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April 17 & 18, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

As you have probably heard by now, Fr. Russ Roide, S.J., the first Jesuit pastor of St. Agnes parish passed away peacefully in his sleep Monday night at the Jesuit retirement community in Los Gatos.

I never had the opportunity to meet Fr. Roide, but I have a clear sense of his creativity, his vision and his dedication to serving God and God's people. I came across his Easter, 2000 letter to the parish and I found it a lovely, moving reflection of his faith, his hope and his life's work. I'd like to share some of it here in tribute to him.

“We do not go through life unconnected and without purpose. We are part of Jesus and part of God’s great plan for the fulfillment of creation... Good and bad, despair and hope, joy and suffering always exist side by side in this world. Jesus didn’t avoid pain and suffering; he embraced his cross as fully part of God’s will. We create sadness and frustration for ourselves by expecting, if not demanding, Easter without Good Friday, success without effort, better lives for ourselves without

having to die to our old lives...

Once we accept pain as well as pleasure as part of normal living, we are significantly less immobilized by hardships or reversals of fortune...

Good is more powerful than evil, and life is stronger than death. Easter does not discount Good Friday, but it certainly outshines it, proving that there is no affliction, no setback, no misfortune we face that cannot serve as a stepping-stone for something wonderful...

Let us embrace life in its fullness – with bad parts and good as all part of God’s loving plan. Let us rejoice today in Christ’s victory over suffering and death and trust that we share this victory.”

With all of you, I say *Thank You*, Fr Roide! To paraphrase St. Paul in his letter to Timothy, “You have fought the good fight, you have finished the race, you have kept the faith.” Rest now in God’s peace and pray for the parish of St. Agnes that you so lovingly cared for.

Yours in Christ,

Mission Statement

We the people of Saint Agnes are:

an inclusive, urban community, rich in diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, orientation, culture, talent, & treasure; a faith community, enlivened and empowered through Baptism to celebrate and proclaim the presence of Christ among us.

We declare to one and all that we commit ourselves to:

grow spiritually as disciples of Christ; to become people for others; build community through hospitality, ecumenism, and social & cultural events; understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment; give loving service & outreach to those in need; promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

We pledge ourselves to be a light in the darkness through the love that we share in the name of Christ and through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Liturgy Schedule

Sundays

8:30am | 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 8:00am | 12:00pm

Fridays @ Noon, Lay-led
Communion Service

Live-stream Schedule

<https://www.saintagnessf.org/st-agnes-livestream.html>

Sundays: 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. George Williams, S.J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Alejandro Báez, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Prison Ministry Coordinator	Mr. Manuel Chavira, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Admin.	Maureen Beckman
Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center	Grace Salceanu
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Vivian Nabuule
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Consolation Ministry	Naomi Mayer
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	Kathleen Devine
Wedding Coordinator	Shannon McMillen Evans
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Parish Council Chair	Karen Xavier
Director R.C.I.A.	Cathy Collins
LGBTQ Ministry	Andrea Wise

Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

Our hours are modified during Covid-19 pandemic, please call the office to make sure we are open. Currently: 9am – 4:30pm, M, W, Th, F.

Fr. George's Office Hours by appointment, please email at George@SaintAgnesSF.org or call.

Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by appointment, please email at Alejandro@SaintAgnesSF.org or call.

Office Phone: 415-487-8560

St. Agnes Stewardship

Collection Last week: **\$2,813.13**

Mailed-in: **\$824.04**; In Person Masses: **\$819**

Online (monthly and one-time donations): **\$1,170.09**

Please consider a donation through our website at www.SaintAgnesSF.org

April 17 & 18 | 3rd Sunday of Easter

For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:

**Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12 •
1 John 3:1-2 • John 10:11-18**

Date	Intention	Presider
April 17 4:00 PM	Jude John Trinidad (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
April 18 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM (Spanish)	Bebe St. John (L)	Fr. George Williams
April 19 8:00 AM	Sally Tongson (L)	
12:00 PM	Delfin Marcelino (D)	Various presiders
April 20 8:00 AM	Brendan McKenna (D)	
12:00 PM	Eric Nilsen (L)	Various presiders
April 21 8:00 AM	Danny O'Shea (D)	
12:00 PM	Matthew Alba (L)	Various presiders
April 22 8:00 AM	Catherine Fager (D)	
12:00 PM	Fr. Wilton Smith (L)	Various presiders
April 23 8:00 AM	Rosemary Sullivan (D)	
12:00pm		Various presiders
April 24 4:00 PM	Maria & Joseph Moon (D)	Fr. George Williams
April 25 8:30 AM	Bill Zarilla, Jr. (D)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Bert Reyes (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM (Spanish)	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas

D = Deceased; L = Living

New Parishioners

Welcome to a great parish community! If you would like to become a part of St. Agnes Parish, please fill out a registration form online at our web site, www.SaintAgnesSF.org. All are welcome here!

