

St. Ignatius of Antioch

February 23, 2020 – Seventh 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 23, 2020
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
— Leviticus 19:2b

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 8-9

Weekend Offering.....\$12,936.00

Readings for the Week

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

Looking Ahead

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

Mar 6- 6:30 p.m. Vegetable Soup Dinner followed by Sung Evening Prayer at 7:30 p.m.

Mar 14- St. Joseph’s Dinner. Watch for details.

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

Monday, February 24

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 5 to 8:30 pm- Parish Hall
- No RCIA

Tuesday, February 25

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

Wednesday, February 26 - Ash Wednesday

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist and ashes - 8 am
- Liturgy of the Word and ashes - 12 noon
- Liturgy of the Word and ashes - 5:30 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer and ashes - 7:30 pm
- No Faith Formation Class

Thursday, February 27

- 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 28

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

Saturday, February 29

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy/Penitential Procession
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan

Sunday, March 1 - 1st Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies/Penitential Procession
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for Parking Lot Loan
- RCIA-RCIC Rite of Sending - 10 am Liturgy
- 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 | Beatrice Truxton |
| Zoe DeBuhr | Esperanza Valdez |
| Rey Dollete | Peter Villalpando |
| Infant Lucas Michael Fetty | |
| 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	Our Parish Family
Sun. 8:00 am	Eva & Guido Romani †
Sun. 10:00 am	Jim Peddicord †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am, 12 Noon, 5:30 pm & 7:30 pm	Our Parish Family
Thur. 8:00 am	Gaele Vocal
Fri. 8:00 am	Grace Lopez †

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 **Baby Victor Rajo, Lilia Suarez, Juan Maldonado Figueroa and James Peddicord.**

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

FORGIVENESS

People who cannot forgive others break the bridge over which they must pass if they are to reach heaven; for everyone has a need to be forgiven. —George Herbert



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Feb. 29-Mar. 1

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Vince Augusta Susan Batterton	Kathleen Hayakawa Carlos Vasquez	Robert Solano Alicia Solano
Head Cup:	Rowena Cayaban	Vianney Mendoza	Amante Asuncion
Head Host:	Pam Confetti	Open	Gloria Olvera
Host:	Hanny Reingold Rhoda Herrera Bernice Campbell Beth Enea	MaryJo Keister Diane Hack Jenawati Kwa Jeannine Ford	Steve Andreatta Lee Oliver Helga Boardman Jessie Okon
Cup:	Cristoph Holl Melodye Costanza Sharon Simpson Dave Simpson Shelli Daviess	Crispina Malonsan Sue Howell Deanna Ribeiro Frank Kauer Monika Kauer	Gloria Asuncion Rose Necor Al Necor Charlie Mirano Maritza Martinez
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan	Jacob Mirano Noah Mirano
Homilist:	Fr. Richard	Fr. Richard	Fr. Richard

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. **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

Hope Solutions

(Formerly Contra Costa Interfaith Housing)

Homework Club Support: We are looking for compassionate individuals to help in our afterschool Homework Club that goes from August through June. We need support at our Pittsburg, Concord, and Pleasant Hill sites. You will provide academic support and mentoring to children from extremely low-income homes in grades K-12. Commitment is one afternoon per week (Monday-Thursday) for the entire school year. Adults and high school sophomores through seniors are encouraged to apply at www.ccinterfaithhousing.org/volunteer.

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

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

Lenten Friday's

Join us for a simple soup and bread supper each of the 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.

Feb. 28	Clam Chowder	Stations of the Cross
Mar. 6	Vegetable Soup	Sung Evening Prayer
Mar. 13	Cream of Potato	Liturgy of the Word & Sacrament of Anointing
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

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

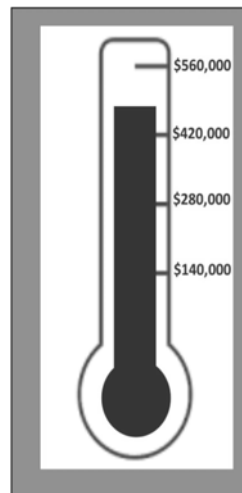
If you wish to submit your questions in advance, mail them to: Kathy Augusta, 2004 Crestwood Dr., Antioch, CA 94509 or email her at giraffiegirl@comcast.net
Retreat questions? Call Kathy Augusta at 925-628-9761 or Beth Enea at 707-218-5758.

