

St. Ignatius of Antioch

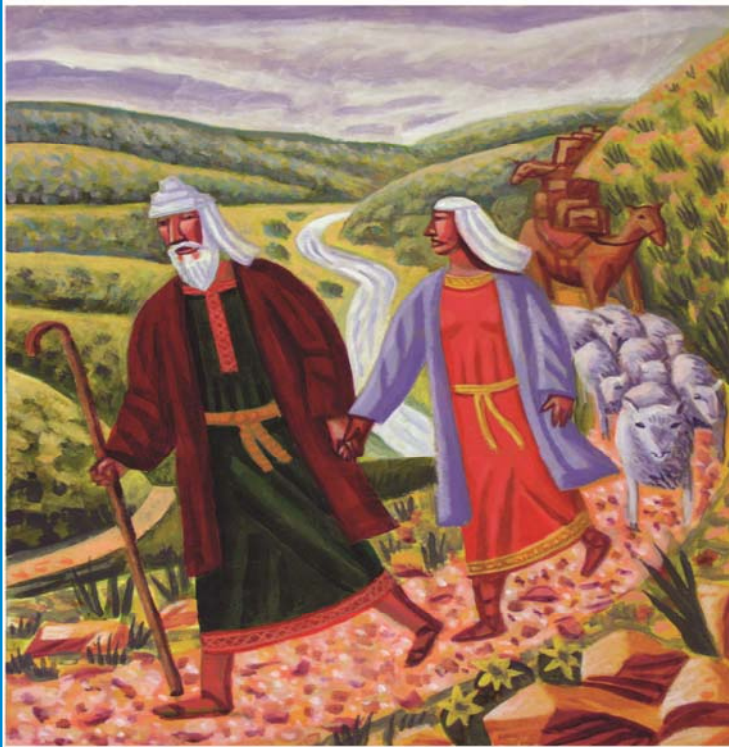
February 25, 2018 – Second Sunday of Lent

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Prayer of Pilgrim People

Father, you call us to be pilgrim people
on a journey.
As Abram and Sarai answered your call
to go to a new land,
so we want to go willingly
where you send us.
Strengthen our trust in you, we pray.
As Peter, James, and John
climbed the mountain
to see the Lord transfigured
before their eyes,
so we with our mind's eye
try to glimpse his glory.
Help us to hear and heed your words:
"This is my Son, the Beloved; with him
I am well pleased;
Listen to him!"
Heavenly Father, give us perseverance
to reach the holy mountain of Easter,
where the splendor of Resurrection
is found.
We ask this through our Lord
Jesus Christ,
your Son, who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Fr. Robert K. Rien
Pastor

Fr. George Griener, S.J.
Assisting Clergy

Fr. Richard Mangini
Assisting Clergy

Deacon Gary Hack
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Director of Music, Organist,
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Pastoral Associate,
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Pastoral Associate, Pastoral Care

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Pastoral Associate, Social Justice

Maryann Peddicord
Pastoral Secretary

Estrella Rusk
Financial Secretary

Rich Confetti
Facilities Manager

Eucharist Schedule

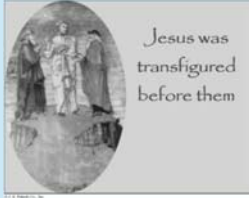
Saturday Vigil: 4 pm
Sunday: 8 am & 10 am
Mon., Wed., Fri.: 8 am Holy Eucharist
Tue., Thur.: 8 am Liturgy of the Word
and Holy Communion
Holy Days: 8 am & 7:30 pm
Reconciliation: Saturday, 2:45 to 3:30 pm

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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If God is for us, who can be against us?

— Romans 8:31b

Stewardship

Thank you for the gift of your Time, your Talent and your Treasure to St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will also be.” —Matthew 6:21

Stewardship of Treasure

Our goal for weekly plate collections is: \$12,500.00

Weekend Offering for February 10-11

Weekend Offering.....\$10,321.00

Looking Ahead

March 2, 9, 16 & 23: Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Fridays. See page 7 for details and coupon.

March 7 & April 4: Grains of Wheat women’s group prayer and scripture reading according to the Liturgical season. See page 6 for more information.

