

# The Roman Catholic Church of Saint Ignatius of Antioch

*"I am the wheat of God. I must become the pure bread of Christ." St. Ignatius of Antioch*

February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Blessed is the one  
who trusts in the Lord,  
whose hope is the Lord.*

He is like a tree planted beside the waters  
that stretches out its roots to the stream:  
it fears not the heat when it comes;  
its leaves stay green;  
in the year of drought it shows no distress,  
but still bears fruit.

Jeremiah 17:7-8

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Saturday.....4:00 and 6:30 p.m.  
(Fulfills Sunday Obligation)  
Sunday.....7:30, 9:00, 11:30 a.m. and  
6:00 p.m. Life Teen  
Weekdays.....7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday.....9:00 a.m.

#### Schedule of Confessions:

Saturday.....3:00– 3:45 p.m.  
and after the 6:30 p.m. Mass

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#### Miraculous Medal Devotion:

Before 9 a.m. Mass each Wednesday

#### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Thursdays after 9 a.m. Mass until 10:15 a.m.

First Friday of the Month 9:30 a.m. until 9 p.m.

Baptism: Please call the Parish Office

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at least 6 months in advance.

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## Trust in the Lord

I'm a science fiction fan. It flows from my essential nerdiness. Now standard science fiction fare often follows lines like this: you are presented with a perfect race of human beings or human like beings. These are the good guys. They are young and happy, living an ideal life. Science has provided them with everything they need: health, food, happiness. They talk to a large TV screen and their home is transformed into a beach or a mountain. They talk to their kitchen and mounds of spaghetti appear on their table. A perfect world, for Italians at least. Then the story unfolds. We learn that this ideal civilization is a sham. The people are actually living in a form of slavery where they have no protection from the demands of the leader. Or, like in the old movie, *Logan's Run*, they are forced to commit suicide. Or they are being systematically destroyed in one way or other by an evil they can not avoid.

This stock simple science fiction plot also has another standard element. There is no belief in the supernatural, no faith, and consequently, no hope.

In the first reading for this Sunday, Jeremiah says, "Cursed be he who trusts in human beings." It is impossible to create an ideal society if that society does not have God as its foundation, its heart and its end. St. Augustine's ideal society was the *City of God*. St. Thomas More's ideal society, *Utopia*, was a renaissance *City of God*.

Jeremiah was the one true prophet in Jerusalem that lived through the events resulting in the Babylonian Captivity. The King wanted to compromise the power of the Babylonians through military treaties. Jeremiah was told by God to proclaim that man could not solve his own problems. Man needed to trust in God. That is a message we still need to hear. Jeremiah counseled the King that he and all the people should renew their commitment to Yahweh and put their faith in Him to deliver them from the Babylonians. That was the way of the faithful Hebrews. Moses, Joshua, Gideon, and all other successful military leaders trusted in God to fight the battle against evil for them. But King Zedekiah, the King Jeremiah spoke to, put his trust in himself and in foreign alliances. This was an outright rejection of God. More than that, these alliances meant that the people of Judah would have to recognize the gods of their pagan allies and even embrace practices of idolatry. "*Cursed is he who trusts in human beings, who seeks his strength in flesh, whose heart turns away from the Lord.*" In 588 BC, Jerusalem fell to the Babylonians and the king was blinded and led into slavery with most of his subjects, just as Jeremiah had prophesied.

There are many very good people in our world who are determined to correct the pains of humanity. This is wonderful to the extent that it is a determination to extend God's love to all poor, sick and persecuted of the world. However, there are well meaning but mistaken people in the world who think that they can make the world a better place by trusting completely in man's own capabilities. This does not work.

Think about the last century. The twentieth century began with the most terrible war mankind had ever endured. Millions were killed in the battlefields. They called it the Great War. We call it World War I. In 1919, a hundred years ago, the victorious nations gathered in Versailles to formulate a treaty which, they said, would guarantee that the Great War would be the war to end all wars. At the time the treaty was signed, the Pope, Pope Benedict XV, said that the treaty and the peace would not work. There was no mention anywhere in the treaty about trusting in God. No mention of eternal, spiritual values. The treaty trusted completely in mankind's capability to restore peace to the world. The Pope, as we all know, was correct. Within twenty years the world was engaged in an even a worse war, World War II.

