

*Parish Newsletter*  
*For*  
*18 September 2022*



**THE 25<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY ORDINARY  
TIME**

*From Father Robert – Reflecting On The Gospel*

In last Sunday's gospel we met a prodigal son; this week we meet a prodigal steward or business manager. Both squandered property. Whether the steward's wastefulness was because of negligence, incompetence, or malice, we are not told. Where he is efficient, however, is in the speedy formulation of a plan that will ensure his future now that he has been denounced. He thinks quickly and shrewdly. Without the physical strength to become a laborer or the humility to beg, he has to act before the news of his dismissal spreads throughout the village. So he decides to grant favors – debt reductions – and this, debtors will presume, will be at his master's generous initiative, not his own. They would never imagine, rightly that the manager would have such authority. The debtors gladly rewrite their promissory notes with the percentage cut offered by the manager, and there is much consequent praise of both the master and his employee. The latter has now feathered his own reputation nest and assured himself of receiving another debt, one of gratitude, which will result in making him welcome in

the homes of those who have benefited from what the debtors consider the manager's speedy and efficient carrying out of his employer's generous decision. When he hears of his manager's actions, the master can do nothing more than make the best of the situation. To renege would mean a shameful loss of face and honor, unthinkable in that culture.

So the master wryly praises his manager, not for his business ethics, but for his flair and roguish intelligence in a time of crisis. The 'children of this world,' those like the manager who are driven by material values and are knowledgeable about the way to save their own unethical skins, show themselves resourceful in social dealings. The barb of the parable is that the "children of light," those enlightened by Jesus and His gospel proclamation, should be even more alert and enterprising, more ready to risk everything because they rely on the mercy and honor of their Master. "What will I do?" is a question for reach of us as a disciple and trusty steward of the rich property of God's household, not only of the material resources that are to be shared with those in need, but especially of the mysteries of God. To some degree, we are all like the manager, a mix of the despicable and the commendable.

Probably none of us will ever feature in the list of the world's top billionaires but, says Jesus, the one who can be trusted with little things can also be trusted with the great and so win a rich inheritance in the kingdom. It is all too easy to be irresponsible with and indifferent to the familiar, everyday tasks, lacking the manager's honest self-knowledge and harboring the illusion that we will be reliable and committed when the big demands come. But in the near future, most of us will not have a stunning success on the stock market, launch a scheme for

global economic recovery, or die a martyr's death. More likely, we will contribute to or disregard our parish planned giving; buy or resist purchasing what we don't really need; recycle our garbage or destroy a few more trees. The mundane is rich in opportunities for storing up treasure in heaven. If we are tainted with acquisitiveness, the best thing to do with our money is to give it away to those in need. Although we may not be introduced to them until we meet in the kingdom, our generous initiative will win us friends among the poor who are raised up, the hungry who are filled.



***Questions for Further Reflection and Meditation***

What does it mean to “trample on the needy?”

Have you ever lied/cheated because you knew no one was watching? How did it play out? Do you regret it or try to forget it?

In what ways are you poor? In what ways can you lift up the poor?

Have you ever reconciled with another person, and felt it affected your faith? Does reconciling with others help you grow in relationship with God?



***About Liturgy: Enlarging, Belonging***

There is a familiar expression, “When the only tool you have is a hammer, everything looks like a nail.” To elaborate, the sentiment here is that if you only know one way to solve a problem or fix something that is broken, eventually that limitation will lead to trouble. Not every situation in life can be solved using the same tool – that is, by the same approach, methodology, words, or actions.

Similarly, there is a corollary in reverse, so to speak. Imagine a test designed to determine which wild animal is the smartest. If that test is “how well can it climb a tree,” the monkey is likely to do very well, while the whale or salmon is not.