Ongoing:

Tuesdays: 9:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. - Hula Class in the Parish Hall. Contact Samantha Peralto at 726-7117 for information or questions.

Thursday: Growing in Faith Together (G I F T) sessions - 9:00 to 10:30 am. - Parish Hall. Call the Faith Formation office for more details (778-1631).

Schedule of Events

Sunday, February 25

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Confirmation I & II Class -12 to 1:15 pm -Parish Hall

Monday, February 26

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- SPRED Total Community - 4:30 to 6 pm - Parish Hall
- RCIA - 7 to 8:30 pm - Parish Office

Tuesday, February 27

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Knights of Columbus Meets - 7:30 to 9 pm - Parish Hall
- No Hula Class

Wednesday, February 28

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am, Novena following
- RCIC/Sacraments Class - 6 to 7:15 pm

Thursday, March 1

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Liturgy of the Word & Holy Communion - 8 am
- Growing in Faith Together (GIFT) sessions - 8:45 to 10:30 am - Parish Hall
- Choir Rehearsal - 7:30 pm to 9 pm – Church

Friday, March 2 World Day of Prayer

- Rosary - 7:25 am - Church
- Eucharist - 8 am
- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - 8:45 to Noon
- Knights of Columbus Fish Fry - 4:30 to 7 pm - Parish Hall

Saturday, March 3

- Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group Liturgy- 9 am - Church
- 4 pm Liturgy
- Confirmation I & II Attending Liturgy
- Birthday Blessing
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot

Sunday, March 4

- 8 am & 10 am Liturgies
- Birthday Blessing - both Liturgies
- YLI Attending 10 am Liturgy
- First Scrutiny - Presentation of the Creed - 10 am
- Second Collection for the Parking Lot

Pray for the Sick

Remember in your prayers all those who are sick or suffering in any way, especially:

Rocco Battaglia	Robin Goncalves	Tylor Rideau
Rosita Bonayon	Avelina Gordovez	Kim Tank
Tom Bresciani	Linda Morrison	Peter Villalpando
Gavin Cano	Judy Quicho	Theresa Weathers
Nimfa Carnes	Jose Guillermino Ramos	Guy Worth
Dorothy	Mike Ricker	

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.

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]

Lay Ministers—Week of March 3rd & 4th

4 pm: Lectors – Youth, Youth; **Head Cup** – David Simpson; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Carol Fanfa, Bernice Campbell; **Cup** – Rhoda Herrera, Jessie Okon, Pam Confetti

8 am: Lectors – Carlos Vasquez, Matthew Bajet; **Head Cup** - Crispina Malonosan; **Head Host** - Vianney Mendoza; **Host** – Edith Quiambao, Romeo Quiambao, Diane Hack, Jeanne Reilly; **Cup** - Nick Suarez, Kathleen Hayakawa, Tim Cox, Frank Kauer, Monika Kauer; **Server** - Chauncey Lewis, Aizaiiah Laxamana

10 am: Lectors – Ed Stokes, Sandy Stokes; **Head Cup** – Jeannine Ford; **Head Host** – Sharon Simpson; **Host** – Kathy Augusta, Estrella Rusk, Pat Dunleavy, Lesley Eubanks; **Cup** – Sharon Cissell, Beth Enea, Natalia Joyce, Lee Oliver, Yvette Young; **Servers** – Noah Mirano, Jacob Mirano,

4 pm - Fr. Richard Presiding and Preaching
 8 am & 10 am - Fr. Robert Presiding, Fr. Richard Preaching

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sat. 4:00 pm	Mike Ambrosini †
Sun. 8:00 am	John Fraga †
Sun. 10:00 am	Manuel Martins †
Mon. 8:00 am	Our Parish Family
Tues. 8:00 am	All Care Givers
Wed. 8:00 am	All Priests & Deacons
Thur. 8:00 am	All Military Men & Women
Fri. 8:00 am	All First Responders

Rest in Peace

Please pray for the soul of **Refugio Villa**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace. Amen.