Ultimate reliance upon human capabilities is a sham. It didn't work for the people of Jeremiah's day. It didn't work after World War I. It won't work today. The one lesson we need to learn from history is that our only true hope must be in God. We cannot even approach the creation of the perfect society ourselves. "Creation without the Creator fades into nothingness," Vatican II, *The Church in the Modern World*. The perfect society must be united to and a reflection of the Perfect One.

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We cannot relate to a concept, though. We can only relate to a person. That is why God sent His Son to us. We relate to Jesus as individuals and as a people. We experience His Presence within us and among us. We love Him. We live for Him. We join Him in the construction of the Kingdom of God.

Blessed are the poor, St. Luke's account of the beatitudes states in today's gospel. Luke is concrete. He is not talking about attitudes like Matthew was. He doesn't quote the Lord as saying "Blessed are the poor in spirit." Luke quotes the Lord as saying, simply, "Blessed are the poor."

To St. Luke the poor are blessed because they have no choice but to trust in God. St. Luke addressed his gospel to the downtrodden, the lowly. He sees a tremendous virtue that the poor have. Because they recognize that what they have comes from God, they are generous with others believing that God will provide for them if they give the little they have to those more needy than themselves. Consider your generosity to the poor and also here to your own parish. These are times when everyone has serious needs, yet you sacrifice from the little you have to provide for those who have even less. Blessed are you poor.

St. Luke also quotes Jesus as saying, "Woe to the rich." Jesus is not concerned with the amount of money a person has. He's concerned with the false sense of security that money often gives people. Many people are tempted to trust in their possessions instead of trust in God. The Scrooge McDucks of the world have no joy, no hope and no future. Jesus told a parable about a man who had such a great harvest he just built a bigger barn instead of distributing his surplus to the poor. The man died that night. His wealth did him no good. If our consolation is our material possessions, we have nothing to take with us when we attempt to enter the world of the spiritual. More than this, if we trust in our stuff, we have little room for God in our lives. We act as though we do not need Him. Just like the people acted in Jerusalem in Jeremiah's day and in Europe at the end of World War I.

St. Paul sums up this message in today's second reading: "If our hope is limited to this life only, we are the most pitiable of people." *1 Corinthians 15:19.*

Here is a mystery of our faith: Jesus died to reunite mankind to God for all eternity. Jesus did not live and die for the physical. He lived and died for the spiritual. We have been created to provide our brothers and sisters in this world with the experience of the presence of the eternal love of God, the presence of Jesus Christ.

We live in an age of expanding technological marvels. We can hit a few keys on our computer and read documents in libraries from around the world. We can buy tickets to events across the country choosing the seats we want in the theater from our iphones. We ask Alexa, or Siri, or Google, and get an immediate answer. The next thousand years will be a time beyond the imagining of the science fiction writers of the past. It will also be an empty age. It will be empty unless we are determined to put the spiritual in the center of our lives. Jesus Christ is our only true hope and our only lasting refuge. We treasure our relationship with the Lord. Rich or poor in material possessions, Jesus Christ is the reason for our being. We *can* harness the advancements in technology to serve the Lord in this Life. We can be secure in our Hope to be with Jesus forever in the next life.

*"Rejoice and leap for joy on that day! Behold your reward will be great in heaven."*

Yours in Christ,

*Mary Joe*





### This Weekend

Little Bethlehem Christian Group from Bethlehem the holy land, will be displaying a collection of hand carving olivewood religious items for sale. The profit goes to support Christianity in the land of Christ.



## BE COURAGEOUS...

This is our Commitment Weekend for the 2019 Annual Pastoral Appeal. Everyone is asked to join Bishop Parkes and all parishes throughout our diocese in making a pledge or gift for the benefit of each parish, and more importantly, for the many in need throughout the five counties of our diocese.

Every gift is valuable. Sometimes it is hard to envision how one gift could make a difference but it does. Every Catholic, when united, can advance the mission of Christ. Our focus is not equal gifts, but equal sacrifices.

BE COURAGEOUS and transform someone's life. Thank you for continuing to support our parish and our diocesan faith family in so many ways.

## Breakfast in the Hall

Knights of Columbus will be serving Breakfast

**February 17th  
from 8 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.**

Come enjoy a Full or Lite Breakfast from Pancakes & Eggs to Donuts & coffee. Biscuits & Gravy too!!!



