

St. Ignatius of Antioch

January 12, 2020 – The Baptism of the Lord

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● facebook Knight of Columbus: <https://www.facebook.com/kofc12587>



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.



January 12, 2020

The Baptism of the Lord

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."

— Matthew 3:17

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 28-29

Weekend Offering.....	\$8,720.00
Second Collection (Parish Assessment).....	\$2,682.00
Christmas Collection.....	\$15,850.26

Readings for the Week

Monday:	1 Sm 1:1-8; Ps 116:12-19; Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-8abcd; Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20; Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10; Mk 1:29-39
Thursday:	1 Sm 4:1-11; Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25; Mk 1:40-45
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a; Ps 89:16-19; Mk 2:1-12
Saturday:	1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a; Ps 21:2-7; Mk 2:13-17
Sunday:	Is 49:3, 5-6; Ps 40:2, 4, 7-10; 1 Cor 1:1-3; Jn 1:29-34

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 12 - The Baptism of the Lord

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

Monday, January 13

- 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, January 14

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

Wednesday, January 15

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

Thursday, January 16

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Church
- Grains of Wheat - 9:30 to 11 am - Parish Hall
- Adult Confirmation Class - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Office
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, January 17

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Homebound Ministers Meeting - 9 am to 12:30 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, January 18

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy

Sunday, January 19 - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

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

Sat. 4:00 pm	Lucy Waddington †
Sun. 8:00 am	Mal Ye Kennedy †
Sun. 10:00 am	Fernanda Tellez †
Mon. 8:00 am	Fara Costanza †
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Grace Lopez †
Thur. 8:00 am	Mary Kendrick †
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Danielle Keller and Gaeton Lococo.**

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

PEACE

We should have great peace if we did not busy ourselves with what others say and do.

—Thomas à Kempis



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Jan. 18-19

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Vince Augusta Adam Haas	Carlos Vasquez Kathleen Hayakawa	Rose Necor William Necor
Head Cup:	Pam Confetti	Vianney Mendoza	Cecelia Kennedy
Head Host:	Melodye Costanza	Nick Suarez	Steve Andreatta
Host:	Hanny Reingold Beth Enea Bernice Campbell Fran Barbanica	Frank Kauer Deanna Ribeiro MaryJo Keister Rick Howell	Amante Asuncion Maritza Martinez Charlie Mirano Estrella Rusk
Cup:	Rowena Cayaban Christoph Holl Sharon Simpson Rhoda Herrera David Simpson	Sue Howell Jenawati Kwa Monika Kauer Diane Hack Jack Goncalves	Al Necor Gloria Asuncion Jessie Okon Helga Boardman Jane Sharpe
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan David Rodrigues	Alessandra Necor Lorenzo Necor
Homilist:	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert



Winter Nights

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

We are being asked to provide lunch supplies, breakfast supplies and other items needed for the week. Check out the supplies list posted in the Gathering Plaza.

Thank you.

In addition to the supplies needed for our host week, Winter Nights has an dynamic wish list for needed items that directly benefit the shelter residents in other ways. The current wish list includes:

- Gas cards
- Wal-Mart & Target gift cards.
- Twin size fitted sheets
- Coleman tents (14’x8’, 10’x10’ and 10’x8’)
- Sleeping bags
- Size 6 diapers
- Size XL Goodnights

If you want to donate any of these items, please identify them for Winter Nights and drop them off in the parish office and we will ensure that they get delivered to the shelter.

Seminary Offering This Weekend

Quality leadership requires solid spiritual, academic and pastoral formation of our future priests. Please give generously to a special appeal to support our seminarians, this weekend. Thank you.

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. for more information.

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.

Grains of Wheat

Please join us on Thursday, January 16th for Grains of Wheat for women of mature spirituality from 9:30 to 11:00 am in the parish hall.

We will be sharing the Gifts we have been given and move forward with looking at our evolving world through Sr. Joan Chittister’s book, *The Time is Now*. Please register at the parish office or email Carolyn at carolynkrantz@juno.com.

