

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 16, 2020 – Sixth 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

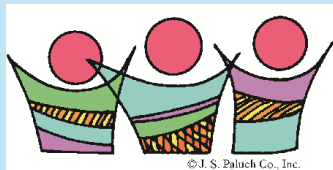
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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.



February 16, 2020
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit. — 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Stewardship of Treasure

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignace 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 1-2

Weekend Offering.....\$9,049.00
Parking Lot Loan.....\$3,855.83

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76; Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a; 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21
 Wednesday: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26
 Thursday: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-7; Mk 8:27-33
 Friday: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-6; Mk 8:34 — 9:1
 Saturday: 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4-6; Mt 16:13-19
 Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13; 1 Cor 3:16-23; Mt 5:38-48

Looking Ahead

Feb 26– Ash Wednesday
Feb 28– 6:30 p.m. Clam Chowder Soup Dinner followed by Stations of the Cross at 7:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 17

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- *Presidents' Day - Offices Closed*
- SPRED Catechist Prep - 4:30 to 6 pm- Parish Hall
- No RCIA

Tuesday, February 18

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Finance Council meets - 11 am to 12 noon - Parish Hall
- Social Committee Planning Meeting - 6 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - 7 to 9 pm - Parish Hall - Contact Samantha Peralto at 925-726-7117 for upcoming schedule
- Lector Training - 7 pm - Church

Wednesday, February 19

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am with Novena following
- C5 Meeting - 10:30 am to 1 pm - Parish Hall
- No Faith Formation Class

Thursday, February 20

- 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, February 21

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

Saturday, February 22

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy

Sunday, February 23 - 7th 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 | Regina Ramos |
| Vincent Cortese | Ralph Ramirez |
| Stacia DeBuhr | Mack Spears |
| Zachary DeBuhr | Lilia Suarez |
| Zoe DeBuhr | Beatrice Truxton |
| Rey Dollete | Esperanza Valdez |
| Infant Lucas Michael Fetty | Peter Villalpando |
| Florencia T. Flores | |
| 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.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Ruben Tapia †
Sun. 8:00 am	Mal Ye Kennedy †
Sun. 10:00 am	Joel Rusk †
Mon. 8:00 am	Irenio and Rosa Masing
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Tony Lopez †
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	Jim Peddicord †

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

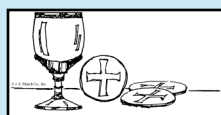
Please pray for the souls of **Archbishop Alexander J. Brunett, Evangelina Ripp, Rosalie Colombo, Marilyn Baio, Juan Figueroa, Jim Peddicord, Lilia Suarez and Monte Paniagua.**

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

CONSCIENCE

Labor to keep alive in your breast that little spark of celestial fire, called conscience.

—George Washington



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Feb. 22-23

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Therese Kain Steve Rojek	Theresa Galvan Jack Goncalves	Tina Costanza Andrew Ngo
Head Cup:	Melodye Costanza	Crispina Malonosan	Jane Sharpe
Head Host:	Sharon Simpson	Vianney Mendoza	Lesley Eubanks
Host:	Fran Barbanica Bill Barbanica Mary Angelica Cayaban Kathy Augusta	Carol Fanfa Samantha Peralto Natalia Joyce MaryJo Keister	Yvette Young Editha Quiambao Reyna Garcia Estrella Rusk
Cup:	Marla Plurkowski Tim Cox Teresa Glenn Shelli Daviess Dave Simpson	Rick Howell Sue Howell Nick Suarez Monika Kauer Frank Kauer	Nancy Santos Sheila Fortez Noel Fortez Cynthia Enrique Mark Costanza
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan David Rodrigues	Jean Paul Fortez Dezire Jackson
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

Lenten Friday's

- **February 28:** 6:30 p.m. Clam Chowder; 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- **March 6:** 6:30 p.m. Vegetable Soup; 7:30 p.m. Sung Evening Prayer
- **March 13:** 6:30 p.m. Cream of Potato; 7:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrament of Anointing
- **March 20:** 6:30 p.m. Cream of Carrot; 7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
- **March 27:** 6:30 p.m. French Onion Soup; 7:30 p.m. Sung Evening Prayer
- **April 3:** 6:30 p.m. Clam Chowder; 7:30 p.m. Communal Penance/Sacrament of Reconciliation

Annual Lenten Retreat

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

Wednesday, March 25, 2020
St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

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 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 Dr., 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.

