

***Parish Newsletter
For
22 January 2023***



***From Father Robert – Reflecting On
The Gospel***

Quoting lines from Isaiah, Matthew proclaims the public appearance of Jesus and His call to repentance, to radical conversion of heart and life for the sake of the kingdom, as the great light that dawns over the land.

Jesus begins to call those who are willing to allow Him to rule over the heart and so spread the reigning presence of God and “make disciples of all nations.” His first call to four fishermen at the Sea of Galilee, a place of a thriving fishing industry and located on international trade routes, at a sufficient distance from Jerusalem.

Significantly, Jesus’ first call is to people who have something to leave behind, not to poor men who might jump at the chance of following Jesus to better themselves. He sees the brothers, Peter and Andrew, casting their nets into the lake, not indulging in a more leisurely hook-and-line type of fishing. Casting nets is a labor-intensive job, demanding strength, long hours,

unpredictable results, knowledge of what fish to keep and what to toss back, and persistent dedication. To such men comes Jesus’ invitation to follow Him and use all their skills in a different kind of fishing: fishing for people. We are not told if there had been any previous contact between Jesus and these fishermen, nor is their obedient response elaborated. What Matthew wants to stress is the initiative and the personal impact of Jesus, and Peter’s and Andrew’s readiness to follow Him immediately.

Jesus then moves on to call two other brothers, James and John. In this first call to two pairs of brothers, there is a hint of the “brotherliness” (and “sisterliness”) in the following of Jesus that will be not only of blood ties, but also of the Spirit. James and John are intent on other skills that are necessary for fishing: mending nets that, along with their boats, need to be kept in good repair. Jesus calls, and these two also respond to Him. None of these first disciples can stay put. Peter and Andrew leave what appears to be their own established business; James and John disrupt accepted social conventions by leaving their father’s business and family ties. Their apprenticeship begins with hearing Jesus teach in the synagogues throughout Galilee and proclaim the good news of the kingdom. Messiah of the word and deed, He also heals the sick. These are all ministries in which the community of disciples will also be involved, in Jesus’ name.

No matter our own lifestyle or social situation, as disciples of Jesus we are all called at various times to leave something behind so that we can follow Him. We, too, cannot stay put in an immature understanding of Jesus, cannot remain in enterprises that contradict our baptismal

calling, or accept social structures that are contrary to the gospel ethic of love and respect for human dignity. Each of us has to name for ourselves in our own time and place, how we radically turn our heart to following Jesus.



Living Liturgy – Becoming One

In his 2019 apostolic letter, Pope Francis established that this Sunday in Ordinary Time would be devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. This year it falls within the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. In light of today's Scripture, we discern how discipleship leads to active belonging. As leaders, we reflect deeply on what it means within our music-making and liturgy preparation, to follow Jesus, to belong to each other, and to become one. Francis explains that the celebration has "ecumenical value" and that the Scriptures point listeners and believers "to authentic and firm unity." Francis' vision is a broad one, a full embrace of those who identify as Christian.

In the letter, Francis refers to table fellowship in the Emmaus journey story and the "unbreakable bond between sacred Scripture and the Eucharist," in which from the one table, both Word of God and Body of Christ are equally vital in making things possible to see ourselves "as part of one another." Are we able to identify with the different groups within our worship communities, to know that all are united in Jesus? What steps might we take to become

part of one another? The challenge of a community of believers that actively seeks Christian unity is one that transforms hearts to listen to sacred Scripture and then "to practice mercy."

Francis insists that God's word "has the power to open our eyes and to enable us to renounce a stifling and barren individualism and instead to embark on a new path of sharing and solidarity." Let us be faithful disciples who practice our ministerial vocations with sharing mercy and love each day, who study sacred Scripture with open eyes to see possibilities of shedding our individualistic nature, and who participate in the Eucharist with open hearts to know that compassionate welcome and inclusion lead us to authentic unity.



Questions for Further Reflection, Meditation, and Sharing

What have you been called to give up to follow Jesus? Do you find these sacrifices easy or difficult?

This gospel is full of place names, reminding us that Jesus ministry happened in a real place. Reflect on the places of your life, those you have called home and those you have left behind. How have they formed you into the disciple you are today?

For most of us, Jesus calls us to follow Him not by leaving behind our families and daily

tasks but in the context of those very things. How can you live Jesus' call to follow Him in the midst of your real life?



Upcoming Funerals

Wednesday, 25 January 2023

11:00 A.M. Funeral Liturgy for Retired Fire Chief of Oakley, Manuel Tovar; Holy Cross Funeral Chapel, Antioch with Committal following.