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office - Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org for information about the following: Anointing of the Sick * Baptism * Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word * Communion for the Homebound * Marriage * Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

The Spiritual Life Center (1611 Oak Street) provides programs and services to the parish and larger faith community through educational programs, opportunities for prayer, and community events. Visit www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org.

Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance

If you or someone you know has been a victim of sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.



**COMING SOON TO
THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL
LIFE CENTER**

1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Grace Salceanu at
Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org or 415-450-8146.

www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

Pope Francis' April Prayer Intention
Fundamental Rights

"We pray for those who risk their lives while fighting for fundamental rights under dictatorships, authoritarian regimes and even in democracies in crisis."

Listening to the Call: Discernment Retreat

Thursdays, April 22–May 13, 6:30–8:30pm on Zoom

In partnership with Christus Ministries, the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center offers: **Do you want to:** Join other young adults and adults for a hands-on experience of Ignatian discernment by integrating daily prayer, discernment of spirits, spiritual direction, spiritual conversation, and practicing key steps of discerning God's will. This **four-week retreat experience** is for people who pray regularly and are familiar with Ignatian spirituality. Participants need an openness to really listen, a **willingness to practice personal prayer (five times for 30')** during the week, a receptivity to share and support others along the way, and a readiness to meet with a spiritual director weekly. The experience is guided by Fr. Tri M. Dinh SJ, the Christus Ministries Team, and other Ignatian partners. [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

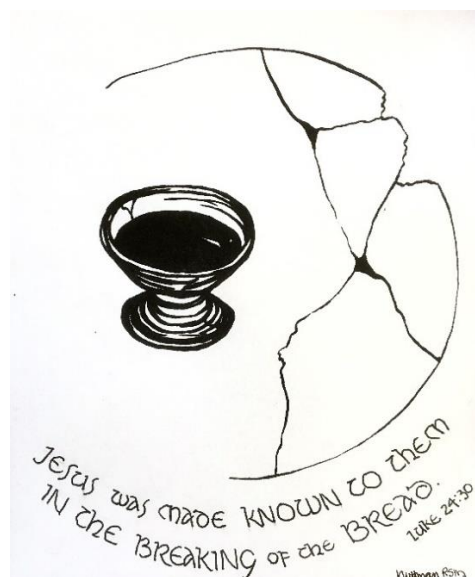
Nourish: Tuesday, April 27, 7–8:30pm

Join us as the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center's Francis Fellowship continues to expand its young adult ministry. The Nourish series discusses topics aligned with different themes of the liturgical season that informally address adult Catholic faith formation. This April, we will open a theme within the Easter season. Feel free to invite others who are interested in nourishing their faith journeys as well! For more information, contact us:

at youngadults@saintagnessf.com [Register here.](#)

Gather + Grow: Young Adult Ministry @ the ISLC
Tuesday, May 11, 7–8:30pm

Are you seeking a faith-gathering of young adults to grow in relationship with God and others in the Bay Area? Join us for an evening of prayer and spiritual conversation as we begin to rejuvenate the Francis Fellowship at the ISLC. Register here.



ISLC Continued Programming

Stories of Consolation: Christ in Our Midst

Wednesday, April 28, 10–10:45am

Join the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for a monthly shared experience of reflection and prayer. Through Ignatian contemplation or the Examen, we will savor Gospel stories that encourage us to find Christ with us in our suffering and in our hope. [Register here](#) for April 28th's session, Jesus Appears to Mary Magdalene, in celebration of the Easter season.

Centering Prayer – Monday's @ 7pm

Centering Prayer is a weekly practice in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center! Join us on Mondays at 7pm to deepen into this contemplative practice. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net for more information.

Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

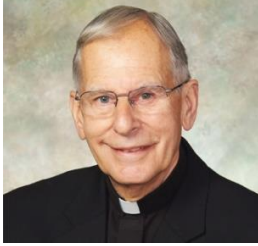
Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading set the tone as we enter into silent prayer for half an hour, followed by sharing and holding the prayers of our community all via Zoom. Please contact: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing
@ 11:00am – 12pm

This faith community gathers for word, silence, and sharing of our lives and faith journeys. We give all the opportunity to share without interruption, advice, or cross talk. These reflections are held in confidence. Please contact: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org for more info.

A Tribute to Fr. Russ Roide, S.J.

By Frank Uranich



I received an email Tuesday morning, April 13 saying that Fr. Russ Roide, S.J. had died through the night. I immediately asked him to pray for us. He loved St. Agnes parish so very much.

Many of you know that Fr. Roide (Russ) was the first Jesuit pastor of St. Agnes. He and Fr. Jack Treacy, SJ (Associate Pastor) arrived in 1994 to begin ministering in the Heart of the Haight Ashbury.

Russ hired me in May of 1996 just as I was finishing my Liturgy degree at the Jesuit School of Theology at Berkeley. Fr. Mark Bosco, S.J., a longtime friend of mine, had been holding the music program together but was beginning his doctoral work and thought I would be a good replacement. I interviewed and got the job and thus started my adventure at St. Agnes and a 25-year friendship with Russ.