When it comes to planning and implementing liturgies, these brief examples teach us a few important lessons. First, good liturgists need lots of tools in their tool belt. Liturgists are often found in “middle management” – which is to say they have someone, a priest/pastor, for instance who supervises them – and sometimes they retain much of the liturgical power or authority, making them “coordinators” of sorts, rather than directors. Most liturgists also have several folks to wrangle and organize, including lectors, eucharistic ministers, altar servers, adult acolytes, musicians, and often a few people who manage those subgroups. It's a tricky position that requires many different approaches to people, contexts, situations, and outcomes. More education, more workshops, more reading, and more

relationships can provide additional tools that a successful liturgist can rely on from moment to moment, navigating the sometimes tricky paths of liturgical worship.

Second, an ability to assess/discern the gifts and skills that those around us can bring to our liturgies can increase the size of our liturgical circles and not only make the liturgy more representative of our parish, but also give the individuals who make up the community a sense of belonging and ownership in our worship. A critical skill in this regard is honing the gift to see not only what is specifically being offered, but also a larger sense of the person's offering it and what else might be drawn forth.

Occasionally, someone will offer himself/herself as a lector, for instance, but not have the skills needed to effectively proclaim the Word of God at liturgy. The ability to see the gift offered as gift is essential in our response, as is the skill to see if there is a possibility for growth into that ministry, or to see if there is something else that could be drawn forth to enhance and enlarge our parish's worship.

The more tools we have in large tool belts, and the more we can see those around us as individuals with specific gifts and talents, the better we will be in our liturgical roles and the better the community's worship will be because of it.

Our parish Ministry Fair takes place the weekend of October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Please read over the list of ministries that exist and pray about how you might contribute your time, talent, and gifts to support one or more of them.



The Floral Arrangement at the Altar today is placed to the Glory of God and In Loving Memory of Linda Lin Lyons, beloved wife of Martin Lyons.



Our Annual Celebration of our Parish Feast Day begins next Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the 4:00 p.m. Vigil Eucharist. It will be held in our parish hall and tickets are available after all liturgies once again this weekend. It has been several years since we were able to celebrate this so we are really looking forward to a wonderful celebration this year in our renovated/expanded/renewed parish hall!

Cooked-in-beer brats will be featured along with sauerkraut, German potato salad, German-inspired green beans, baked spiced apples, and apple strudel. Hotdogs will also be available.

Tickets: \$20 per person (\$10 for children 12 and under). This is an event for the whole family!

Our Social Events Committee headed up by Marla Plurkowski is in charge of planning and hosting the event. You will not want to miss it!



The Grand Raffle Committee has launched this year's Grand Raffle with the Grand Prize of a trip for two to Ireland. Raffle books have been mailed out and extra books are available for sale to family, friends, and neighbors. The Second Prize is a Cash Prize of \$2,000 and the Third Prize is a Cash Prize of \$1,000. If every registered parishioner either buys or sells even one book of tickets, we will reach our goal of \$50,000 to support the General Operating Account. This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Thank you for what you will do to support this effort. Tickets for this year's Gala Dinner which will be held in our parish hall are also on sale following each liturgy once again this weekend.



***The Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila***

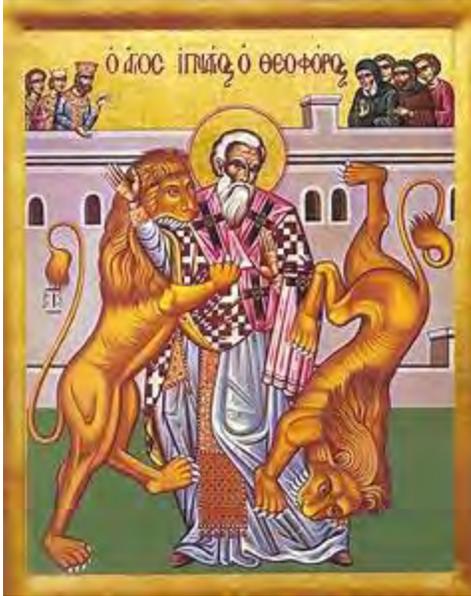
All parishioners are invited to join the members of our Filipino Community to celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz de Manila, during the 10:00 a.m. Eucharist on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>. Members of the Filipino Community are also invited to wear

traditional Filipino Cultural Attire. The Gathering Music will be the Hymn to San Lorenzo, the readings will be proclaimed in Tagalog with English translations in the worship leaflet; members of the Filipino Community will present the Gifts as well as serve as Eucharistic Ministers. A simple reception will follow in the parish hall, much like what we have on Hospitality Sundays. I hope you will be with us for this festive celebration.