Friday, 27 January 2023

9:00 a.m. Mrs. Elizabeth Walls, Pittsburg Funeral Chapel, Pittsburg

11:00 a.m. Funeral Liturgy for Michael Garrett, Holy Cross Funeral Chapel followed by Committal on Friday, 3 February 2023, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon, 9:00 a.m.

Tuesday, 31 January 2023

11:00 a.m. Memorial Service for Esperanza Valdez

Thursday, 2 February 2023

10:00 a.m. Committal Service for Leonard Baio, St. Joseph Cemetery Mausoleum, San Pablo

Friday, 3 February 2023

9:00 a.m. Michael Garrett Committal, Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, Dixon

12:00 Noon Carlos Tellez Funeral Liturgy, in our Sanctuary, followed by Committal at Holy Cross Cemetery, Antioch.

Monday, 6 February 2023

4:00 p.m. Visitation for Becky Carroll, sister of Rich Confetti, in our Sanctuary

7:00 p.m. Vigil Liturgy for Becky Carroll, sister of Rich Confetti, in our Sanctuary.

Tuesday, 7 February 2023

9:00 a.m. Visitation for Becky Carroll, sister of Rich Confetti, resumes in our Sanctuary.

10:30 a.m. Funeral Liturgy for Becky Carroll, sister of Rich Confetti, in our Sanctuary

12:30 p.m. Committal/Entombment for Becky Carroll, sister of Rich Confetti, Holy Cross Cemetery, Risen Christ Mausoleum, Antioch

Wednesday, 8 February 2023

10:30 a.m. Funeral Liturgy for Elizabeth Pereira, Holy Cross Funeral Chapel, Antioch, followed by Committal, Holy Cross Cemetery, Antioch

ANNUAL REPORT

Our Annual Pastoral and Financial Report for 2022 will be presented to the parish on next weekend of January 28th and 29th. The report chronicles the life of the parish over the last year and helps us to remember how the Holy Spirit has guided our programs, ministries, outreaches, and continued to form us as “missionary disciples.” 2022 was in many ways, an historic year for us. It will also give a financial accounting of our Stewardship as well as present the Budget for 2023. I hope you will plan to be at one of our liturgies that weekend to receive its presentation. The report will also be available on line at our parish website.



To Our Volunteers

On behalf of all of us, I wish to thank all those who volunteer in so many ways, both seen and unseen, each week:

To those who clean the sanctuary each Saturday morning in preparation for the weekend: **Ada Nnaji, Mency Osborne, Phil Hadsell, Angela Bueno, Rose Salamanca, Reno & Thelma Benasfre, and Steve Rojek.**

To **Virginia Noack** who cleans and cares for the bathrooms each day as well as vacuuming the carpets both inside and outside the narthex each morning.

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

To all our Liturgical Ministers: **Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Adult Acolytes, Sacristans, and Altar Guild, Music Ministry, Members of the Art & Environment Committee, and Members of the Liturgy Committee.**

To those who assist in the office: **Bev Iacona, Lorraine Lohmeier, Alicia Perez, and Mel Costanza.**

To those who assist with finance matters, counting the collection and doing the required financial accounting.

Those who facilitate the twice monthly food distribution in our parking lot when the Food Truck arrives from Contra Costa-Solano Counties Food Bank.

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



St. Peter Martyr School Open House

Check out St. Peter Martyr's School Community on Sunday, January 29th from 10am - 12pm to kick off Catholic Schools Week. Please invite your friends and family to see our great campus and the wonderful work the students will have displayed. Tours will be available (see attached flyer).

Please check in at the tour table located outside the school office or call to schedule an appointment for this day.

Now accepting applications for Preschool through 8th grade. Financial Aid is available. Apply online at: <https://stpetermartyrschool.org/admissions/how-to-apply>

Questions? (925) 439-1014 or spmschool@cndo.org



AND YOU COMFORTED ME

A Reflection from the Interpath Traditions
by Thomas P. Bonacci, C.P.

As the Gospel of St. Matthew unfolds throughout this liturgical year, many Christians will hear of the ongoing confrontation between Jesus and those charged with political and religious authority. The Nazarian was uncompromising in defense of the poor and those who suffered injustice. He demanded his disciples welcome strangers and “outsiders” with the love of God. Jesus did not separate his religious convictions from his practical life. He invited anyone who would follow him to be generous of heart, even to a would-be enemy.