St. Vincent de Paul

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is requesting the following food items:

- 2 lb. bag White Rice**
- Canned Tuna - 5 oz.**
- Chicken Noodle Soup - 10. 5 oz.**

Please bring your donations to weekend liturgies or place them in the donation barrel in the Narthex.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

If you can help or need help call (925)757-0941
 Food Pantry - Tues., Wed., Thurs. 9-10 am - Parish Center *

Food Bank Fresh Food Truck - 1st & 3rd Friday of the month 1-2 pm Church Parking lot *Most Holy Rosary.

If you can just once a month visit a needy family with us to offer them help call (925)757-0941

For every type of help from the country call 211 or go to: www.211database.org

Mobile Mall

Sorting - March 17th and April 7th from 9:00 am to 12 Noon - Holy Rosary Dominican Hall.

For more information about this ministry, please contact
Dee Vergara at 753-1291.

*Heavy duty garbage bags are needed

Don't Give Up Chocolate For Lent

At Dynamic Catholic we are committed to developing world-class resources that inspire Catholics and their parishes to rediscover the genius of Catholicism.

What is Best Lent Ever?

It is a free email program that will guide you and your parish on an incredible 40-day journey to become the-best-version-of yourselves, making this a truly life-changing Lent.

How Does It Work?

1. You encourage everyone in your parish to sign up at **BestLentEver.Com/ParishSignUp**
2. Starting Ash Wednesday, participants receive daily emails with short inspirational videos, practical tips to incorporate into their everyday lives, and encouraging stories from Dynamic Catholic team members.
3. Throughout Lent, participants will discover how to open their hearts to God and do more than just give up chocolate for Lent.....leading to their best lent ever.

Catholic Daughters of America Bingo

Catholic Daughters of America Court 1450 invites you and your friends to come and join us for Bingo every first Tuesday of the month. Bingo is held at the parish hall of the Good Shepherd Catholic Church at 3200 Harbor Street, Pittsburg.

Buy in is \$12.00 which includes 2 cards and a delicious lunch with unlimited fruit punch, coffee and tea. Doors open at 10:30 am. CDA is a nonprofit national Catholic women's organization that supports national and local charities and projects.

Come and meet new friends at our next Bingo on **March 6th**. See you there!

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.

There are 12 sessions over six Saturdays: March 3, March 10, March 24, April 7, April 21 and May 5, 2018 from 10 am to 4 pm.

Register at **www.HelpOurMarriage.com** or contact Gus and Edda Rivera at (510) 709-6063
Retrouvaille provides marriage Help! You are not alone!

Marriage for Life

A Program to Prepare Couples for the Sacrament of Marriage." The Marriage Preparation Registration for the 2018 Sessions are as follows:

Saturday, March 24th
Saturday, May 5th
Saturday, August 25th
Saturday, October 27th

Location: St. Mary's Cathedral
Gough and Geary Streets, San Francisco, CA

Engaged couples can register for any date on our website, www.marriageforlifef.com. Or if you prefer, the registration form can be printed out from the website and mailed in.

The website has a complete schedule, resource information about engagement and marriage as well as nuts and bolts info about the preparation sessions.

The cost is \$325.00 per couple. For more information, call Connie or Joe D'Aura (415) 664-8108.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing

Seeking In-Kind Donations

- **DIAPERS** (regular) size 3, 4, 5 for families in our programs.
- Cleaning supplies for our Scattered Site/FISH clients (Comet; Windex, Simple Green, Buckets; mops; etc.) Incentive prizes for Homework Club. \$1-\$5 prizes for K-8th graders for doing excellent work during the week. This is your opportunity to clean out the birthday party leftover drawer from over the years.
- Raffle prizes for resident monthly community meeting (NEW items; \$5 - \$20 value).
- Paper products for after school snacks; printer paper for after school programming.
- Used, working Laptops for families with children in school; Wi-Fi ready. We have 2 families whose children stay afterschool to use the computers and work schedules will make this harder on the family. For more information contact Gloria Bertolozzi at

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him." Let us learn to listen better to each other and God by participating in a Worldwide Marriage encounter weekend held at **San Damiano Retreat Center**, Danville.

The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is May 18-20th or September 7-9th. Space is VERY limited. Early registration 4 to 6 weeks ahead is highly recommended. Contact Greg & Mary @ 925-754-1284 or Joe & Sue @ 925-680-7767 now or go to oaklandwwme.org.

