

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 2, 2020 – The Presentation of the Lord

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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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The Presentation
of the Lord

He had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way.
— Hebrews 2:17a

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 18-19

Weekend Offering.....\$10,776.00

Readings for the Week

- Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13; Ps 3:2-7; Mk 5:1-20
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30 — 19:3; Ps 86:1-6; Mk 5:21-43
- Wednesday: 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 6:1-6
- Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12; 1 Chr 29:10-12; Mk 6:7-13
- Friday: Sir 47:2-11; Ps 18:31, 47, 50, 51; Mk 6:14-29
- Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13; Ps 119:9-14; Mk 6:30-34
- Sunday: Is 58:7-10; Ps 112:4-9; 1 Cor 2:1-5; Mt 5:13-16

Looking Ahead

Feb. 8 - Knights of Columbus Crab Feed in the parish hall. This event is sold out.

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

Feb 26– Ash Wednesday

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 2 - The Presentation of the Lord

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies / Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot Loan

Monday, February 3

- 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, February 4

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Art & Environment meet - 10 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Liturgy Committee meet - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7 to 9 pm - Church - Contact Samantha Peralto at 925-726-7117 for upcoming schedule

Wednesday, February 5

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

Thursday, February 6

- 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 7

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to Noon - Church

Saturday, February 8

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Knights of Columbus Crab Feed - 5:30 pm - Parish Hall

Sunday, February 9 - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - 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 |
| 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

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 | Maria Aurora Abreu † |
| Sun. 8:00 am | Alfredo & Elina Avelar † |
| Sun. 10:00 am | Fernanda Tellez † |
| Mon. 8:00 am | Our Parish Family |
| Tues. 8:00 am | All Priests & Deacons |
| Wed. 8:00 am | Jake Franzen † |
| Thur. 8:00 am | All First Responders |
| Fri. 8:00 am | Inocencio O. Papa † |

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Tom Lococo, Judi Heckendorn, Arthur Najera and Vincent DeLuca.**

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

THE ROAD TO GOD

There is but one road to lead us to God—humility; all other ways would only lead astray, even were they fenced in with all virtues. —Nicolas Boileau-Despreaux



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Feb. 8-9

| Liturgy | 4:00 pm Saturday Vigil | 8:00 am Sunday | 10:00 am Sunday |
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| Lectors: | Melodye Costanza Mila Ellingwood | Matthew Bajet Patricia Kramer | Alicia Solano Lee Oliver |
| Head Cup: | David Simpson | Vianney Mendoza | Gloria Olvera |
| Head Host: | Marla Plurkowski | Jeannine Ford | Jane Sharpe |
| Host: | Hanny Reingold Tim Cox Kathy Augusta Mary Angelica Cayaban | MaryJo Keister Jack Goncalves Samantha Peralto Carol Fanfa | Mark Costanza Cynthia Enrique Lesley Eubanks Nancy Santos |
| Cup: | Teresa Glenn Shelli Daviess Rhoda Herrera Sharon Simpson Christoph Holl | Rick Howell Natalia Joyce Nick Suarez Monika Kauer Frank Kauer | Amante Asuncion Steven Andreatta Noel Fortez Sheila Fortez Estrella Rusk |
| Servers: | Open | Daniel Galvan | Stephania Madoshi Jean Paul Fortez |
| Homilist: | Fr. Robert | Fr. Robert | Fr. Robert |



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.

Thank You from YLI #101

We want to thank the parishioners of St. Ignatius of Antioch for their generous donations of toiletries, dental supplies and warm socks. After gathering all the supplies donated by this parish, our members and friend filled over 200 bags with everything plus hot chocolate, Top Raman, candy canes, apples, cuties and prayer cards. They were distributed to Tabora Gardens Senior Housing, Don Brown Shelter for Temporary Housing Support and Winter Nights. We continue in our faithful journey to bring comfort and cheer to the many homeless and less fortunate during the Holiday season. As you travel this coming summer think about who could use all those items collected. We will be collecting again this coming fall.



Gods Blessings, Jeannine Ford

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.

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 is 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.

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!