## Faith Formation

### This Sunday:

10:00 a.m. All classes meet

10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in hall

### Tuesday & Wednesday:

6:30 p.m. 6th, 7th & 8th Grade classes meet



## Life Teen

Following Sunday's Life Teen Mass, all high school teens are invited to come to the **HALL** for food, fun, exciting presentations and experiences.



### Please Note:

**Early Childhood Center & Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 18th and will resume regular hours on Tuesday, February 19th**

## Brothers in Christ

All men of the parish are invited on **Wednesdays at 6 a.m. in the hall.**

For more info contact Geoff at 813-728-2082.



## Patriotic Rosary



Join in praying the Patriotic Rosary on Wednesday mornings following the 9 a.m. Mass.

## Rediscover Catholicism

St. Ignatius' Book Club style discussion Group on **Rediscover Catholicism.**

Wednesday from 10 a.m. - 12 noon in room 2  
Feb. 20th, Part 3, Chapters 12-18  
Feb. 27th, Part 4, Chapters 19-21



## Choir Rehearsals



**Children's Choir- Wednesdays at 5 p.m.  
Adult Choir- Thursdays at 7 p.m.**

## Deacon Sam's Class

Come learn 'The Bible Time Line'  
 Class meets every Thursday  
 for 12 weeks  
 at either 10:30 a.m. or at 6:30 p.m.



### Women's Council's Card & Game Luncheon!

February 21st at 12 noon in our hall.

Tickets \$13.

Tables for Bridge or other groups  
 can be reserved.

To reserve your seat, contact  
 Patti at (727) 938-8510 or  
 Jean at (727) 543-5106 before February 18th.



Raffle & Door Prizes  
 Bring Your Own Cards &  
 Games

## Edge Youth Ministry



All Middle School Youth are Invited!

This Thursday we meet in the Youth House  
 from 6 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

## Fr. Kevin's Class

The Study of Religion.

Classes meet Thursdays at 7 p.m. in  
 rooms 2 & 3 of the Life Center.



## Knights of Columbus

General Meeting  
 Thursday, February 21st  
 in the hall at 7 p.m.

All members are encouraged to attend!



## Scouts

Boy, Cub & Girl Scouts  
 meet every Friday evening in  
 the classrooms of the Life Center.



The New Pavers have been placed!  
 If you ordered the \$12 mini-paver,  
 please pick it up at the Parish Office  
 between 9 am - 4 pm  
 on weekdays.



## Food Drive



This month's  
 Community Life  
 Food Drive is  
 February 23rd & 24th.

Please place items  
 in the containers inside the Church.

Some suggested items:

CANNED MEATS, FRUIT,  
 VEGETABLES, BEANS, CEREAL,  
 COFFEE, TEA, RICE,  
 MACARONI, INSTANT POTATOES,  
 SPAGHETTI SAUCE,  
 PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

Financial donations welcome.

## Bethany Gift Shop

Store Hours: Sundays 8:30 a.m. - 11 a.m.

Tuesdays 9:45 - 12 p.m.

Check out our  
 First Communion, Confirmation &  
 Wedding gift selection.



Lord, grant eternal rest to the souls  
 of our dearly departed,  
 especially for

**JOYCE ZELEN &  
 AMANDA SMITH**

and for all those we hold in our heart  
 who have died,  
 may they rest in the arms of God.

## RESPECT LIFE SEMINAR WITH DR. DANIEL PEPIN

**PLEASE SAVE THE DATE!!! -**

**RESPECT LIFE SEMINAR WITH DR. DANIEL PEPIN**

Planned Parenthood is on a mission to convince all of us that they are here to help us! And, it depends on the message that you allow yourself to hear. To whom do you listen? Who do you choose to believe?

Is abortion as safe and risk-free as Planned Parenthood says it is?

Will Planned Parenthood abort any baby for any reason, no questions asked?

Is Planned Parenthood really about "health care"?

Does Planned Parenthood really have your welfare in mind?

**These questions, and many more, will be addressed by Dr. Daniel Pepin, a retired Professor of Human Biology and Pathology, in our hall, Thursday evening, February 28th at 7 p.m. His topic is "A Wolf in Disguise."**



This is one of those meetings that you don't want to miss. Find out about the dangers that Planned Parenthood holds for today's potential mothers, for today's families, maybe even for you.

### Deacon John

#### Resumes His Weekly Bible Sessions!

Sessions begin Monday, March 4th in our Life Center in room 7 at 10 a.m.