Justice Corner

By Carolyn Krantz...Pastoral Associate

There have been many Lents in the road of my life. What will make this one different? When I was young, I used to give up things, but now other motivations play around in my brain and in my heart. We have been encouraged not to “Give up chocolate,” but rather follow Matthew Kelly’s “Best Lent Ever” online. These reflections offer ways to more closely live the Gospel and live a more complete Catholic life, but they are also focused on improving myself. It has occurred to me that this Lent might be an opportunity to expand my horizons and focus more on the needs of the world than on myself.

There are three tried and true exercises for Lent: Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving. Let us take these three and see whether they can be expanded for the needs of the world.

Prayer: Besides praying for family and friends, could we spend some time each day praying for the suffering of the world? For example, think about the individuals and families that are migrating because of war, drought and other catastrophes. One sixth of the world’s population is on the move at any given time--mothers, fathers and children running for their lives in hopes of a better chance to be a family, find work and find peace in which to live. Spend five minutes a day sending love out to their fearful souls.

Or think of the families and children who are affected by cancer. Can we spend a few minutes imagining Christ’s loving arms holding them and add our loving thoughts to His effort? We have been taught that prayer makes a difference. Do we believe that?

Fasting: The purpose of fasting is to intentionally teach ourselves that our needs and wants do not come first. God’s Will comes first and S/He always wants the best for us. If one is a glutton, then fasting from food might be a way to do penance, but most of us are not gluttons. How about fasting from self-indulgence such as shopping for things we don’t really need. Give a donation of those funds to a worthy organization helping the poor. Or we could fast from complaining about things so that the lives of those around us are made easier. Fill your day with praise and positive statements. Instead of giving up something, how about focusing on the positive and practicing abandonment to God’s will. Such abandonment means that we accept what life sends and praise God for the life lessons that it teaches us. We fast from what we want and shift to what God wants.

Almsgiving: Most of us do not have a lot of money to throw around and already give to many causes. So how can we practice almsgiving? We can give our time to a charitable cause. Or we can put aside a specific amount from our paycheck and send money to help the poor, or put that extra \$10 in the collection for our church. We can support an organization that helps children around the world, or one that is focused on renewing the earth by saving butterflies or birds or sanctuaries for animals. We can volunteer at the Lindsey Wildlife Museum or our local animal shelter. We can volunteer to help sick people at a local hospital or do some clerical work for a trusted organization. “Time is money,” too.

Whatever you decide to do, make it intentional and consistent for these weeks and make it bigger than just you and yours. Jesus died for the world. Make your Lent for the world as well.

Parish Perspective

By Peter Degl’Innocenti...Pastoral Associate

A Dedicated Lent

Time is flying by and Lent is already here. In the blink of an eye it will be gone and “Happy Easter” will be on our lips. So, what can we do to slow down time to make this Lent last as long as we need it in order to affect a change in our lives?

There are two important things we can do. One, is to dedicate ourselves to whatever discipline of Lent the Spirit compels us to do. If it is to pray, let us pray with prayers that are meaningful. Let us pray with feeling, with true empathy for the people who need our prayers and for the just causes that the world needs so that peace, liberty, and moral conviction can be a living trinity. If it is too fast, let us fast from anything that may do us harm. It is not just food that may cause us harm but the things we take into our minds and heart that can be truly deadly.

What do we listen to? Who do we trust? What do we know for certain of our own accord? Fasting from gossiping and listening to gossip should be high priority on our Lenten list of things to avoid. If it is to give alms, then we should dedicate ourselves to giving with hearts as open as our hands. Start with whatever amount you feel comfortable in giving. Keep it at the ready and then see if in the travels of your day you can find someone in need of it. Far too often the opportunity to give alms is lost when we have to take the time to calculate how much we’re willing to give at the moment of encounter.

The second thing we can do is to dedicate ourselves to a program of Lenten activities. Our parish program for this Lent has been spearheaded by our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation, Frances Rojek. The program comes straight from Mathew Kelly’s *Don’t Give Up Chocolate for Lent* series. Each day the Lenten subscriber receives an email with three main parts designed to get us living in the spirit of Lent. There is the lead-off “Focus” followed by an easy “Activity” for that particular day, and then a concluding “Prayer”.