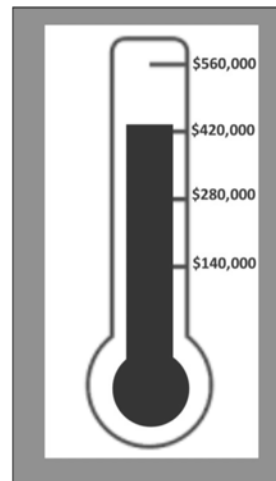
The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include:
Feb. 21-23, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA.
Jul 10-12, 2020 in DANVILLE, CA

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

Expansion Project News

Last Friday, Father Robert and members of the Expansion Committee met with Mr. Paul Bongiovanni, Chief Financial Officer of the Diocese of Oakland. A full report of that meeting along with the next steps to be taken will be included in an upcoming bulletin. In the meantime, if you haven't yet made a pledge, you are encouraged to do so. We anticipate an additional meeting with Bishop Barber's consultants in the near future and every pledge will be important. Pledge forms are on the credenza in the rear of the church, from the parish office or online at <https://www.stignatiusofantioch.org>

Pledge totals as of Friday, January 24, 2020:



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| Pledges | \$424,167 |
| Participating Families | 200 |
| Participating Ministries or Organizations | 4 |

Thank You

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

In today's Gospel, I am always struck by "Ancient Annie," the prophetess, honed by years of prayer and fasting, who proclaimed who the Child would be. She had this insight because she had many years of silent listening to God in her heart and years of hearing the cries of her people. Like her, we have been tested by suffering and by the desire for things to come aright in our lives. We learn to recognize the insights from the Lord and we struggle to let go of what we want and wait on the Lord's time. Those over fifty in our congregation are quite aware that life puts us in "the refiner's fire."

"No matter how much we may love the melody of bygone days or imagine the song of a future one, we must dance within the music of today, or we will be out of step, stumbling around in something that doesn't suit the moment."⁽¹⁾ Anna lived in the present moment while hoping for a better future. This is what we must hold together, both awareness of the present and the trust that the future will be born of our faith in the Creator that has always loved us. Anna was accompanied by silence and prayer, never losing hope in the promises of Yahweh. We struggle to find the Christ who is "waiting for us just beneath the veil, just over the horizon."⁽²⁾ Our search must travel from the present moment to the future.

The present moment wrestles with many difficulties and divisions—impeachment trails, gun violence, rejection of immigrants, poverty and racism. How can we hold out hope in the midst of so much chaos? We can only do it with the awareness and the promise of Christ who guides us by His Spirit. In His life, he went on ministering and healing despite the efforts of institutions to bind Him into their mold. He obeyed the voice of the Spirit despite Roman occupation and the lack of faith among His disciples. He trusted the One Who guided Him and gave over His will to the Will of the Father. He kept on learning through the experiences that presented themselves. He was open to new ways of thinking and being. Surprise: God wishes all people, Jew and Gentile alike, to be redeemed. Surprise: suffering is the way to redemption. He grew and became strong because He knew that "the favor of God was upon Him." He trusted and commended His spirit into His Father's hands.

We know that the favor of God is upon us. We are baptized into His community. We recognize His Presence in the Eucharistic celebration which binds us together with Him and with each other. We commit ourselves to the expansion project, not only the expansion of our physical space that we may better serve our community and the area where we live, but continued commitment to opening ourselves to the changes that are coming. That means we have to grow by continual prayer, examining new ideas and new ways of service. We cannot hold on to a church or a world the way it was when we were children. That is the past. We must open our arms to a mature future where Christ, the Omega, is leading us. The future "is the inevitable result of what we do today, and the more we take it in our hands, imagine it as a place of justice and pleasure, the more the future knows we want it and that we aren't letting go."⁽³⁾

Transformation demands that we shed ourselves and our ego as the central reference point. In silence, we discern what movements within are of God and what are of ego, what is of His Spirit and what is not. God has been present in times past and is present with us as we approach the rising dawn of the coming age.

(1) Lisa Wingate, *Before We Were Ours*, New York,: Ballantine Books, 2017, p. 315.

(2) Kathleen Duffy, *Teilhard's Struggle*, Maryknoll, New York, Orbis Books, 2019, p. 43.

(3) Adrienne Maree Brown, *Emergent Strategy*, Chico, CA: AK Press, 2017. P. 164.

