out, always remaining, sometimes even overflowing. It is the love of the Father poured into us by the Holy Spirit.

When the disciples return, they find Jesus engaged in conversation with the woman and are confounded by his actions. The only thing they can think of to break the silence was to offer him food to eat. Jesus' response to food was similar to his words about water, "I have food to eat of which you do not know...My food is to do the will of the one who sent me and to finish his work." Jesus lived by doing the will of the Father. That is what truly gave him life and it is the same food that gives us eternal life; doing the will of the Father. So great was this moment that Jesus stayed with the Samaritans for two days. They listened to him and all came to believe in him as the Christ.

At the end of Lent, when we hear of Jesus slowly dying on the cross, Jesus will speak words of thirst again. "I thirst," is all he says, and they give him wine laced with gall to drink, which he refuses. Were his words, "I thirst" about his human condition? Certainly, his body could have used water from that well again. But is it not more likely that he thirsted to complete the work the Father had set for him to do? How often have we had the opportunity to give the life-giving waters of the Word of God to those who thirst for it? Do we have the strength to fast and feel what it is like to have something missing in our lives; to remind us of what we truly feel...the true food and true drink that is the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ? I like to think that we do.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER SEASON LITURGY SCHEDULE

PALM SUNDAY and The Beginning of Holy Week

Saturday, April 4 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist; Blessing of Palms, Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Reading of the Passion According to Matthew, and Holy Eucharist.

Sunday, April 5, 2020

8:00 a.m. and **10:30 a.m.** Holy Eucharist; Blessing of Palms, Procession Liturgy of the Word, Reading of the Passion According to Matthew, and Holy Eucharist

Monday of Holy Week, April 6, 2020

8:00 a.m.. Holy Eucharist

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 7, 2020

8:00 a.m. Liturgy of the Word and Holy Communion

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 8, 2020

8:00 a.m.. Holy Eucharist

TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday, April 9, 2020

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. Evening Liturgy of the Last Supper Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Washing of Feet, Holy Eucharist, Procession To The Altar of Repose, Adoration until 10:00 p.m.

Good Friday, April 10, 2020

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

12:00 Noon Ecumenical Worship, "The Seven Last Words"

3:00 p.m. The Commemoration of the Lord's Passion and Death- Liturgy of the Word, The Passion According To St. John, Veneration of the Cross, Holy Communion

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Liturgy of the Word and Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 11, 2020

8:00 a.m. Sung Morning Prayer

7:30 p.m. The Great Vigil of Easter- Lighting of the New Fire, Liturgy of the Word, The Sacraments of Initiation, and Holy Eucharist

EASTER DAY – THE FEAST OF THE RESURRECTION

Sunday, April 12, 2020

8:00 a.m. and **10:30 a.m.**

Festive Choral Eucharist Procession, Liturgy of the Word, Renewal of Baptismal Promises and Sprinkling Rite, Holy Eucharist

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women

**invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast
Saturday, March 21st - 9:30 -12:30
Crowne Plaza ,45 John Glenn Drive, Concord**

Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration from our speaker Cindy Rippee as she shares with us her testimony. A religious educator and bible study teacher, Cindy will share with us how the Life in the Spirit seminars have changed her life and the life of her family. Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after March 14th.

For more information:

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

Email Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Kim Sullivan at 925-683-8220 for any questions.

YLI District 4

Annual Lenten Retreat

**Unity, Sisterly Love and Protection
"Out of the Darkness"**

Wednesday, March 25, 2020; 9:30am
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

Cost is \$20.00 per person

RSVP by March 18.

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

For more information, please call Kathy Augusta at 925-628-9761 or Beth Enea at 707-218-5758.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Pasta Dinner

A Fundraising Event to Support the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life Event

When: Friday April 17, 2020

Where: VFW Hall Fulton Shipyard Rd. Antioch

What Time: 6:30 PM to 10 PM



Pasta prepared by chef Rich Confetti!
Dinner includes garden salad, bread and dessert

Black Diamond Rhythm Band - oldies but goodies, country, and a little of everything!

Raffle prizes!

\$20 per person/Children 13 and under \$10 Tickets will be on sale starting March 21 after weekend liturgies and from the parish office. Call Maryann or Alicia at 925-778-0768 for more information.



The Relay for Life Team has been a ministry in our Parish for over 12 years.

The Parishes of St. Anne, Byron & St. Ignatius of Antioch, Antioch present



Free Will Offering

An Adult Faith Formation Series Eucharist and Real Presence:

**“Receive who you are;
Become what you receive”**

**Wednesdays 7:00-8:30 p.m.
St. Ignatius of Antioch Church
3351 Contra Loma Blvd., Antioch**

May 6	What is ‘Real Presence’ and What Do Catholics Believe??”
May 13	The Real Presence of Christ in the Eucharist”
May 20	Incarnation and Eucharist: Christ Becomes Flesh
May 27	Ecology and Eucharist: The Universal Body of Christ, and Christ Has No Body On Earth But Yours