The liturgical year will conclude with the reading of Matthew 25: 31-46. The blessed of God will be those who fed the hungry, welcomed the stranger, comforted the sick, and shared friendships with prisoners. His teachings had enormous implications for the social and political order of his day. In fact, the Roman State found his teachings intolerable. Over and over again, Matthew tells us how seriously Jesus followed in the footsteps of the Prophets who associated true worship of God with justice for the widow, orphan, and stranger.

As we look at the political landscape of contemporary America, we might wonder how Jesus and the Prophets would fare.

There is good reason to believe Jesus and the Prophets would find themselves rejected as insurrectionists against the established order. It seems fashionable in the current political climate to make enemies, not friends, to compromise the rights of the powerless, and objectify the immigrant as sinister.

In his September 2015 address to the Cuban government, Pope Francis reminded those charged with governmental power to defend the poor and the oppressed. Furthermore, the Pope reminded the World of the vocational nature of political office in the cause of those who need help, support, encouragement, and justice. Finally, Pope Francis reminded political leaders of their responsibility to be of service to all people:

There is a kind of “service” which serves others, yet we need to be careful not to be tempted by another kind of service, one which is “self-serving” with regard to others. There is a way to go about serving which is interested in only helping “my people”, “our people”. This service always leaves “your people” outside, and gives rise to a process of exclusion.

The great Faith Traditions of the World invite us never to forget the oneness of our human family. While we enjoy diverse languages and cultures, we share a common humanity. Therefore, let us strive to be people who care about one another. Let us resist the politics of exclusion and injustice.

Blessings to you, Holy Community, for all the times you blessed others with the love in your hearts and the courage in your souls.



Coming in February 2023! “Catholic Social Teaching: A Guide for Decision Making,” presented by Susannah Nelson. All sessions are on Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The dates are February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th.



Eucharistic Minister Training will take place here in the sanctuary on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. This training is for current Eucharistic Ministers and for parishioners who want to join this ministry. Eucharistic Ministers must be confirmed. If you have any questions please email me at daviesszoo@sbcglobal.net or phone at 925 584-0843.



Help needed for rides to our church

If you are interested in joining a small group of parishioners from each liturgy to be available to give rides to our parishioners so they can attend mass, please let me know. Some of our parishioners cannot afford the expense from their homes to use uber. Any one requesting a ride would reside in their own home.

If you are interested in helping, please reach out to me. I need your name, phone number and email address and which mass you attend. I will coordinate the first ride and after that I will let you and the parishioner work out the rides you so generously offer. I can be reached at daviesszoo@sbcglobal.net or my cell 925-584-0843. Thank you so much.



Justice Corner by Carolyn Krantz, Pastoral Associate

The Psalm for today says, “ This I seek., to dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.” What does that mean? It is not a building, but an experience. It means to dwell in the love of the Lord, to be aware of His/Her place in our lives, to live in His/Her Kingdom, trusting in His/Her power, not that of earthly domains. It is to know His/Her loveliness, the gentle nature of caring and to cooperate with those who share that knowledge.

That is why St. Paul says in the Epistle to the Corinthians, let there “be no divisions among you, but... be united in the same mind and in the same purpose.” What would St. Paul do with the current state of the church? What would he say to those so busy about promoting various issues. How would he handle the divisions between left wing and right wing viewpoints? How do we “preach the Gospel...not with the wisdom of human eloquence, but that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its meaning?”

The current world is complicated. We have constant news cycles that remind us of human mistakes and wrong thinking. We have families where members do not speak to one another because of differences of opinion. We have people who pridefully claim to promote the “truth” and then treat the other side with disdain and even hatred. When we take sides, we have to ask the question, “Is Christ divided?” While many modern day saints have expressed opinions about issues, their lives show that they are bonded by the love of Christ, and practice loving their enemies.

All of us are responsible to seek the truth, but what works in my life may not be the truth another chooses to live by. We are charged to read, to investigate issues, and if we are in authority as parents and church leaders are, to try to give truth to others, or better yet, help others learn how to investigate the truth for themselves.

I think a good example of this is the issue of the role of women in leadership of the church. Statistics prove that more than 75% of Catholics think women should be given a greater role in church authority, and history shows that we have a tradition, particularly in the early centuries where this is in evidence. But some still wait on synodal authority to make this happen.