Come learn how to pray the Word of God, how to have a conversation with God. St. John reminds us that genuine love means not that we love God, but that God first loves us. Through using the Gospel of John, see how prayer is really a response to God's Presence within us and all around us. And, how prayer is a personal communication with God. There are small group discussions where we see how the Spirit meets us where we are and perhaps where we could be. In John's Gospel he call us FRIENDS!  
(Jn15:15-17)

Coffee will be served. One does not have to attend all sessions nor have been in previous Bible Sessions.

Donation enrollment is \$10 to cover the cost of materials. Bring your copy of a Bible or the New Testament.

Please email your "YES" to [jedegerton@ignatius.net](mailto:jedegerton@ignatius.net) so we have enough booklets for everyone.

Sessions end in June.

### **March 1st is First Friday and our parish time for Eucharistic Adoration.**



Will you give of your time to come and adore and pray for peace in our homes and our country, for the lack of respect for life from conception to death for every human being, for an end of violence, for the cries of the poor and for those in captivity in any way?

Please sign our Adoration Booklet in front of Christ to be a witness of Jesus' Real Presence in the Sacred Host from anytime from 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. with Benediction or Blessing by Jesus.

## *New Beginnings*

The next meeting of our parish bereavement support group will be held on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 10 a.m., in the parish life center hall. Our own Fr. Kyle Bell will be the speaker. All are welcome.



## Upcoming Lenten Events:

### Ash Wednesday, March 6th

Masses: 7 a.m., 9 a.m., 4 p.m. & 7 p.m.

**Lenten Weekday Mass Times:** 7:00 a.m. & 9:00 a.m.

### Stations of the Cross:

Come join us as we say the Stations of the Cross every Friday in the Church at 9:30 a.m. & 6 p.m.



**Lenten Guidelines:** All those who are 14 and over must abstain, that is, not eat meat on all the Fridays. All adults, ages 18 to 59 must fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, that is, eat only one full meal and not between meals.

### Parish Mission:

Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th & Wednesday, 20th, at 7 p.m. in the Church.

### St. Iggy's Kids' Mission:

Monday, March 18th, Tuesday, March 19th & Wednesday, 20th, at 6:30 p.m. in the hall.

### 40 Hours of Adoration:

Thursday, April 4th beginning at 7 a.m. continuing through Friday, April 5th at 11 p.m.

### Palm Sunday Masses:

Saturday, April 13th at 4 p.m., & 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, April 14th at 7 a.m. (note change), 9 a.m., 11:30 and 6 p.m.

### Confessions:

Penance Service, Monday, April 15th at 7 p.m. in the Church

Extra Times- Monday, April 15th at 9 a.m., Tuesday, April 16th at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m., and Wednesday, April 17th at 9:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.

St. Ignatius will send you a donation statement for your Church contributions for 2018 if requested.

Please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket, drop off at the Parish Office or email your request to [kcreamer@ignatius.net](mailto:kcreamer@ignatius.net).

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Envelope #** \_\_\_\_\_

## Ushers Needed

Ushers are St. Ignatius' ministers of hospitality who welcome the people at Mass, seat people, take collection and hand out the bulletins.

Children in the fourth grade or older are welcome to be ushers at the 9 a.m. Children's Mass.

Adult Ushers serve at all other Masses. Interested? Please call the Parish Office.

## Early Childhood Center



We offer a half day program, 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. daily, with before care and after care extending the day from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. if needed. Our two, three, four, and five year olds develop spiritually, physically, emotionally, and intellectually.

**Call the Early Childhood Center to schedule a tour (727) 937-5427.**

### *Mothers Morning Out*

Wednesdays & Thursdays in room 8 of the Life Center  
from 9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

\$10 per visit or 6 for \$50. Ages 1 and walking to 36 months.

## Guardian Angels School ...



### **GACS has a Wonderful STREAM program!**

Classrooms are filled with excellent, faithful teachers and staff working with our precious students. Our students enjoy a curriculum where technology, the arts, and the timeless truths of our faith are integrated into all subject areas. Schedule a tour to see the school in action by calling 727-799-6724.

### **Now Accepting Applications for 2019-2020.**

Interested parents may pick up applications for enrollment  
in the parish office during regular office hours.

The completed application packet must be returned to Guardian Angels for processing.

## Wienhusen Scholarships

**for Catholic Education are available for St. Ignatius Families.**

St. Ignatius will once more be offering the Wienhusen Scholarships  
for children to attend Catholic Grade or High School.