So, there you have it; two basic things to make these fleeting days of Lent count for something meaningful and have value in our lives. With our spiritual focus on Lent covered, we can turn our attention to Lent’s more pleasurable (dare I say “carnal”) side, the Fish Fry! By my calculations two Fish Fry dinners will have passed before I can get a review printed for this column. I can hardly wait to write about it. Honestly, I can hardly wait to enjoy that wonderful golden-brown fish and French fries, Bingo, and oh so much more! Lent is good. Savor all its aspects with love and dedication.



Catholic Charities of the East Bay

MENTAL HEALTH FIRST AID

Like CPR, **Mental Health First Aid** prepares people to interact with a person in crisis and connect them with help. Our **Experience Hope Training Institute** teaches basic restorative and trauma-responsive philosophies and practices.

Many people with mental health struggles find solace in their faith. But church members or staff may not know how to respond to their struggles or help in a crisis. This training offers tools and answers to questions like, "What do I do?" or "Where can someone find help?"

The course is appropriate for anyone who wants to learn how to help someone who may be experiencing a mental health-related crisis or problem. Participants can use the skills learned in their daily lives, including within their own families, churches, or neighborhoods. For more information, contact Cat Willett at cwillett@cceb.org or call 510-290-6103

Grains of Wheat

This women's group, held on the first Wednesday of the month, is inviting all women of the parish who desire to grow spiritually and mature in the Lord to attend. The meetings will be March 7 and April 4th from 9:15 - 11:00 in the Parish Hall. Prayer and scripture according to the liturgical season as well as shared meditations will be offered. Regular prayer life and commitment to attend all three meetings is required. This is a special opportunity to grow together as women of faith of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish.

Father McGivney Wants YOU! ***Knights of Columbus Membership Drive***

In 1882 Father Michael McGivney established the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. Today, the Order is still true to its founding principals of charity, unity and fraternity. Knights are visible at St. Ignatius of Antioch as lectors, ushers, parking lot attendants and many more volunteer activities. Knights raise funds for the church and other charitable causes by sponsoring the Annual Lenten Fish Frys, Pancake Breakfasts, Breakfast Burritos & Tri-Tip sales, the annual Crab Feed and more. If you would like more information on what it takes to become a member, please contact our Membership Director Ron Yarolimek at (925) 550-1182 or email: ronyar@gmail.com



Day Star Mentoring & CSEC Education is a Catholic Charities of the East Bay program developed to engage and empower youth impacted by human trafficking through relationship building, increasing awareness, and fostering advocacy. Day Star connects the survivor community to positive, trauma-informed supports and opportunities to achieve their goals and continue to thrive! Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children exists in every community, let's fight back.

For more information about volunteering and supporting young thrivers through **Day Star**, contact Joy Thompson, Program Coordinator, at joythompson@cceb.org. Follow us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/daystarmentoring

Most Holy Rosary Retreat

Would you like to renew and strengthen your relationship with Jesus? Please join us at a weekend retreat March 2nd - 4th at Holy Rosary in Antioch. Retreat hours are Friday evening, March 2nd, 5:00 pm to 9:00 pm; Saturday March 3rd, 7:30 am - 9:00 pm, and Sunday, March 4th, 7:30 am - 5:00 pm.

All activities will be held at:
Most Holy Rosary Parish Center, 1313 A Street, Antioch.
No fee to attend: donation requested.
For more information, please call Brenda, 925-779-9718.
Registration closes February 23, 2018

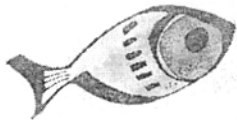


THEY'RE BACK
FISH FRY
FRIDAYS

Dates: February 16 & 23 and March 2, 9, 16, 23

Time: 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm

Cost: \$14.00 (regular price without coupon) – Adult
\$6:00 – Children (10 yrs. and under)



Fish Fry
Saint Ignatius of Antioch
Coupon

\$2 off per meal-Friday February 16th
\$1 off per meal remaining Fridays of Lent
COPY AND GIVE TO A FRIEND!