Today's Gospel makes us aware of Jesus' gradual growth into the truth. It starts with Him calling Peter, Andrew, James and John. We each began with the call of the Holy Spirit into Baptism. But then He heard of John the Baptist's arrest and He chose to move His ministry to Galilee. He saw that the arrest of John would lead to suffering and persecution. He saw that His ministry would have to change. He became aware of the importance of suffering in leadership.

He also moved toward challenging those who thought they were the only possessors of the truth.

In the New Year, we too have an opportunity to assess our adherence to the Gospel. Jesus calls us again to make a difference in our world. We do this in our families, but we are called to move beyond familial allegiance and make a difference in our world. We do this in acts of charity, but also in acts of justice. Last week we sponsored many children and elderly in the Unbound program. We want to build “tiny homes” for the homeless and build up organizations that can give dignity to the disenfranchised. We are called on to vote for candidates that will pass laws that benefit the majority and bring justice to a world that sorely misses it. We must be about changing systems.

So assess your participation in both organizations that promote charity and those that promote justice. We need to do both in this new year to follow Jesus' example of love and “live in His house.”

There will be no world peace without religious peace and there will be no religious peace until people of diverse faith, culture and philosophy meet, engage, and respect each other.



An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Dr. King's 1956 "Birth of a New Age" address

Just in time for Lent...
*“Catholic Social
Teaching: A Guide for
Decision Making”,
presented by Susannah
Nelson, MA in Education.*

All sessions are on Tuesday Evenings from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. The dates are February 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th and March 7th, 2023.

Pictured Susannah Nelson with her husband David Nelson



St. Ignatius of Antioch

Crab Feed



Saturday February 11
5:30 PM

St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish Hall
Salad-Pasta-Bread-Crab-Dessert-More

\$75 Per Person
Parties of 10 or More
Receive 2 Free Drink Tickets per Person

Tickets Available After Masses
Starting January 21

St. Ignatius Knights of Columbus

St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team

Benefitting Relay for Life of the Delta



Four Person Scramble - \$120 per person

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Pasta Dinner after tournament Hosted by St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay Team

Prizes for first place and second place teams –

prizes for longest drive and closest to the hole

Raffle prizes available

Call Alicia Perez @ 925-783-8325 or e-mail Aliciaperez689@yahoo.com

Venmo available for payments or make check payable to Alicia Perez

St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team

AP Challenge Golf Tournament

Saturday, April 15, 2023

Lone Tree Golf and Event Center

1PM Tee Off

\$480 per team = \$120 per player

Prizes for first and second place teams , Longest Drive, closest to the hole, Raffle prizes!

Contact Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Please provide team members names and phone numbers:

1. _____ Phone: _____

2. _____ Phone: _____

3. _____ Phone: _____

4. _____ Phone: _____

Please Remit payment to: Alicia Perez by check, cash or venmo

Text me at 925-783-8325 for venmo information

3716 Cascade Ct. Antioch, Ca. 934509

Alicia Perez Co-captain of the ST. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life Team

An American Cancer Society fundraising event.

Pasta dinner Player's guests \$10



St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life team is holding a Golf tournament at Lone Tree Golf and
Event center 1 ;a 01 • J

We are asking for your help with support by sponsoring a tee box to advertise your business or
organization

you can Also have a loved one's name placed on one of our tee boxes, in their memory or in
their honor. We will make posters with your loved one's name and if you send us a picture,
we will also add it to the poster.

*The 11 by 8 1/2 posters are only \$50 each and the entire proceeds will go directly to
American Cancer Society.*

Your posters will also be displayed at our St. Ignatius of Antioch Mini -Relay for life walk,
where we will place the cards along our walking path for all to see and acknowledged by our
participants.

Please fill the form below and return with your business card, or picture of your loved one and
a check made out to American Cancer Society.

BUSINESS, ORGANIZATION OR INDIVIDUAL'S

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE/CELL NO. _____

Please Return form with check made payable to American Cancer Society

Include your business or organization card with your logo on it

Individual sponsorships, please include a picture of your loved one, friend, coworker.

For more Information contact: Alicia Perez at 925-783-8323



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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 2023

AT ST. PETER MARTYR SCHOOL
FROM 5:30 P.M. TO 7:00 P.M.

Menu

Pasta, Meatballs, Salad, Garlic Bread,
Beverage and Dessert

Adult Ticket - \$15.00

Child Ticket - \$10.00



Catholic Schools
Week Raffle &
Silent Auctions



Live Entertainment
from Mr. Ozel

PRE-ORDER ONLY! All Orders Must be Placed by Thursday, February 2nd

Spaghetti Dinner Order Form

(Please complete and return this portion with your payment)

I would like to purchase: _____ (#) Adult Spaghetti Dinners at \$15.00 each. (____ x \$15 = _____)

I would like to purchase: _____ (#) Child Spaghetti Dinners at \$10.00 each. (____ x \$10 = _____)

Total Cost _____

I will come and dine in at SPM School _____ (from 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

I would like to pick up my orders to go at _____ P.M. (options 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.)