These scholarships can give up to \$3,000 per child per year of tuition support  
for Catholic Grade School and up to \$5,000 for Catholic High School.

**Please note, if your family received a Wienhusen Scholarship for the 2018-2019 year,  
you still need to apply for a scholarship for the 2019-2020 school year.**

Last year over \$85,000 was given to families to supplement their tuition payments.

Hopefully the same amount of total funds will be available this year.

**Stop by the parish office for guidelines, forms and the online procedure.**

**All registrations must be completed and received by April 1st to qualify.**

<i><b>DATE</b></i>	<i><b>MASS INTENTIONS</b></i>	<i><b>EVENTS</b></i>
<b>Saturday, February 16</b>	4:00 p.m. + Patricia Wawro 6:30 p.m. + George Bonzagni	Little Bethlehem Christian Group Tables after all Masses this weekend
<b>Sunday, February 17</b> <i>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>Jeremiah 17:5-8</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:12-20</i> <i>Luke 6:17-26</i>	7:30 a.m. + Jason Donovan 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + David and Mina Swan 6:00 p.m. + Sam Anthony Bellotte	8:00 a.m. Breakfast in the hall 8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bethany Book Store Open 10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Class 10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in the hall 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall
<b>Monday, February 18</b> <i>Genesis 4:1-25</i> <i>Mark 8:11-13</i>	7:30 a.m. + John Hsu 9:00 a.m. + Albert Doherty	<b>Parish Offices &amp; Early Childhood Center Closed</b>
<b>Tuesday, February 19</b> <i>Genesis 6:5-7:10</i> <i>Mark 8:14-21</i>	7:30 a.m. + Theresa Downing 9:00 a.m. For An End to Abortions 10:30 a.m. + Olga Torres	9:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. Bethany Book Store Open 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th & 8th Grade Classes
<b>Wednesday, February 20</b> <i>Genesis 8:6-22</i> <i>Mark 8:22-26</i>	7:30 a.m. For Vocations to the Priesthood & Religious Life 9:00 a.m. + Robert Ramsdell	6:00 a.m. Brothers in Christ in hall 9:30 a.m. Patriotic Rosary in Church 9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 10:00 a.m. Rediscover Book Group in room 2 5:00 p.m. Children's Choir in the Church 6:30 p.m. 6th & 7th & 8th Grade Classes
<b>Thursday, February 21</b> <i>St. Peter Damian</i> <i>Genesis 9:1-13</i> <i>Mark 8:27-33</i>	7:30 a.m. + John Van Osdol, Jr. 9:00 a.m. Special Intentions of Roger & Joyce Liberty	9:30 a.m. Moms Morning Out room 8 10:30 a.m. Deacon Sam's Class in rooms 2,3 12:00 p.m. Women's Council's Card Party - hall 6:00 p.m. Edge in the Youth House 6:30 p.m. Deacon Sam's Class in room 9 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in Church 7:00 p.m. Fr. Kevin's Class in rooms 2, 3 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting - hall
<b>Friday, February 22</b> <i>The Chair of St. Peter</i> <i>1 Peter 5:1-4</i> <i>Matthew 16:13-19</i>	7:30 a.m. + Deceased Members of The Pandolfo Family 9:00 a.m. + Janet McLaughlin	6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 1142 in room 6 6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Troop 817 in room 7 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in rooms 2-4 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts in rooms 8-12
<b>Saturday, February 23</b> <i>St. Polycarp</i> <i>Hebrews 11:1-7</i> <i>Mark 9:2-13</i>	9:00 a.m. + Joseph D'Ippolito	9:00 a.m. Polish School in classrooms 7-12
<b>Saturday, February 23</b>	4:00 p.m. + John & Verna Yankowskas 6:30 p.m. + Edward Shown	<b>Community Life Food Drive this weekend</b>
<b>Sunday, February 24</b> <i>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> <i>1 Samuel 26:2-23</i> <i>1 Corinthians 15:45-49</i> <i>Luke 6:27-38</i>	7:30 a.m. + Mark Dillon 9:00 a.m. For the People of Our Parish 11:30 a.m. + John Powers 6:00 p.m. + Monica Joseph	8:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Bethany Book Store Open 9:00 a.m. Donuts in the hall 10:00 a.m. Pre K - 5th Grade Class 10:00 a.m. Faith Centers in the hall 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Sessions 7:30 p.m. Life Night after Mass in the hall