Expansion Project News

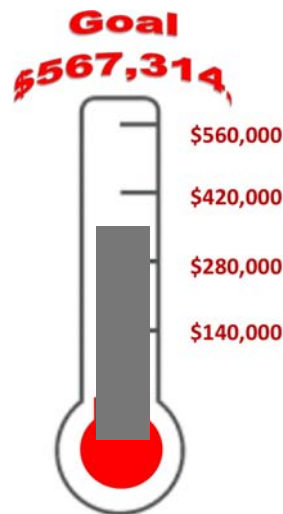
There is a new monthly Expansion Project envelope included with your envelope packets. Those making their Expansion pledges by check may use it at anytime during the month.



Please place this envelope in the regular Sunday (first basket) collection.

If you have not made a pledge but wish to contribute to Expansion Project, please use this envelope as well.

Pledge totals as of Friday, January 3, 2020:



Pledges	\$318,295
Participating Families	139
Participating Ministries or Organizations	4

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**

In today's Gospel, John, Jesus' prophetic cousin, tries to prevent Jesus from being baptized because he recognized that the One before him was God's Beloved Son. But Jesus counters, "Allow it for now for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness."

How do we "fulfill all righteousness? By doing and saying what is of God, what is of truth. I am reading Sister Joan Chittister's book on being prophets in our time. *She chastises us for not speaking out, for not choosing to have difficult conversations about our current world, because it causes conflict.

"Old ideas cringe at the very thought of debating new ways of doing things. Those who make their living off the money made by such systems resist change with all their might. Ideas are disregarded en masse, not because anyone bothers to prove them unworkable, but because no one considers them at all." (p. 84) * Those who say, "That's the way we've always done it" are not willing to consider that there might be a better way.

2020 is a year of change. Things around us are swirling. Technology has taken us into a global world. Climate change is forcing us to do things differently or suffer the consequences. Poverty and migration are increasing. No one of us enjoys the fast pace that change is occurring. As people of Faith, we try to bring the Gospel into current events and pray that the Spirit will continue to guide us in our choices. Those who like power resist new ideas. They resist change, but it is coming nevertheless. Their world of 2020 is not going away. The question is how do we face it? Do we have the courage to speak the Gospel of love to those who would resist it? Do we have the courage to initiate conversations to help people think through the difficult problems of our time rather than avoid them?

We cannot imprison the Word of the Lord. We must speak it, not in anger, but gently, tenderly, until the world listens to the song of love that cures all ills. Speak it to our families. Speak it to our neighbors. Speak it to those who would resist common sense gun laws. Speak it to those who think bullying is an OK form of speech. Speak it although it makes people uncomfortable. That's what Jesus did to the leaders of his time. That's what got Him killed. Our Gospel is not comfortable, but it is the truth.

The old world can grind on, but we are a prophetic community. We have compassion for the poor. We see what is to come. We can envision a community of love. Like Isaiah in the first reading we are bruised and battered because people ignore us or treat us with disdain. Isaiah was "marginalized and demeaned, but he simply continued to work, more sure than ever that Yahweh's word is true and will not be dismissed. Instead of withdrawing from the field, he simply began to work differently." (p.86)*

So how do we work differently to bring about the change necessary to continue moving forward in the church and in our democracy? We must double our efforts for spiritual depth and risk initiating conversations, even when they are uncomfortable. We must put our trust in God alone and not be so sure that our answer is THE answer. We must listen to the pain behind people's response. Ever listening to the Spirit, we proclaim God's love in all tenderness in the face of another's belligerence. We will be bruised, but the first reading assures us, "A bruised reed He shall not break. A smoldering wick He shall not quench, until He establishes justice on the earth."

Joan Chittister, *The Time is Now*, New York: Penquin Random House, 2019.

Parish Perspective—**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate***Spinning Around*

There's an old expression from the 60's, "Stop the world, I want to get off!" Sometimes during the rush of the holiday season and the start of a new year we can get overwhelmed by all the activities virtually forced upon us. Those hectic times tend to have us wanting to shout those words out. We want to stop and get off of that ride. Now that a new year has started, we can relax a bit. We can savor the last few days of the Christmas season in the spirit for which it was intended. Then ever so gently, through the days of Winter's Ordinary Time, we prepare ourselves for the season of Lent.