Enclosed is my check for \$_____ (Make checks payable to St. Peter Martyr School or Venmo us
@STPeterMartyr-School with Your name and Pasta Dinner In the Memo)

Name

Phone Number

Spaghetti Dinner Volunteer Opportunities

If you wish to volunteer your time to help at the Spaghetti Dinner, please contact Emma Ojeda via email ojedaemma@gmail.com

St. Ignatius of Antioch Relay for Life 2023 Team now forming!!

Relay for Life of the Delta is one of many Relay for Life organizations across the United States and around the world that raises funds for the American Cancer Society.

Since 2004 our St. Ignatius of Antioch parish has had a relay team for the yearly walkathon presented by Relay for Life. Every year since 2004 our team has walked and raised funds for the many services that the American Cancer Society provides for Cancer patients and their families, for those seeking advice or answers to questions, for legislative support as well as educational materials.

Our team has held many fundraisers throughout the years including pasta dinners, golf tournaments, bunco games, spring teas, garage sales, mini relay walks, as well as sponsors for our walkers. We have raised well over 145,000 dollars since 2004, thanks to the efforts of our team members who have helped with our fundraising events. Also, we thank our parishioners who have given donations, some annually for the many years we have been walking to eradicate cancer.

We will be forming our 2023 team and invite you to join us for an informational night soon to be determined. Maryann Peddicord and Alicia Perez have been co-captains of the St. Ignatius of Antioch team and have served as committee members of the Relay for Life leadership group.

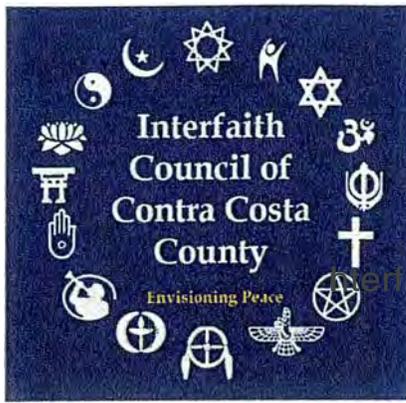
If you are interested in joining us for the 2023 season, please feel free to leave your name, phone/cell number and email at 925-778-0768. We promise to contact you with further information.

If you have questions about your cancer diagnosis or that of a loved one please call 1-800-ACS-2345 or go on-line to www.cancer.org.

Alicia Perez

Maryann Peddicord

Co-captains Relay for Life



Interfaith Community Action REvitalization

Upcoming Projects in Need of Sponsors

*Sign up and invite your
neighboring congregation of a
different faith community to work with you!*



BAY AREA
RESCUE MISSION
LOVE WITHOUT LIMITS

Opportunity to Serve in West County!

DATE: Saturday, February 11

TIME: 10 am - 1pm

LOCATION: 2114 MacDonald Ave, Richmond

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: 15 - 20

COST: \$0

We are looking for two sponsoring faith communities to join in serving a meal, painting an exterior and interior wall, and organizing warehouse supplies at the Bay Area Rescue Mission in Richmond.

Bay Area Rescue Mission is working to end homelessness and change lives. They welcome volunteers of all faith traditions and are open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, to care for homeless men, women, and children. For more information, here is a link to their website. <http://www.bayarearescue.org>

Please wear a mask.

Rapid Covid tests will be administered to all volunteers.

Feel free to bring a water bottle and snacks.

Sign up at <http://www.signup-genius.com/go/409084ea5ab28abff2-bayarea3#/>

Questions? Contact Ginny Ali at nurseginny_@icloud.com

Feeding the Hungry

**DATES: March 12,
May 14, July 9, September 3,
November 5**

TIME: 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm

**LOCATION: 3380 Vincent Road,
#107, Pleasant Hill**



**WHITE
PONY
EXPRESS**

Are you a planner? Here's your opportunity to plan ahead and engage your faith community with the Baha'is of Contra Costa County Central to help **White Pony Exp-ress** unload vehicles and sort and box up food for delivery for people in need.

It's super fun to work side by side with your interfaith community neighbors and the upbeat White Pony volunteers!

