

St. Ignatius of Antioch

March 8, 2020 – Second 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

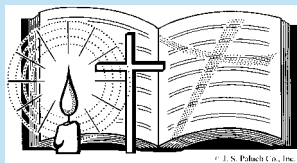
Holy Days: 8 am & as announced
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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.



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*Christ Jesus . . . destroyed death
and brought life and immortality
to light through the gospel.*

— 2 Timothy 1:10b

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 22-23

Weekend Offering.....\$10,383.00

Readings for the Week

- Monday: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
- Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
- Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
- Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
- Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
- Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
- Sunday: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 [5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42]

Looking Ahead

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. Get your tickets this weekend!

Schedule of Events

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

Monday, March 9

- 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, March 10

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Pastoral Council meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- Hula Class - Contact Samantha Peralto for upcoming schedule 925-726-7117.

Wednesday, March 11

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am and novena follows
- Faith Formation Class - 6 to 7:15 pm
- Music Guild meets - 7:30 to 8:30 pm - Parish Hall

Thursday, March 12

- 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, March 13

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Lenten Soup Supper - 6:30 pm
- Liturgy of the Word and Sacrament of Anointing - 7:30 pm

Saturday, March 14

- 4 pm Vigil Liturgy
- Sts. Joseph & Patrick Celebration Dinner - 5:30 pm - Parish Hall
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

Sunday, March 15 - 3rd Sunday of Lent

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- YLI Quarterly Mass at 10 am
- First Scrutiny at 10 am Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II—attending 10 am Liturgy
- Second Collection for Catholic Relief Services

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 | Kristopher Leffle |
| FF Capt. Steve Carter | Carmen Morales-Hall |
| Vincent Cortese | Linda Morrison |
| Stacia DeBuhr | Jose Palomino |
| Zachary DeBuhr | Regina Ramos |
| Zoe DeBuhr | Ralph Ramirez |
| Celso Borba | Mack Spears |
| Rey Dollete | Beatrice Truxton |
| Infant Lucas Michael Fetty | Esperanza Valdez |
| Florencia T. Flores | Peter Villalpando |
| FF Craig Gjerman | |
| Phil Herlick | |
| Willie Ilas | |
| Patrick Armitage | |
| Sharon Carvalho Armitage | |

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	Joann A. Russo †
Sun. 8:00 am	Mal Ye Kennedy †
Sun. 10:00 am	Jesus Perez †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Priests and Deacons
Wed. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Thur. 8:00 am	All First Responders
Fri. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women

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 **Rigoberto Santos, Robbie Noia, Geri Chiechi and Jim Peddicord.**

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

THE HEAVIEST LOAD

A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load anyone can carry.

—Anonymous



Lay Ministers Schedule Week of Mar. 14-15

Liturgy	4:00 pm Saturday Vigil	8:00 am Sunday	10:00 am Sunday
Lectors:	Adam Haas Antonio Cayaban	Matthew Bajet Kaitie Vanderklught	Youth Youth
Head Cup:	Sharon Simpson	Open	Amante Asuncion
Head Host:	David Simpson	Rick Howell	Gloria Olvera
Host:	Tim Cox Melodye Costanza Shelli Daviess Bernice Campbell	Vianney Mendoza Jenawati Kwa Frank Kauer Monika Kauer	Editha Quiambao Cecelia Kennedy Nancy Santos Al Necor
Cup:	Rowena Cayaban Pam Confetti Christoph Holl Open Open	Crispina Malonosan Deanna Ribeiro Jack Goncalves Natalia Joyce Samantha Peralto	Jessie Okon Gloria Asuncion Sheila Fortez Estrella Rusk Noel Fortez
Servers:	Open	Daniel Galvan	Jean Paul Fortez William Necor
Homilist:	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert	Fr. Robert

St. Vincent de Paul Pantry Needs

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

Safe Environment

All parishes must have the Code of Conduct for ministry to minors available for review. A link to this document is posted on the is posted on the parish website Safe Environment page:

All those who minister (volunteers, employees and clergy) in the Diocese of Oakland are to be educated about the nature of child sexual abuse, how it is perpetrated, how to report it, and strategies for prevention. **Training is mandatory for all who minister - first before starting work or volunteering and then every three years thereafter.**

In the three-year training cycle, St. Ignatius of Antioch is due for training this year. A session is being planned later this year. More information will be forthcoming about online training options and well.

