

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 1, 2020 – First 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

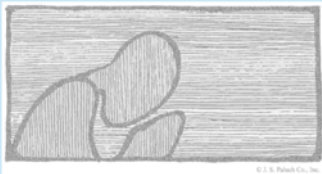
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

*“The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve.”*

— Matthew 4:10

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 15-16

Weekend Offering.....\$8,874.00

Readings for the Week

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;
Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;
Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;
Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22;
2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

Looking Ahead

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

Mar 13- 6:30 p.m. Cream of Potato Soup Dinner followed by Liturgy of the Word and the Sacrament of Anointing at 7:30p.m..

Mar 14- Sts. Joseph & Patrick Dinner. Tickets on sale now.

Schedule of Events

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
- Sts. Joseph & Patrick Celebration Dinner ticket sales

Monday, March 2

- 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 3

- 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 meets - 10:30 to 11:30 am - Parish Hall
- Parish Evening of Reflection - 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall. Everyone welcome
- Hula Class - Contact Samantha Peralto for upcoming schedule 925-726-7117.

Wednesday, March 4

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

Thursday, March 5

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Choir Practice - 7:30 to 9 pm - Church

Friday, March 6

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 am to Noon
- Lenten Soup Supper - 6:30 pm
- Sung Evening Prayer - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 7

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Sts. Joseph & Patrick Celebration Dinner ticket sales

Sunday, March 8 - 2nd Sunday of Lent

- *Daylight Savings Time begins*
- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II - 12 to 1:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Sts. Joseph & Patrick Celebration Dinner ticket sales

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	Molly Bushman †
Sun. 8:00 am	Lilia Suarez †
Sun. 10:00 am	Judi Heckendorn †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	Palmira Soares †
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the souls of **Juan Maldonado Figueroa, Jim Peddicord, Ret. Fire Chief Jack Whitener, Fire Capt Robert Ramos, FF Raymond Figueroa and FF Patrick Jones.**

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

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.

PRAYER

The value of persistent prayer is not that God will hear us, but that we will finally hear God.

—William McGill



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Mar. 7-8

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Sylvia Gray Melodye Costanza	Faye Lucas Ron Lucas	Rose Necor Lee Oliver
Head Cup:	Shelli Daviess	Vianney Mendoza	Jane Sharpe
Head Host:	Pam Confetti	Jeannine Ford	Gloria Olvera
Host:	Hanny Reingold Bill Barbanica Fran Barbanica Tim Cox	Carol Fanfa Diane Hack Jenawati Kwa Crispina Malonosan	Nancy Santos Noel Fortez Teresa Glenn Amante Asuncion
Cup:	Melodye Costanza Rowena Cayaban Christoph Holl Open Open	Deanna Ribeiro Samantha Peralto Frank Kauer Rick Howell Sue Howell	Lee Oliver Mark Costanza Yvette Young Cynthia Enrique Sheila Fortez
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan	Dezire Jackson Jean Paul Fortez
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

Social Events Committee

The St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee would like to say THANK YOU to all the parishioners who supported or who so generously donated to the various events we sponsored in 2019. Because of your support, we raised \$12,569.95 for our parish.

I would like to thank all of the fabulous members of the Social Events Committee! The members who cooked, served, bartended, decorated, cleaned up, designed tickets & flyers, sold tickets, donated items and most importantly donated their time and talent to these events. Our members has a lot of fun too!

The St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee is honored to commit to a pledge of **\$10,000** to the Expansion Project. We are excited for the future of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish and the fellowship that our expanded hall will provide!

Marla Plurkowski

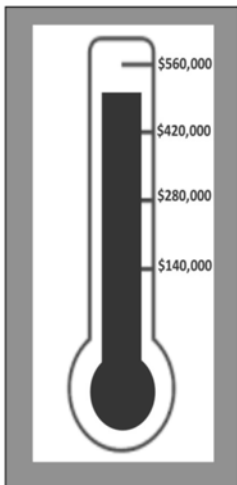
St. Ignatius of Antioch Social Events Committee

If you would like to become a member of the Social Events Committee, please call me at 925-513-5069 or email me at m.plurkowski@comcast.net.