Expansion Project News

Thank you to everyone who has pledged or donated to the Expansion Project. The project funding gap continues to close thanks to the generosity of this community. We are awaiting word as to when our project will be presented to the Diocesan Review Board. Each step takes us closer to bringing this dream to reality.

If you haven't yet made a pledge, please consider doing so. Pledge forms are on the credenza in the rear of the church, available from the parish office or online at <https://www.stignatiusofantioch.org>

Pledge totals as of Friday, February 14, 2020



Goal	\$567,314
Pledges	\$457,043
Participating Families	229
Participating Ministries or Organizations	4

Thank You

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

It is hard to give one's life to the Lord. We have all the best intentions, but then something comes along and we are invaded by fear or anger. We forget that God has "the whole world in His hands." We practice saying, "Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy in me a sinner," or "Jesus, I trust in you." Repeating these phrases helps. We give the situation to God, but then we take it back.

There is a book, *Abandonment to Divine Providence*, by Jean Pierre Caussade that is very insightful. He was a spiritual writer in France who died in 1751. He says, "The duties of each moment are the shadows beneath which hides the divine operation." (P. 5) Every moment speaks of God. There are treasures of grace in every day, every event, if we but pause to see them. "The divine activity permeates the whole universe, it pervades every creature; wherever they are, it is there; it goes before them, with them, and it follows them; all they have to do is let the waves bear them on." (P.7)

Practicing meditative breathing helps to release the tightness and the feelings of helplessness when the waves come. Praying the Psalms also helps. "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him" (Ps 103). A spiritual counselor once told me, "Leave it all to God. He has his own times, this God of ours who loves us so much." And there's the rub. We need faith to believe that. It should not be hard since Jesus gave His life to show us that love. He left us the Eucharist to renew that event in our time. Yet we continue to doubt that He will see us through.

He says, "Be holy for I am holy." "Be perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect." He challenges us to be faithful in these times of chaos and change. He challenges us to go the extra mile, to love our enemies, to continue to give over the anguish and fear in our lives to Him. And in this giving over He gives us peace.

When we look at the lives of the saints, we marvel at their struggle to be faithful. In each century they went to the lions or to those who would kill them by horrible means with faithfulness. Even in our own times we see a senator who went against his party because of faith, representatives who followed their consciences in the midst of threats and disparaging remarks by the powerful, witnesses who testified at the cost of losing their jobs. They did not do these things without human frailty, without emotional struggle, but they gave over their lives in trust.

It takes courage to live honestly in these times. It takes courage to gently question people of different opinions. It takes time and patience to research issues and to take them to prayer to find the voice of the Spirit in our choices. It takes patience to ask and to listen to those who are different than us. This is what we are called to do as "Super Tuesday" approaches. The Bishops have written a document called *Faithful Citizenship* available on the USCCB website. It offers guidance for Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants of our democracy and calls on all of us to be active citizens of faith. Pope Francis said, "Sometimes we hear that 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."

Being a person of faith in times of chaos and change is not easy. It is not without emotional struggle. It takes lots of research, prayer and times of silence to find where Jesus is leading us. As the waves of political turmoil roll over us, let us be the best of ourselves and commit to being faith filled. "Jesus, I trust in You. Jesus, we trust in you." Lead us on.

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Have A Long Life

A couple of weeks ago one of the last remaining actors from the "Golden Age" of Hollywood, Kirk Douglas, died at the age of 103. He was right there in the thick of it with Clark Gable, Humphrey Bogart, and Errol Flynn. My three favorite movies of his are *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea* (the first movie I ever saw in a theater), *Ulysses*, and *Lonely are the Brave*. He was the son of poor Russian Jewish immigrants struggling to gain a place in the Land of Opportunity. His father bought and sold rags to support his family and thus the title of Kirk's autobiography *The Ragman's Son*. In choosing that title for his autobiography Kirk did his father a great honor, not forgetting what he did for him.

In the Bible's book of Deuteronomy, the ten commandments are restated and expanded just a little from that given in Genesis. The commandment regarding honoring your father and mother includes a promise from God; "...that you may have a long life and that you may prosper in the land the Lord your God is giving you." If we can use age as an inverse indicator of honor, then Kirk did one heck of a job.

We have our own "Golden Age" of St. Ignatius of Antioch members among us now, although their numbers are dwindling. They too have had wonderfully long lives of service to the parish through its many service organizations. The Knights of Columbus and the Y.L.I. have seen in recent weeks the loss of some of its most loyal and longtime members. When we keep our eyes open, we can see family members caring for their aging parents and grandparents. These are the people who honor their fathers and mothers by taking the responsibility and hardship of providing the personal care that they know is best for the ones they love. It's not easy and there is a point at which every son and daughter must turn the labor of care for their parents over to another with more knowledge, skill, experience, and yes...youthful strength. We are all getting older, but simply getting older is not as great a curse or blessing as it might seem. It is what we do with the time we have that counts.