One of the things we can do to emphasize the seasonal nature of Christmas is to give a small gift to someone not on the traditional family and close friend list. Who says all the gifts must be given on Dec. 25th or they become null and void? A few days after the 25th I love presenting a small gift to someone I care about, look them in the eye, and say, "Merry Christmas." It's amazing how special you can make someone feel by doing that one small act, out of the normal context of time and place for traditional Christmas giving.

While January 12th, the Baptism of the Lord, officially closes the Christmas season this year, we will enter into Winter's Ordinary Time. We can bask in the ever increasing light of longer days for seven and a half weeks of ordinary time. This can be a wonderful time of reflection and growth in the spirit. We can plan new things to help ourselves prepare for God's tasks for us. Those tasks may include giving more of our time to the Church through the many ministries that are seeking help from parishioners. Our conscience may task us, through the Holy Spirit, to donate or pledge just a little bit more to the Hall Expansion Fund. It may be the task of holding-on a wee bit longer in the ministry which we are now involved.

Then comes Lent. A time when we really slow down from the wild spinning of the world. It becomes a time of cleansing of the soul, giving more to the poor and those in need of our help, and disciplining the mind and body against the empty promises of the world. Lent is the inward journey of renewal and strengthening. It is the outward journey we make to follow in the footsteps of Jesus all the way to the cross; both his and ours.

Stop the world? Let's take it for one more spin around the sun, as a Church united in Christ.



SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

San Damiano Retreat

Here are a list of upcoming retreats and workshops at San Damiano. Visit www.sandamiano.org or call 925.837.9141 for more details or to register.

January 24-26: *The Franciscan Heart of Thomas Merton* with Fr. Dan Horann OFM

February 7-9: *Married Couples Retreat: Life-giving Love & Proactive Interdependence.* "I'll take care of you, You take care of me." With Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM & the Obernessers.

February 26: *Ash Wednesday Day of Renewal* with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM. 9:30am-3:30pm

February 28-March 1: *LifeSHIFT: Work & the Christian Journey* with Dr. Thomas Bachhuber & Jim Briggs.

February 26: *Lenten Day of Renewal* with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy OFM. 9:30am-3:30pm



Novena For Life

Please join the **Knights of Columbus** in **praying for the protection of life in all of its stages.**

Beginning on January 14 and concluding on January 22, please pray the Rosary and the "Prayer For Life"

PRAYER FOR LIFE

O Mary, bright dawn of the new world, Mother of the living, to you do we entrust the cause of life: Look down, O Mother, upon the vast numbers of babies not allowed to be born, of the poor whose lives are made difficult, of men and women who are victims of brutal violence, of the elderly and the sick killed by indifference or out of misguided mercy. Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life. Amen.

Pope John Paul II
Evangelium Vitae, 1995

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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

St. Peter Martyr School

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

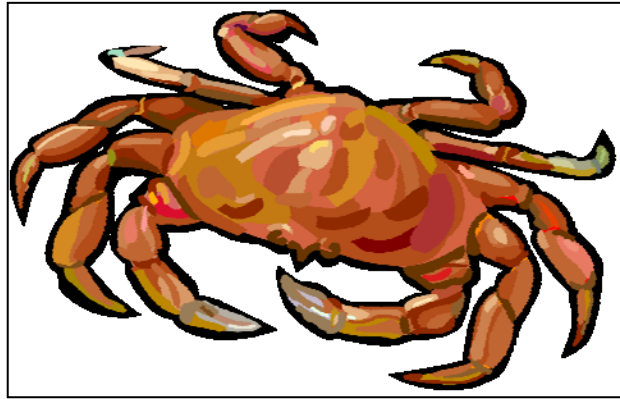
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The school offers a strong academic program and spiritual knowledge of the Catholic faith, morals and values. Extended Care and extra curricular programs are also available.

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



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)