***Our Fall Environment***

You are invited to join the members of our Art & Environment Committee as they transform the worship environment from Summer to Fall. If you have not participated in this experience, I encourage you to join the group as our sanctuary is transformed to bring the changing season of autumn into our worship. We will gather this coming Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Coffee and pastries are served as all the workers take a "union" break! Thank you to all those who will be a part of transforming the environment for our liturgies from now through Thanksgiving.



***Our Parish Feast Day: Saturday and Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>***

We will celebrate our parish patronal feast of St. Ignatius of Antioch the weekend of October 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. The liturgies will be festive with special music and red vestments. Once again, we invite you to contribute to the environment and the spirit of celebration by wearing something red to the liturgies. On Saturday evening, October 8<sup>th</sup>, we will have the Gala Dinner in our beautifully renewed parish hall for the first time and then on Sunday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, we will have the parish festival that will include the drawing of the Grand Raffle winning tickets. I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to be with us for these special days of celebration.



Each week I have the blessing of recognizing some of the many volunteers who do so much for the parish throughout each week.

Thank you to those who clean the sanctuary and the bathrooms in preparation for the coming weekend: **Reno & Thelma Benasfre, Jean Rogers, Carole Miller, Al Cosce, Phil Hadsell, Ada Nnaji, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, Steve Rojek, and Mency Osborne.**

To **Virginia Noack** who vacuums the carpets at the entrance to the church each day, empties the waste receptacles in the restrooms as well as making sure they are clean and ready for use.

To **Lisa Lombardo** who records our liturgies and uploads them to our YouTube Channel for those who cannot be with us in person.

To our Parish Office Volunteers: **Alicia Perez, Melodye Costanza, Lorraine Lohmeier, and Bev Iacona.**

To our Parish Security Team: **Don Benson, Steve Rojek, Tony Gumina, Dave Simpson, Brian McCoy, Tom and Stevie Catchings, Jose Perez, and Bill Barbanica.**

To those who help and assist Estrella Rusk, Financial Secretary, with accounting, data entry, recording, and banking.

To our Liturgical Ministers: **Ushers, Greeters, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Cantors, Sacristans, Altar Guild, Adult Acolytes, Art & Environment Committee Members, Liturgy Committee Members, Funeral Coordinators, and Alexandra Hernandez and Lori Curiel** who launder and iron the Sacred Linens.



**Annual Retreat**

Beginning tomorrow, Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, I will be away at Villa Maria Del Mar for the Annual Priests' Retreat through Friday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. I would ask for the gift of your prayers for all of us as we take this time to be with God and one another, to rest, and be renewed in our ministry as shepherds.



**YLI Bingo Night**

The Antioch YLI #101 is having a Bingo Night on Monday, September 26, 2022 at 6:00 pm at Most Holy Rosary Church – Fr. Vicente Dominican Hall – 1313 A Street in Antioch. The cost is \$20.00 per person which includes a Salad Bar and Bingo games (2 cards). Additional cards are \$3.00.

There will also be Raffle Prizes and \$\$ Cash Bingo Prizes \$\$\$. Reserve your spot soon! Contact **Yolanda Lord** at 415-990-6537 with any questions.



**BLOOD DRIVE - BE A LIFESAVER**

Every two seconds someone in the U.S, needs blood. Lifesaving care begins with one person choosing to make a blood donation.

At St. Ignatius of Antioch, we have first-hand knowledge of how important a blood donation can be. Matthew and Molly Ouimet, two of our young parishioners, have both received lifesaving organ transplants. Transplants would not be possible if it were not for the loving act of blood donors.