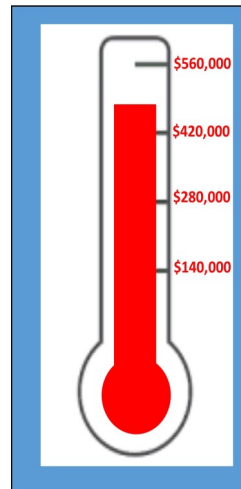
Expansion Project News

As this bulletin goes to print, we anxiously await word from the meeting of Bishop Barber and his Consultors.

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. 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, February 7, 2020



Goal	\$567,314
Pledges	\$454,795
Participating Families	223
Participating Ministries or Organizations	4

Thank You

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

As we approach Ash Wednesday (ten days away), we begin to think about our sins and the meaning of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. What does it mean in this day and age to confess our sins? I began musing over this while I reread an “oldie but goodie” from my bookshelf called: *A Search for God in Time and Memory* by John Dunne written in 1967 right at the end of Vatican II. If you think that is a long time ago, I would remind you that spiritual ideas often remain far longer than their authors. We often bring our childish ideas of spirituality into our adult life without reflection. Here is what I mean:

In the book, he asks about the attitudes we have in going to confession. When we examine our consciences, are we filled with uncertainty and doubt? Does guilt and fear fill our emotional space? Or do we approach the throne of grace with assurance in God's mercy and acceptance of His love? So often the feelings of guilt still overcome us when we think about our past mistakes. They last long after we have made amends and asked forgiveness of the offended party. We can spend years wallowing in these feelings, but this is not where our faith would lead us. Without God, we are led into anguish and despair, but with God there is another way.

In this Sacrament, God would lead us toward the feeling of assurance of His love. There is a wonderful song called “Blessed Assurance” that sings of God's ever-forgiving heart. We believe He accepts our efforts to admit our wrong doing. He wipes the slate clean and forgives all. It's we that hold on to it. There is no need to repeat the same sin over and over in confession. Place the focus of attention on the Father that cares for you. Christ leads us to trust in the fountain of the Father's mercy. Yet the doubts remain.

“Christ is often felt to be the archetype of the contemporary man exposed to the undefined and indefinable, for He is exhibited in the Christian message undergoing all the ins and outs of unmediated existence, the heaven of assurance, in which he calls the unknown and uncontrollable by the name of “Abba”, the agony of uncertainty, in which he asks, “If it be possible, let this cup pass from me,” and the hell of abandonment in which he cries, ‘My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?’” (p.113) He gave over His spirit and we must give over ours to the loving embrace of the Creator. We don't know how things will turn out. We can't predict moments of resurrection, but God can.

Like Christ, when we face our past life, when we enter our times of crucifixion, we are overcome with doubts and with feelings of abandonment. Have I made up for past offenses. Can God really forgive the evils I have done. He can and does. Heaven and earth can pass away, but God's abiding care does not. He wipes the slate clean. There are so many unknowns in our current world, but through Christ, God's love is not unknown to us.

When we long for assurance, we are in the example of Christ. When we long for grace, our feelings are aligned with His. “Give me only your love and your grace, that's enough for me,” says Dan Shutte's song. This is the mindset we put on in Christ. No matter what our past, God's love is always accessible to us. That is why we have the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is the sign of God's mercy. When we come up against the “undefined and indefinable” Abba is there. Give all your worries to Him and He will bring reconciliation in His own time. It only requires faith. In the meantime, “Let your Yes mean Yes and your No mean No.” With that truth as the principle of our lives, we wait for God in the darkness with serenity as our reward.

Parish Perspective—**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate*****LENT, HERE WE COME***

In a week and a half, it will be Ash Wednesday and the beginning of Lent. Some Catholics face Lent with a feeling of dread. They fall into the “Oh no! forty days of starvation, doom, gloom, and self-flagellation. When will it ever end?” They want to quit before they even get started. Granted, Lent is not all fun-and-games but in today's modern Church world it's not like going through the Inquisition either. Lent is primarily a time of purification, spiritual growth and maturity. A time for preparation to do the will and work that Christ started and entrusts to our hands to finish. Lent isn't that bad anymore. In fact, it can be a very enjoyable and rewarding season.

First up on my list of enjoyable things about Lent is the series of micro-short videos put out by Mathew Kelly and his Dynamic Catholic organization. The series is free and signing-up for the email delivered videos is as easy as going to their website and clicking a button. As in the Advent series that started our liturgical year, they are only 2 – 3 minutes long and pack a powerful punch to get you into the spirit of Lent.

Secondly, if there is anything positive you can look forward to the next day or week, it makes the season more cheerful. Since this year we will not be having our annual Fish Fry dinners on Fridays (a bigger “bummer” than Lent could ever be) we will be doing something different (Quote Bill Murray from the movie *Groundhog Day* “Anything different is good”). We will be having a variety of liturgical offerings, something new and different each Friday night, followed by a simple soup and bread meal in the parish hall afterwards.