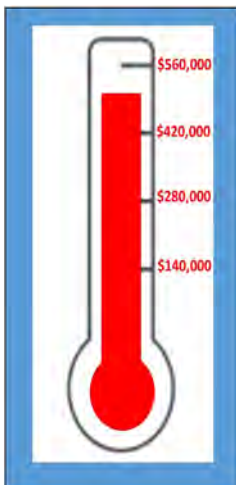
Marriage Encounter

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends include: Jul 10-12, 2020 and Nov 20-22, 2020, both in Danville, California.

For more information and/or to apply for a Weekend, visit our website at: oaklandwwme.org or contact Chuck & Annie at applications@oaklandwwme.org or 925-849-5466.

Expansion Project News

Pledge totals as of Monday, March 2, 2020



Goal	\$567,314
Pledges	\$484,387
Participating Families	241
Participating Ministries or Organizations	6

Thank You

YLI District 4

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.

Food Bank News

The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano Community Produce Program is coming to our parish. The first scheduled date is Friday, March 20 from 3:30-4:30pm. Thereafter, the Food Bank will be onsite on the first and third Fridays of each month. The Community Produce Program provides 15-20 pounds of FREE fresh produce to low-income families and individuals twice a month. If you're low-income and can use this service, please come to the parish parking lot on Friday, March 20 at 3:30pm. Bring two sturdy bags with handles.

Easter Egg Hunt at Holy Cross

Celebrate the Resurrection by joining us after Mass for our Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday April 4, 2020 at the Holy Cross Cemetery Courtyard, 2200 East 18th Street, Antioch.

Blessing of the children after 11am Mass followed by our Easter egg hunt. For more information: call the Holy Cross Cemetery office at 925-757-0658.

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

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**

The disciples were overpowered by the “bright cloud”, and the Voice acknowledging Jesus' kinship with God the Father. God's power is so much greater than ours. Yet He tells us that we must be one with the Suffering Servant in order to be acknowledged by the Father. In the past history, believers thought that suffering was punishment for sins, but that is not what Jesus came to tell us. If we are like Him in suffering, we shall be like Him in glory.

I think the “bright cloud” gives us a hint about this truth. A cloud brings darkness. Suffering is hard to bear. It can bring depression and anxiety. So often I catch myself complaining about the suffering that comes into my life. But there is another way to think about this. We can look to the cross and see how Jesus accepted suffering. The disciples argued with Jesus that this was not the way, but He corrected them. When suffering comes, we can't go over it, can't go around it; we must go through it. The bright cloud holds a promise that the sun will again shine. St. Athanasius says, “God became this bearer of flesh for a time, in order that humanity might become the bearer of the Spirit forever.” When we accept suffering and rejoice that it makes us one with Jesus, we are the bearers of this Spirit.

We cannot do this without prayer which gives the Spirit time to correct our complaining and helps us to hold fast to our likeness in Jesus. In prayer we can look at the cross and rejoice that we are worthy to become like Him. In prayer we see our oneness with all humans that suffer. Picture them in your mind, those that are suffering from war, those that are homeless, those that are ill, those that suffer from oppression. When we do this, we see our oneness with the whole human race.

We still have people who hold to past theologies. We must prayerfully examine the tradition to find the treasures and spit out the bones. If we grasp on to guilt from past, if we see the blows at the pillar as deserved because our sins were so many, we are going to choke on the bones. Spit them out! Jesus tells us that if we accept suffering so as to be one with Him, our sins are wiped away. We don't have to beat ourselves up for the acts of the past. All we have to do is to say “Yes” to the suffering that life gives us. Then Jesus says, “This day you shall be with me in Paradise.” The we will understand the message that He brings.