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Taking Inventory

What are your spiritual gifts? The first time I heard someone say that I was in pastoral ministry school, roughly a dozen or more years ago. Up until that class I had a fairly good handle on all the class subjects and what the instructors were talking about. But that term, "spiritual gifts," left me more than clueless. It threw me into an inner panic. I could feel my face blanch pale, my heart rate quickened, and I not only felt like a deer caught in the headlights of a speeding truck, I was about to be run-over by it. "You don't have any spiritual gifts!", my inner voice screamed at me. I couldn't walk on water or turn water into wine. The only thing I could do was change beer into something my bladder wanted to expel. I could hear other students murmur about the number of spiritual gifts they had. "I have five," one person told another. "Five," I thought to myself, "how can you have five of what I haven't got any!"

As the instructor began to talk about what spiritual gifts are, where they come from, and what they are for, I began to relax a bit. I still didn't know what my gifts were, but I was stealth fully hiding behind the bush of "They're not going to call on me first." Before I knew it, a spiritual gifts inventory questionnaire was on my desk along with an answer sheet. I read the questions and marked the answers honestly. I had nothing to lose. In short order a key of 24 spiritual gifts aligned with my answers to reveal what my strongest and weakest gifts were in all 24 categories. Now I had something. Craftmanship topped the list at 12 out of 15 followed by giving, teaching, and intercessory prayer at 11 and 10.

I would never have thought that craftsmanship was a spiritual gift. Isn't it a neuromotor skill? And intercessory prayer; praying for the safety and well-being of whomever may be involved when an emergency vehicle siren is heard was something I did from my earliest childhood. Turns out if you craft something for the use of the Church or to inspire someone to faith such as through painting biblical scenes then that is spiritual. Praying for those in peril to be safe and well even when you don't know who they are or whether the siren is police, fire, or ambulance is also very spiritual. Some gifts we have had and have used for so long we don't recognize them as special gifts given to us from God. Knowing what they are and how strong they are within us can help us understand why we are here, our purpose in life, and where to put those gifts to good work. *The Catholic Spiritual Gift Inventory* by Sherry Weddell is what I use in all my adult Confirmation classes.

We should all be aware of what our own particular gifts are (Yes! You do have them!). As life changes and the tasks God sets for us change so do the magnitudes of our gifts. It's always good to keep testing ourselves to know what God has given us to give to others.



**FOOD
BANK**
of Contra Costa & Solano
Volunteers Wanted!

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.

World Day of the Sick

Saturday, February 8, 2020, 11:00am
Cathedral of Christ the Light

Do you know of a neighbor, friend, or loved one that could use prayers for healing and hope?

Please join us in this special opportunity to pray for healing and hope in this fragile population. This World Day of the Sick in Oakland will include:

- Mass
- Sacrament of anointing the sick
- Blessing of caregivers & healthcare providers
- Distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France
- Distribution of rosaries, holy cards & Prayer Petitions
- Malta Clinic Open House
- Pope Francis Legal Clinic - Health Care Directive
- Reception to follow Mass.

No RSVP is necessary. Please bring your friends, family and neighbors, and share this blessed opportunity.



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 925-628-9767 or
Beth Enea at 707-278-5758.



*Message from
Young Ladies Institute
#101 Antioch*

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Young Ladies Institute has been an organization in our community since 1922. Our membership is comprised of parishioners of both St. Ignatius of Antioch and Most Holy Rosary. As ministers for our parish here at St. Ignatius of Antioch we are Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Bulletin stuffers, office staff & helpers, environment committee, social committee, prayer group and all-around helpers to our parish community for any fundraisers. We hold fund raisers to help support Faith formation classes, SPRED, flowers for the Holidays and monetary support to our Parish.

The time has come to expand the Parish Hall and Kitchen, allowing more parishioners to attend functions and to bring the kitchen up to code with updated appliances to service our community. When we received the request to make a pledge for the expansion project, we were excited knowing that this project is going to move forward. The next step was to raise funds to help complete this project. The pledge request was received at our YLI meeting and without hesitation it was approved that we get on board making a pledge to help. **Now, more than ever, each and every one of us need to realize that it will take ALL of us to make a pledge. Big or small we all need to join together to accomplish this goal.** Make St. Ignatius of Antioch shine and a place for comfort and retreat.

*...Jeannine Ford,
YLI member and a proud member of this
Parish*



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To access, type the following into the URL line of your Internet browser:

stignatiusofantioch.formed.org

Enter the access code (all caps):

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Then create your own username and password.

If you need assistance, please contact Frances Rojek at 925.778-1631.