Their parents, Kelly and Kristi Ouimet have sponsored blood drives at St Ignatius of Antioch. They support these drives in thanksgiving for the lifesaving blood their children received.

I choose to donate as a positive action against gun violence. I believed that after Sandy Hook, things would change; they didn't and they didn't change after all the other school, church and synagogue, supermarket, work place, and other mass shootings since then. Robb Elementary was my turning point, my time to more actively support blood drives.

**St Ignatius of Antioch - Team Ouimet** will be sponsoring a blood drive at the church once every three months. (October, January, April, July) The first blood drive will be October 27.

Do something positive and lifesaving. Choose to donate.



1. Set a regular prayer time and stick to it.
2. Before you start your day, prioritize your “to do's” with the Lord in mind.
3. Take 10 minutes to examine your day before you go to sleep.
4. If you have offended anyone, ask the Lord to help you find a healing gesture for the next day.
5. If you are a person who gives to others, select one nice thing you are going to do for yourself.
6. If your day is focused on doing for yourself, find one way to reach out to others.

Anthony Padovano says, “Meaning emerges from apparently patternless series of events.” \* In order to see these patterns, one must sit with the events and see what emerges. Only in silence, can one see the Lord's hand at work and sometimes it takes weeks or months to begin to guess what the Lord has in mind.

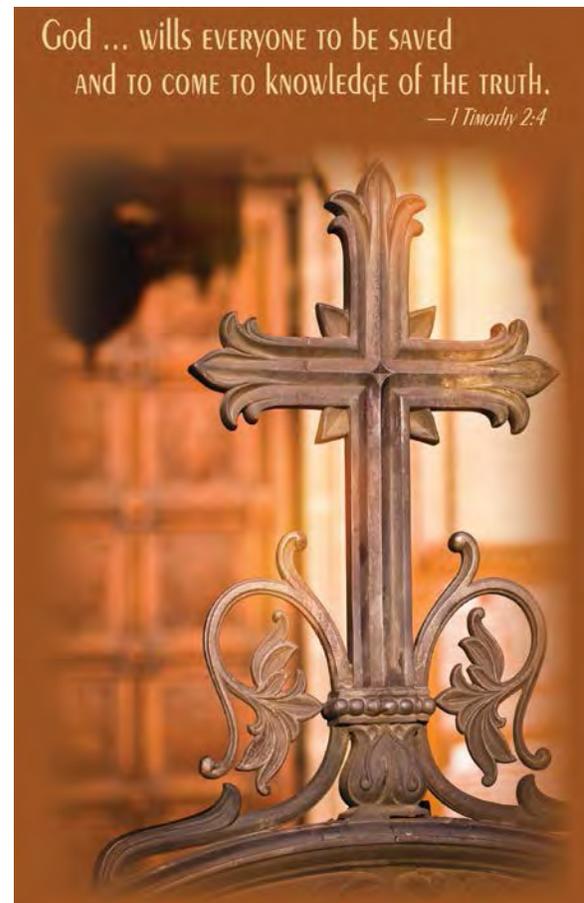
We can use the same process with events outside of our immediate life and family. If we reflect on the events in the Bay Area, or in the world, we see patterns as well. Some patterns tell only of suffering and death. Others tell of people's resilience in the face of suffering. When we pray on these things, some answers tend to emerge. For example, why are there such crowds at the Queen's farewell events? Why are people crying? Whether or not one likes the monarchy, one cannot be impressed at the Queen's dutiful service to her country. As the news commentators review her life, you can hear the reverence in their voice for her seventy years. How would you measure up to that example of service?

Or, look at Ukraine. People willing to grab immediate belongings and travel to new

places to start over, or people willing to stay and fight for their freedom, people willing to endure losses for higher values. Do those patterns say anything to your own life circumstances?

No one's life is perfect. Life is filled with suffering and conflict, but it also is filled with the joy of each morning's sunrise, the bluebirds flying, and rain finally gracing our dried-out landscape. If we do not notice these patterns, we are not giving back to God the life He has given to us.