For the traditionalists among us there is always the narrower path of Lent that can be enjoyable in its sternness and discipline. The three-fold observance of Lent is Prayer, Fasting, and Alms Giving. We can use this Lent to set aside a specific time for prayer. You might have such a time already, even if it's just long enough for an Our Father and a Hail Mary. We can also expand the time we have already allotted for prayer within the day. We can indeed fast from our favorite desserts or categories of foods such as all pork products (or just bacon), alcoholic beverages, or any form of pasta (a “toughie” for me). Finally, there is the giving. Perhaps this Lent we can expand or increase our giving to the poor and needy. We can also consider giving more to pay off the parking lot loan, contribute to the Building Expansion Fund, the Sunday plate collection, and the special second collections on Sundays.

At the end of forty days we can be proud of the things the Holy Spirit has motivated us to do as followers of Christ. No matter which path we choose to tread on our Lenten journey; they all lead to the resurrected Christ on Easter Sunday morning.

LENTEN & EASTER SEASON LITURGY SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday

February 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist and the Imposition of Ashes
12:00 Noon Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes
5:30 p.m. Liturgy of the Word and Imposition of Ashes
7:30 p.m. Sung Evening Prayer and Imposition of Ashes

First Sunday in Lent

Saturday, February 29, 2020

The Penitential Procession and Great Litany 4:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
 The Penitential Procession and Great Litany

Second Sunday in Lent

March 7, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist

March 8, 2020

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; The Gospel of the Transfiguration

Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 14, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist

Sunday, March 15, 2020

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; The First Scrutiny at 10:00 a.m.; The Gospel of the Woman at the Well

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 21, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist

Sunday, March 22, 2020

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; The Second Scrutiny at 10:00 a.m.; The Gospel of the Man Born Blind

Fifth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 28, 2020

4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist

Sunday, March 29, 2020

8:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist; The Third Scrutiny at 10:00 a.m.; The Gospel of the Raising of Lazarus

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



Why Should I Give to the Bishop's Appeal?

The word “Catholic” means “universal,” and our faith cares for all our sisters and brothers regardless of the parish in which they worship. One should give to the Appeal because there are certain ministries and services that cannot be provided by a parish but only by a diocese. With your support, the diocese recruits, educates and forms seminarians, pays a pension and needed medical care for our retired clergy, supports a diaconate program and ethnic minorities. The diocese also supports schools and other parishes facing financial distress or an unexpected emergency. Some people may say that as long as we support our parish, we should not be concerned with the needs of other parishes, schools, recruitment, education and formation of our future clergy, and forming our youth and young adults in our faith beyond our own parish. Through the Bishop’s Appeal, the diocese is able to carry out these ministries and services which is only possible through the generosity of our parishioners.

Programs and Ministries Funded Through the Bishop's Appeal:

Diocesan pastoral ministries and services focus on strengthening our faith, our families, and building up our parish communities by engaging people in the daily life of the Church as they strive to live as faithful disciples of Christ.

- Liturgy • Respect Life Justice Programs • Vietnamese, Filipino & Latino Ministries • Ethnic Pastoral Centers
- Marriage & Family Life Ministries • Marriage Preparation Programs • Youth Retreat Center • CYO Programs
- Catholic Scouting • Young Adult Ministries • Children & Youth Ministries • Stewardship Education

Religious Education & Formation- Gifts to the Bishop's Appeal help support religious education and formation programs for thousands of youth and adults annually.

- Faith Formation Programs • Evangelization & Outreach Efforts • RCIA (Right of Christian Initiation of Adults)
- Religious Education Teachers’ Training • Serra Catechetical Institute • St. Francis de Sales School for Pastoral Ministry

Clergy Formation & Support- From initial formation into retirement, the Diocese provides support for our priests. Additionally continued updating and renewal for priests and deacons who faithfully serve our people is supported by your gift to the Bishop’s Appeal.

- Permanent Diaconate Program • Office of Vocations • Seminarian Education & Formation
- Priest Retirement & Long-term Care • Continuing Education Programs

Support for Catholic Schools & Parishes in Need- Each year, the Diocese provides subsidies and grants to assist with operating expenses at inner-city Catholic schools, and for parishes facing extraordinary and immediate financial challenges.

- Operating Subsidies • Capital Expenditure Grants • Emergency Funding Support

Assisting Local Parishes- Every parish has its own needs and plans for growth and new ministries to better serve their parishioners and the local community. The Bishop’s Appeal will again return 100% of all monies collected above each individual parish’s goal for use at the parish level.

Safe Environment Programs- Providing a safe haven for children, young adults and vulnerable adults.

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