Expansion Project News

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 Monday, February 24, 2020



Goal	\$567,314
Pledges	\$470,843
Participating Families	232
Participating Ministries or Organizations	6

Thank You

Annual Lenten Retreat

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

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

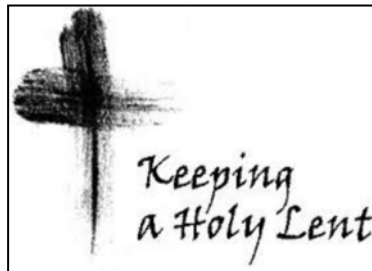
9:30a.m. Hospitality and Check-In, Morning Sessions, Mass, Lunch, Special Q & A Session with Fr. Robert.
 2:30p.m. Concluding Blessing.

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

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

Parish Evening of Reflection



Tuesday
 March 3
 7:30 PM
 Parish Hall

All are invited to spend time with each other as we begin
 The Season of Lent

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. 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

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

Jesus was not part of the dominant culture. His land was occupied by a powerful adversary. This is the backdrop of His meditations in the desert. It is easy to see why to evil spirit tempted Him with bread, pride and power.

The people were hungry for both physical and spiritual bread. Like us, they were tired of oppression and poverty of body and spirit. Jesus points out that trust in God is the most important food. The good Spirit sends us inspiration to live on in hard times. The Spirit helps us to see the way through. Mason Cooley says, "Creativity makes the leap and then looks to see where it is." When we hear God's voice, we must leap to follow it. It is our food.

The second temptation is to tempt God by testing Him. That's when we say, "OK, God, if you love me, I can do what I want...If you love me, You will do it this way." But it doesn't work that way. It is interesting that the devil took Jesus to the temple for this test, as if the history of God's support of the Israelites was going to come into play here. God was with the Israelites then and He is with His church now, the inheritors of God's action in the Old Testament, but that doesn't mean that we can play around with what God wants, or bend His will to ours. We are here by grace. We are a community that stands for truth and justice. We cannot respond carelessly to what God asks of us. In humility and patience, we listen and await His voice to tell us the next step.

This is where Ignatian discernment comes in. Recently, a friend went to jail on a false charge. He asked us to bail him out. This involved some risk and extra work on our part. We had to go to the bail bondsmen. We had to go to court. It also involved trust in the friendship. I prayed for guidance and heard, "Set the captives free." We did not respond out of friendship or necessity, but out of the voice the Spirit sent. The "test" was not in our wishes, but in following God's direction.

The third temptation was the temptation to power. If we follow the way of evil, we can accumulate power. We can lie and cheat to make money. We can "lord it over" others in the workplace and at home. This temptation is worth pondering as we listen to and research the candidates for the election. Everyone running has power and money, but how do they use it? Do they use it in the service of truth? Do they use it to try to bring people together? Do they share their power with the masses? Or do they run for president to aggrandize themselves and build up their own importance. "The Lord your God shall you worship and Him alone shall you serve." This election demands that we do our homework and listen to God's voice before we go to the polls.

Recently, I heard someone say, "We are not so much a divided country as a disconnected country." We are disconnected from one another. We don't have the time or patience to listen to someone with a different opinion. As Jesus waited in the desert to hear God's voice, so we must be patient with our brothers and sisters so we can discern together what is the path to the future.

Jesus was able to resist these temptations and listen to God. After these trials, "Angels came and ministered to Him." He was able to hear the good voices and trust in their guidance. Who are your Angels? Who in your life offers solid advice that will lead to a decision that shines with the truth? Thank them this week for helping you discern between actions that lead to power and prideful responses and those that lead to humbly following the voice of the Spirit.