\* Anthony Padovano, *The Human Journey: Thomas Merton, Symbol of a Century*, Garden City, New York: Doubleday and Company, p. 3





**Father Richard Mangini**  
will present three sessions on  
**TO PRAY MORE THAN WORDS**

Experiencing Prayer will be part of each session. Sessions begin on September 12th, 19th, 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 at 9:00a.m.-10:30a.m. & 7:00p.m.-8:30p.m. at St. Ignatius of Antioch Church.

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**G.I.F.T. Peter Degl'Innocenti, Pastoral**

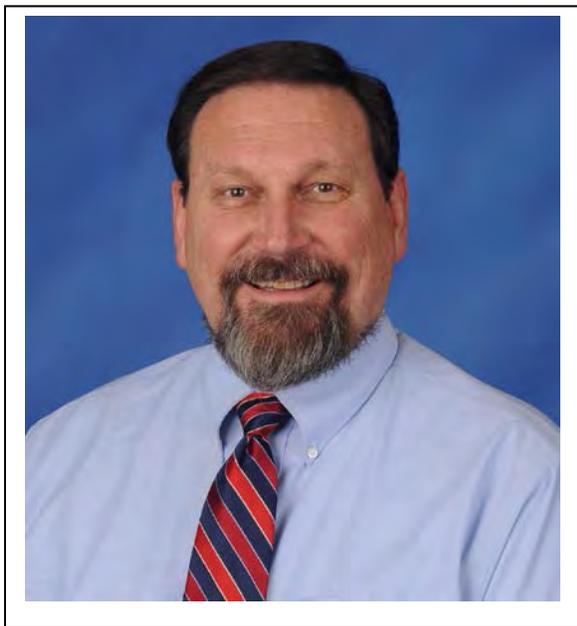
Associate is excited to bring back Growing in Faith Together. Beginning Friday, September 9, 2022 and Fridays thereafter from 8:45 a.m. to 9:45 a.m. in the parish hall.

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***Women's Spirit***

*Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate*  
A four-part series offering a chance for Christian Women to share their journey and find Christ operating in their lives. Sessions are bi-weekly, beginning October 6, 2022 on Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall. Sessions to follow are October 20, November 3 & 17, 2022.



***Living the  
Kingdom: An  
Exploration of  
the Gospel of  
Matthew***

**Presented by David Nelson**

MA in Education from St. Mary's College

Beginning Monday, October 3 and thereafter October 10, 17, 31 and November 7, 2022. All sessions are from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and held in St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall. Please enter through the back door.



# Oktoberfest-St. Ignatius of Antioch Style!

Saturday September 24, 2022

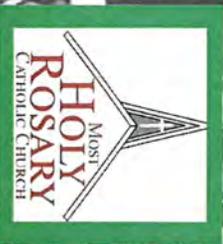
5:30 p.m.

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall

## MENU

Brat or Hotdog  
Sauerkraut  
German Potato Salad  
German Style Green Beans  
Baked Apples  
Apple Strudel  
Beer or Root Beer

***RAFFLE, DOOR PRIZES,  
OKTOBERFEST GAMES***



# FORO DE INMIGRACIÓN / IMMIGRATION FORUM

el sábado 1 de Octubre a las 9 am /  
Saturday October 1 at 9 am  
1313 A St, Antioch



El Ministerio de Justicia Social de la Iglesia del Santo Rosario, y Fe en Acción del Este de la Bahía (FIAEB) invitan a toda la comunidad a un evento sobre los siguientes asuntos:

- Consultas individuales sobre asuntos migratorios
- Limpieza de antecedentes penales
- Consultas con el consulado de México sobre asuntos individuales y los servicios que ofrecen
- Registro de seguro médico, Cal Fresh (estampillas de comida), y varios servicios más

Les esperamos el sábado 1ero de Octubre a las 9am en el salón parroquial de la iglesia. Necesitamos 30 voluntarios para llevar a cabo el evento. Por favor comuníquese con nosotros para obtener más información sobre el evento o para registrarse como voluntario/a con: Patricia Avila (925)305-5573 o avila.paty2014@gmail.com, Joselin Barajas (bilingüe) (510)561-7651 o joselin@fiaeastbay.org.