No fundraising is required; simply a willingness to devote your time, energy and interfaith selves .

WPE is a volunteer-powered 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to eliminate hunger and poverty by delivering the abundance all around us to those in need, with love. They serve 120,000 people each year through more than 80 partner agencies. Since their inception, WPE has rescued and delivered more than 18 million pounds of nutritious food, equal to 15 million meals, which prevented more than 17,000 tons of CO2 emissions from entering the air we breathe.

Sign up your faith community below and invite volunteers to join in on this unique opportunity to build interfaith bridges and participate in a valuable service project.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084ea5ab28abff2-white1#/>

Please wear close-toed shoes. Park on the street.

Questions? Please contact Dave Longhurst at
DaveLonghurst10@gmail.com

**Breakfast Bags
Benefiting Trinity**



Center - March 2023

Here's an opportunity to provide food for our brothers and sisters who find themselves without permanent shelter or otherwise in need.

We are looking for one or more faith communities to partner to purchase and assemble up to 300+ food kits. The kits will be donated to Trinity Center, who will distribute them to people in need.

Expected cost: \$3.50 per food kit

Questions? Contact **Terri Moss** at TerriMoss55@gmail.com

*Trinity Center's mission is to be the doorway to opportunity for homeless and working poor people. They give care and hope to each person through supported access to services and resources. They invite everyone to participate in their mission. They provide a vital public health benefit and are focused on the Day Shelter Critical Needs Program. **Trinity Center needs your help to provide breakfast to an average of 60 people each weekday.** The 60 bags a day is an overall need being met by many volunteers in addition to /CARE and any way we can help will be much appreciated.*



Volunteers assemble breakfast bags at Trinity Center - March 2022

FUTURE PROJECTS

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Interfaith Community Action REvitalization

We are planning several engaging service projects for 2023 and welcome your questions, input, and/or expressions of interest.

March: Breakfast bags for Trinity Center

April: Hygiene kits (*Honoring Moms*) for Monument Crisis Center

July: Back-to-school backpack drive for Monument Crisis Center or Shelter Inc.

August: Food sorting at the Food Bank

October: Food prep and painting at Mountainview Family Center (*Shelter Inc.*)

November: Holiday food bags for Monument Crisis Center

December: Pack and deliver food boxes for students during holiday break (*Food for Thought*)

Our list of future projects is regularly updated at:

<http://www.sig-nu-genius.com/go/409084ea5ab28abff2-future>.

If you have suggestions for projects and/or want to cosponsor a specific project, please contact
Dave Longhurst at Davelonghurst@msn.com or
Terri Moss at terrimoss55@gmail.com.



A Report on December's Successful Service Project: **FOOD FOR THOUGHT**

On December 12 - 14 over 100 ICARE volunteers worked together to stage, assemble and deliver 2400 food boxes to elementary schools in Richmond. 600 families each received four food boxes distributed by school administrators. These families especially need this food during school winter break, when children don't have access to district-provided meals. Boxes were assembled and delivered to district schools for distribution to families.

Many thanks to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints - Walnut Creek, Temple Beth Hillel, B'nai Tikva, B'nai Shalom, Sikh Community, Easter Hill Methodist Church and Mount Diablo Unitarian Universalist Church for sponsoring this AMAZING community service project.



Needed: ICARE Committee Members!

Join our team! We would like to expand our ICARE Committee with people interested in sharing their ideas, engaging with local nonprofits to plan service projects, and facilitating project teams.

This is a great opportunity to actively participate in improving the lives of people in our county, getting to know people of different faith traditions, and facilitating friendships among our faith communities as they work together in service projects.

Interested? Questions?

Contact **Terri Moss** at terrimoss55@gmail.com or
Dave Longhurst at davelonghurst10@gmail.com.

*ICARE is a program of the **Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County (I4C)** that creates opportunities for people of diverse religions, spiritual expressions and indigenous traditions to work together to improve the lives of people in our county who are in need.*

By linking volunteers with projects across the county, we work together to provide resources such as food, shelter, supplies and other forms of support for people in our community. We do this by partnering with selected, local nonprofit organizations.

The Interfaith Council of Contra Costa County relies on donations to run these programs. If you wish to donate to the next Interfaith Council for future projects, please donate here. **[Donate to ICCCC](#)**

<https://www.signuRgenius.com/go/409084ea5ab28abff2> -icare



***Thank you for all you do to make our
community a better place!***

Sincerely, Rev. Will McGarvey • 925-933-6030 • W.McGarvey@interfaithccc.org



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