Parish Perspective—

By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

Embracing the Stranger

The Oakland weather was better than usual for a mid-February morning. The Confirmation for adults would be starting in about an hour and a half. Eighteen adults from classes held here at St. Ignatius of Antioch would receive the sacrament at the hands of the bishop. Until then, I had time to kill while waiting for the flock to arrive. I decided to re-acquaint myself with the crypt area of the cathedral with its fine stained glass artwork and highly polished marble walls. Slowly I proceeded down the sloping walkway to the area just below the massive altar in the sanctuary above.

I took one step beyond a table-like bench when a slurred voice off to my right said, "good morning." Returning the salutation, I could see the man, disheveled, hair uncombed, and a few personal items of his spread-out at the base of niches for the remains of the faithful. I proceeded on when the man said something else lower in tone and equally slurred. A basic instinct told me to walk on and ignore the man as if I didn't hear him, but the sound of countless homilies given by Fr. Robert, Fr. Mangini, and yes even some of my own told me to stop, not be afraid, and engage him where he was. He worked to speak as clearly as he could and said, "Come over here." He led me back to the head of the table/bench and said, "Look at the cross. What do you see?" "A crucifix," I replied. "Now expand your point of view. Look at the side walls. What do you see?" he instructed. "I see three now. One in the center and two reflections, one on each wall," was my answer.

We started to share a theological discourse into the good thief, bad thief, the two aspects of our humanity of good and evil, Christ coming for all, no matter where we are along the journey, and of becoming more Christ-like. The slur in his voice was due to the removal of a small tumor from the back of his tongue. He showed me the little prayer station he had set-up by the niche containing his wife's remains. There was a photograph of them together, a prayer book, and a short poem he recently wrote for her. She died a mere three months ago.

Tears started to steam from his eyes as he told me of the love they had for each other. How he brought Christ to her life and how she accepted Jesus into her heart. He told me she was baptized in the cathedral, received all the sacraments, and was married to him just above where we stood. In that moment I embraced him in a hug of reassurance that love never dies, that her love and life are waiting for him.

Never in my last 30 years of life have I seen a man's heart so broken and yet capable of holding such pure love and in such abundance. He taught me not to be afraid of engaging and embracing the stranger. That is where you might find the greatest amount of love.

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. Born into an alcoholic home, she is now a Benedictine Oblate affiliated with the Prince of Peace Abbey. Cindy will share with us how the word of God and His unyielding faith has

brought her through unspeakable loss into living with joy each day. Men are always welcome to attend!

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

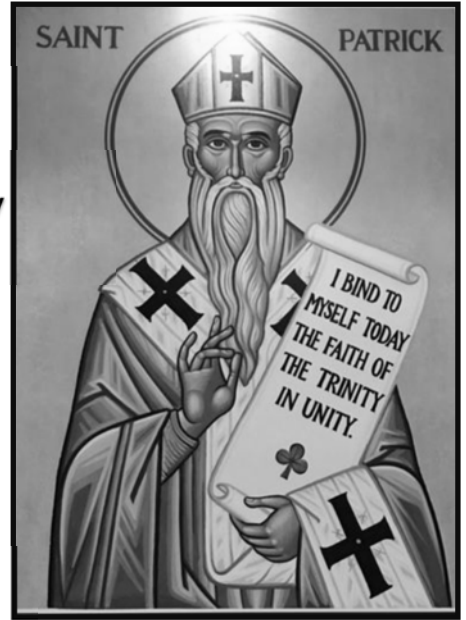
For more information:

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

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



**St. Joseph's/
St. Patrick's Day
Festival
Dinner**



**Saturday
March 14, 2020
5:30 PM**

**St. Ignatius of Antioch
Parish Hall**

***Raffle
50/50 Raffle
Live Auction
Door Prizes***

**Adults: \$25.00
Children: \$10.00**



**LIMITED
SEATING
Get Your Tickets Now!
This is always a
Sold Out
Event!**

**Menu:
Appetizers
Mediterranean Salad
Italian Pasta
Vegetables
St. Joseph's Bread
St. Joseph's Dessert Table**

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