The Social Justice Ministry of Most Holy Rosary Church, and Faith in Action East Bay (FIAEB) invite the community to an event on the following issues:

- Individual consultations on immigration matters
- Criminal record clearance
- Consultations with the Mexican consulate on individual matters and the services they offer
- Health insurance registration, Cal Fresh (food stamps), and various other services

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday October 1st at 9am in the parish hall of the church. We need 30 volunteers to run the event. Please contact us for more information about the event or to sign up to volunteer with: Patricia Avila (925)305-5573 or avila.paty2014@gmail.com, Joselin Barajas (bilingual) (510) 561-7651 or joselin@fiaeastbay.org.

Dear Friends,

Father Tom will be presenting the retreat, "Nurturing the Beloved Community" at San Damiano Retreat Center in Danville, California, on Sunday, October 2, 2022, from 3 pm to 6pm. The event is sponsored by the Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County. See the flyer below for more information! Hope to see you there!

The Interfaith Peace Project

## "NURTURING THE BELOVED COMMUNITY" An Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County Retreat Presented by Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

**2022 Interfaith Council Retreats!**

**Nurturing the  
Beloved  
Community.**

**beloved**  
COMMUNITY



*October 2nd Retreat Leader is Father Tom Bonacci, Executive Director of the Interfaith Peace Project, who will share Interfaith ways we can build Beloved Community.*

*At San Damiano Retreat Center, Danville, CA.*

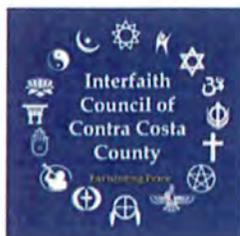
**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> from 3 to 6 pm  
online \$20-40 sliding scale.**

**Registration through I4C online will conclude Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>.**

<http://weblink.donorperfect.com/FrTomBonacciOct2ndRetreat>

After Oct. 1st, please email [interfaithcccc@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcccc@gmail.com) to register.

*Give yourself a break! Join us online for an afternoon of conversation, art, silence, music, gardening, journaling, ritual and sharing spiritual practices from different faith traditions.*



All are invited to participate. Handouts are included in the fee. A bibliography will be available at the event for further study. We are thrilled to be able to be back at San Damiano Retreat Center for the Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> retreat! What topic should we host retreats with next year?

*Sliding scale and scholarships available for the regular program. Questions can be answered by email at [interfaithcccc@gmail.com](mailto:interfaithcccc@gmail.com) or by calling Rev. Will McGarvey, Exec Dir. of the Interfaith Council at 925-933-6030.*

## ***Join us at the St. Ignatius of Antioch Church Ministry Fair October 1 and 2, 2022***

### ***Ministry Description Sheet***

*more information on the [stignatiusofantioch.org](http://stignatiusofantioch.org) website  
Parish Office (925) 778-076 --- Ministry Fair Coordinator (925) 783-0334*

**Adult Acolytes** – Parishioners serve as crucifier, torchbearers and thurifer for major feasts, solemnities and other special liturgies.

**Altar Servers** – Girls and boys who have received First Eucharist are invited to assist the Presider in the celebration of the liturgy.

**Art & Environment Committee** – Volunteer parishioners create seasonal environments that are appropriate and enhance our worship experience.

**Catholic Daughters of the Americas (CDA)** – CDA strives to embrace the principles of faith by working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** – Liturgy of the Word for Children is offered on Sunday during the 10:00 am Liturgy. They experience the beginning of the Liturgy with their families, then are invited to the altar for dismissal to the parish hall where the catechists break open the Word with them.

**Church Cleaners** – Each week, teams of volunteer parishioners take turns cleaning the sanctuary and bathrooms in preparation for our weekend liturgies.