Do you remember Rose Lafferty? She had reached her centennial mark and was still teaching bible study classes from a wheelchair! Her parents raised her well and the life she spent in service to the Church showed in the longevity of her life.

All the honorable things we do for our parents and especially for our heavenly Father contribute to the true value of our lives and longevity. When we honor our Father in heaven, we not only gain length of days on earth; we gain eternal life in heaven.

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

Dear Faithful of the Diocese of Oakland,

I would like to thank you for your support during our 2019 Bishop's Appeal in response to Our Lord's call to "Rebuild My Church." Thanks to your generosity, we were able to raise \$2.7 million dollars. I express my sincere gratitude to you for your previous support of the Bishop's Appeal. If you are financially able, *I ask you to please thoughtfully and prayerfully consider joining our efforts this year by making a gift or pledge of financial support.*

Here's how your gifts helped to **Rebuild the Church**:

- 600 Catechumens, under instruction from September to April, participated in the Rite of Election for Adults with me at the Cathedral and entered the Catholic Church at Easter.
- More than 700 religious education teachers attended our Diocesan Catechetical Congress.
- Over 2,000 young people, having completed the two-year preparation course, received the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- A statewide Youth Conference held in our diocese attracted 700 young people to celebrate and grow in their faith. At the end of that weekend, 98 young men and women came forward to declare they were open to a religious vocation.

- The Franciscan Friars of the Renewal – who serve the materially poor, most especially the destitute and homeless – arrived in Oakland to open a convent and minister here.
- Tuition was paid for 18 young men studying in seminary to serve you as future priests.
- I was able to pay the medical bills to care for priests whose treatments were not covered.
- And at our largest event, braving inclement weather, 6,000+ faithful marched in a seven-mile pilgrimage through East Oakland to the Cathedral to honor Our Lady of Guadalupe.

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?

Although we call it "The Bishop's Appeal," it is really Christ's appeal. Thank you in advance for your love and generosity. No gift is too small. Thank you!

Sincerely Yours in Christ,

The Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, SJ
Bishop of Oakland

Reflections on Dan Schutte Weekend

As I am slowly coming down from music heaven, I must commend Don for the opportunity to have such a talented musician come to our little parish. Dan Schutte enchanted us with his beautiful music not just for an evening but for a whole weekend! Dan wanted to extend his thanks to all who participated in making this event for him so heartwarming and successful.

The Friday evening began with music and words of comfort from Dan Schutte, and the harmony that our choir provided to most of the songs he sang was absolutely angelic. We had visitors from other parishes and I heard nothing but positive thoughts from them as they were leaving at the end of the performance and reception. Saturday was a lesson on how to cantor and how to involve the parishioners in our singing, (which we already do by the way!) many questions were presented by those attending and Dan had wonderful responses about presentation, how not to be nervous, how to engage the congregation. it was a most educational evening. The evening ended with choir members, Dan and Don participating at the 4 PM mass.

Sunday was the icing on the cake, the finale to a musical extravaganza that raised our voices to our heavenly Father! Voices were in perfect harmony for both the 8 AM mass and the 10 AM mass. Our parishioners were

absolutely involved and singing praises along with our choir. What a Glorious sound emanated from St. Ignatius of Antioch.

I would especially like to give thanks to the **Music Guild, and our choir** for putting on such a splendid array of food for the Friday evening reception, and a special thank you to **Erika Fernandes** for her dedication in contacting choir members and guild members and asking for food donations. A special thank you also to **Rachelle Martin, Maryann Peddicord** and **Steve Andreatta** for working behind the scenes with publicity for the event. They really put in so much effort and hours sending out information to the Voice, our diocese various newspapers, and churches. Thank you to **Deanna Ribeiro** for contacting Martha's Guild (special thank you to **Lorraine Lohmeier**) for which they helped us set up food for the reception and **Will Avitabile** and **Catherine Vidaurri** for their continued support in providing the excellent wine.

Thank you to our amazing choir who put in countless hours of practice, who continually donate and give when ever asked, whether it is food or drinks. Their voices leant so much richness to all of the events. We are truly blessed to have a choir that continues to grow in talent and voice!

- Alicia Perez