St. Theophan the Recluse said, “The concentration of attention in the heart is the starting point of prayer.” When we make contact with our heart space, we experience the well of sorrow that suffering brings. We connect with the emotions of loss and become one with the pain of others. This is what Jesus experienced in the garden. This is what he felt for the Good Thief. In prayer, don't avoid this, but go into that space and be there with Jesus. Be there with all humans that are suffering. Just say “Yes”.

Recently, I came across a book about the life and death of Franz Jagerstatter (*In solitary Witness* by Gordon Zahn). Franz lived in a small Austrian village during the Nazi invasion. He was a simple farmer with wife and children. Yet as he prayed, he felt he could not join the army and fight for Hitler's principles. He turned himself over to the Nazis to be imprisoned. He was tortured and beheaded. What is fascinating about this case history is the gradual understanding that he received in prayer. He was called to witness to the faith when the rest of his community went along with the Nazi regime. He witnessed to the truth in spite of the suffering he knew he would undergo.

Lent is a time to renew ourselves in the faith. We do this through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This week I have been concentrating on prayer. What suffering is God asking us to accept with grace? What complaining can we let go of? Let us find time to sit with the sorrows of our lives and the suffering of others to see what the Spirit has to tell us.

Parish Perspective— The Best of...**By Peter Degl'Innocenti...Pastoral Associate***Fasting and Breathing*

It is fairly well known that as a general rule of thumb, a person can live 3 minutes without air, 3 days without water, and 3 weeks without food. People can condition themselves to go beyond these limits through training. In fact, an Englishman in 2012 set a Guinness Book of World Records by holding his breath underwater for over 22 minutes. A factor of 7 times the average normal person.

In this time of Lent when we start to change our focus from prayer to the second pillar of Lent, fasting, we wonder how accurate the Bible might be when it says Jesus spent 40 days in the desert and ate nothing. The number 40 is often used in the Bible to represent a time of trial, testing, and faithfulness. The flood waters of Noah's Ark fame came from 40 days of rain. The Israelites wandered 40 years in the desert before entering the Promised Land. Jesus was seen for 40 days after his resurrection until his ascension. The number 40 may just be a literary tool used to denote a sufficient amount of time Jesus needed to prepare for his ministry.

Then, on the other hand, there was no one around then to record physiological norms for people living in that era. A lot of generations have passed since then, two thousand plus years' worth. With each generation the genetics that control human endurance changes. Some increase, some decrease. If an Englishman, today, can stay underwater for 22 minutes (factor of 7), then the tickling question to ask is, “could an Israelite two thousand years ago, go without food for 40 days; a factor of only 2?” It might have been possible for Jesus to do that. Jesus might have chosen a length of time right to the maximum point of human endurance at that time. Taking himself near the point of death might have been what Jesus needed to do in order to take the final step into death on the cross. Were Jesus' 40 days based on the 40 days of rain and 40 years of wandering, or were those past events based on Jesus' 40 days in the desert given God's perfect foresight of Jesus' life?

These are tantalizing notions and thoughts to dwell on when we contemplate Jesus and our experiences with fasting this Lent. Whether we fast for 40 days or 4 days or 4 hours, the point is that we take the time sufficient to change our lives to be more like Jesus, to improve our discipleship in order to evangelize to those who also need to know Jesus in a more intimate way. Take the time to fast in your own way this Lent.

Don't wait too long to do so. I won't hold my breath waiting and I know of an Englishman who'll only wait 22 minutes!

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. 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. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Pasta Dinner



When: Friday April 17, 2020

Where: VFW Hall Fulton Shipyard Rd. Antioch What

Time: 6:30 PM to 10 PM

Pasta prepared by chef Rich Confetti!

Garden salad, bread and dessert

Black Diamond Rhythm Band - oldies but goodies,
country, and a little of everything!

Raffle prizes will be available

\$20 per person/Children 13 and under \$10 Tickets will
be on sale starting March 21, after mass

Also available in the office

Call Maryann or Alicia at 925-778-0768 for more
information



**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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