**CYO Basketball and Track & Field** – CYO Sports is a youth outreach ministry open to boys and girls (2<sup>nd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades) who live within our parish boundaries. They compete in leagues sponsored by the Dioceses of Oakland.

**Divine Mercy Apostolate** – This ministry coordinates Divine Mercy Sunday and promotes formation and evangelization through Divine Mercy.

**Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** – Fully initiated parishioners are invited to assist the Presider in the distribution of Holy Communion.

**Facilities Maintenance** – This group of parishioners is responsible for the maintenance and upkeep of our parish campus and Rectory.

**Family Faith Formation** – Christian values and faith are passed onto the next generation through the family and with catechetical support from the parish. Christian faith shapes the whole of our lives and involves a lifetime of study, reflection and prayer. Classes are available for children and adults for continuing growth in faith and preparing for the Sacrament of Initiation.

**Filipino Couples for Christ (CFC)** – Is a movement intended for the renewal and strengthening of Filipino family life.

**Finance Council** – Members assist the Pastor in the oversight of parish finances, review monthly and quarterly statements and assist in the preparation of the Annual Budget.

**Funeral Coordinator** – Parishioners assist the Presider in the celebration of funeral liturgies.

**Growing in Faith Together (GIFT)** – Parishioners come together for scripture study and discussion on Thursday mornings.

**Hospitality Sunday** – Is hosted by various parish ministries/organizations in our Gathering Plaza from May through October. Coffee, juice and donuts offer parishioners the opportunity for fellowship after morning liturgies.

**Knights of Columbus (KofC)** – Our Knights of Columbus are actively involved in the life of our parish and community. They provide members and their families with volunteer opportunities to serve others through charitable activities and outreaches.

**Lectors** – Fully initiated parishioners are invited to proclaim the scriptures during all our liturgies.

**Liturgy Committee** – This committee plans the liturgical seasons, rites and rituals that form the worship life of our community.

**Mary Project (The)** – This outreach project invites parishioners to participate in a baby shower by donating items, which are then given to support mother and babies through the efforts of Birthright of Brentwood.

**Mountain View Emergency Family Shelter** – Helps homeless families with children to get off the streets and into a safe temporary home, which provides shelter and meals.

**Music Ministry** – Parishioners are invited to join the choir, which encourages the assembly to participate fully with spoken and sung responses during liturgies. Concerts and receptions are provided throughout the year for the enjoyment of the parish and the wider community.

**Parking Lot Security** – Individuals patrol our parking lot during liturgies and other occasions held in our parish.

**Pastoral Care of the Sick** – Parishioners visit, pray with and distribute Holy Communion to those who are homebound, in hospitals, in convalescent homes, and also in assisted living or retired facilities.

**Pastoral Council** – Members are an advisory/consultative body to the Pastor whose responsibility is to be a liaison between the Pastor and the parishioners, to insure that the vision and the mission of the parish and the essentials of parish life are faithfully enacted.

**Prayer Chain** – This ministry involves accepting requests and praying for individuals who are ill or in need of special prayer and then passing the request on by making one phone call.

**Rosary Group** – The Rosary is prayed daily before weekday morning liturgies. Leadership is rotated among the members of the assembly who are present.

**Sacristans** – Are responsible for preparing, placing and cleaning everything that is necessary for the celebration of the liturgy.

**Social Events** – This committee is responsible for planning and creating social occasions for our community as well as hosting fundraising events.

**Special Religious Education Department (SPRED)** – Enables persons with developmental disabilities to experience ongoing education in faith as well as positive integration into the liturgical and community life of the Church.

**St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life** – Each year a team gathers to support Relay for Life by sponsoring several fundraisers which supports the efforts the American Cancer Society.

**St. Martha's Guild** – This bereavement ministry supports grieving families by sending sympathy cards and helping with funeral receptions held in our parish hall.

**St. Vincent de Paul Society** – Our parish collaborates with Holy Rosary by collecting monetary funds, canned and dry goods as well as fruits and vegetables grown in our Community Garden, which are then distributed, to those in need on a weekly basis from the Food Bank at Holy Rosary Parish.

**Ushers and Greeters** – Members of parish are invited to welcome parishioners as they arrive for liturgies by assisting with seating, taking up collections, directing Communion processions, distributing the worship leaflets/bulletins and assisting in emergencies.

**Winter Nights** – Is a rotating family emergency shelter that is open from October through May each year. Our parish partners with other faith communities to provide supplies, meals and volunteers for a two-week period.

**Young Ladies Institute (YLI)** – St. Ignatius of Antioch and Holy Rosary Catholic women are united in a single Chapter. They are dedicated to the Christian principles of faith by working through love in the promotion of justice equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity of all.<sup>1</sup>



SAN DAMIANO RETREAT



*The Canticle*

SAN DAMIANO RETREAT

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*Spotlight On...*

## Fundraising

The Franciscan ministry is one of presence and accompaniment. We experience true joy knowing that so many people of all faiths call San Damiano a sacred place where they have experienced something of the love of God. How do our Franciscan charisms bear upon how we raise funds? This is a question we have been discerning for a couple of years now.

Here are some guiding principles.

- We are inclusive. We rejoice when a new person finds us. We are welcoming to people of all financial means.
- We desire to be in community with our guests and supporters and nurture our friendships.
- We are sustainable. We seek to grow a long-term base of support, to reduce our carbon footprint, and to conserve precious resources, including our staff and volunteers.
- We grieve *and* celebrate with our friends.

With these principles in mind, this year's fall event is going to be a bit different. Prior to September 18, we request a donation. As a gesture of our appreciation, we invite you to an afternoon of wine, appetizers and musical entertainment on September 18. Dress is casual. There will be no auction.

The suggested starting donation is \$150 per person. We will be holding space for 30 people who would like to attend and choose to donate less. For those who can, please consider adding to your donation to underwrite one of those 30 slots.

In the coming year, we will be seeking your pledge of support for 2023. But there will be no hard sell on September 18. We hope to see you at the party.

## Friendsgiving Fall Reception

Featuring Musician and Songwriter Meredith McHenry

Sunday, September 18 | 3 – 6 pm

Music | Appetizers | Wine | Friends

Donate and RSVP at [www.sandamiano.org/-events/fall2022reception](http://www.sandamiano.org/-events/fall2022reception)



### —ABOUT MEREDITH—

*Meredith has been performing professionally since 2011 when she unexpectedly landed an appearance on ABC's "Karaoke Battle USA". Meredith and friends perform at venues and private events all over the Bay Area and Monterey Peninsula, sharing deeply personal songs that take audiences by the hand, and lead them through a diverse emotional palate with humor, vulnerability, passion, and authenticity.*

*Enjoy Meredith's recreation of both well-known classics and under the radar gems with her unique stylistic blend of jazz, funk, blues, rock, folk, country & pop.*

*Hear the performance that launched Meredith's musical career: <https://rb.gvl/1Shqkr>*





## **ANTIOCH "WE CARE" NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUP**

**Proposed Date: Sunday, October 9, 9 am -11 am**

**Number of Volunteers:**

**As many as you can recruit - the more the merrier!**

**Estimated cost: \$0**

***Looking for a way to brighten up our  
East-County community?***

*Enlist your faith community as a project sponsor to tidy up in Antioch.*

*Consider inviting a neighboring faith community to join you.*

This project is exceptionally easy to organize - no fundraising or intense planning required. Just help recruit volunteers and then show up at the

designated time/location to spend 2-3 hours working side-by-side with your new friends.

This project is organized by the Antioch Police Department. Interfaith volunteers will join with other community volunteers. Exact location will be announced approximately two weeks before the event.

We are looking for two or more faith communities to participate. Please consider signing up as a sponsor below. After faith communities have signed up, we will open to volunteers.

**For more details and to sign up go to:**

**<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084ea5ab28abff2-antioch>**

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