I had only been at St. Agnes a few months when my mother was diagnosed with stage 4 cancer, an undifferentiated carcinoma. By November 9th she died. Russ flew from San Francisco to Chicago, rented a car and drove 88 miles to my hometown to be at my mother's wake and funeral Mass. My family and friends were amazed. This was my introduction into the kind of priest and man he was.

I learned so much from him about doing ministry. He would tell us that it's always about relationship and care for the person. That we were to meet everyone where they are at on their faith journey and walk with them. He would say over and over again that at St. Agnes we deal with gray area. It's not blank or white. Our daily interruptions is our ministry. This was the recipe for gospel living.

Over the years he and I kept in contact with one another. No matter where his Jesuit vocation took him he always managed to visit San Francisco and St. Agnes parish. When he turned 80, I was amazed at how delighted he was. He said he was going to celebrate for the entire year and he did!

Russ was a wonderful preacher. He spent time in prayer and spiritual reading to keep himself fresh and present for all of the people he encountered in his life. Whether he was preaching a Sunday homily or a wedding or funeral he strived to have just the right words to bring God close.

I listened to so many of his homilies but one of his stories has always stayed with me. Occasionally at a funeral he would share that the shortest book of the bible is the

Book of Enoch which consisted of one line, "Enoch walked with God."

Russ said that the best commentary he had heard on this scripture was delivered by a little girl. She said, "Enoch and God were good friends. The kind of friends that took long walks with each other. One day they realized that they were closer to God's house than they were to Enoch's. And God said to Enoch, 'Enoch, why don't you just come home with me.'"

Russ walked with God and is now in God's house.

"May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs come to welcome you and take you to the holy city, the new and eternal Jerusalem." May he have eternal rest. Amen.

Receiving Communion

*Outside in front of St. Agnes,
1 pm – 2 pm, Sundays*

St. Agnes continues to distribute communion to our parishioners from 1pm – 2pm on Sundays in front of the Church. We still are seeking volunteers to help with communion, please contact Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org if you can help!

Pastor's Book Club

Saturday, April 24 @ 10-11 am
Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone

By James Martin, S.J.

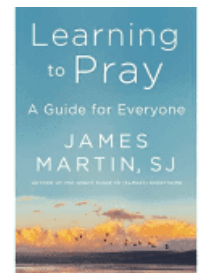
Please join Fr. George for a lively discussion on the new book by Jim Martin. Here is the Zoom link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/84847406354>

Meeting ID: 848 4740 6354

All are welcome!



Volunteers Needed



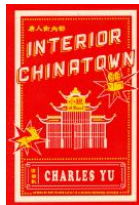
1. Learn to help with Live Streaming of Masses – We are looking for about 4 volunteers that could learn how we live-stream our Masses, so it is not a burden on any one person every week. We can't thank enough our current parishioners – Eugene Libadia and Matthew Tominaga for getting us through the first year of Covid and the lock-down. They continue to do an amazing job! If interested, contact: Alejandro@SaintAgnesSF.org.

2. Volunteers at the Masses Now that the church is open with up to 50 people for Masses, we need volunteers to check parishioners in, take temperatures, escort them to their pews, etc. It takes a village, and we need help! Please contact Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org to volunteer for Masses!

St. Agnes's Book Club

Friday, April 30 @ 7pm

The Book Club will meet **via Zoom** on Friday, April 30 when we will discuss *Interior Chinatown* by Charles Wu. Please contact Sr. Laetitia at Laetitiabordes@att.net if you are interested in receiving the Zoom link. All are welcome.....



LGBTQ Hospitality Hour

Sunday, April 18 @ 12:00pm

Please join us this Sunday for the LGBTQ hospitality hour. It's a great way to continue our fellowship after Mass. All are welcome. Zoom @ 12:00 noon Sunday April 18 - <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/88016082287>
Meeting ID: 880 1608 2287

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Contact [Rebecca Walsh](mailto:RebeccaWalsh@earlychildhoodmatters.org),

Consulting@earlychildhoodmatters.org

Solidarity Toward the Common Good:

Women Engaging the Catholic Social Tradition

Tuesdays – May 4, 11, 18

(Times Vary, Please Check at Registration)

The Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition at the University of San Francisco is proud to present a series of events celebrating the forthcoming book, *Solidarity Toward the Common Good: Women Engaging the Catholic Social Tradition*. Through diverse experiences, identities, and disciplinary approaches, the authors explore both how women have shaped the Catholic Social Tradition (CST) and how their voices have also been marginalized in CST. Each event explores CST with critical attention to intersectionality, exploring gendered dimensions of labor, family, migration, racism, healthcare, and non-violence. **Please join the upcoming Tuesdays - May 4, 11 and 18, 2021** as each author engages with other scholars in the field and present to you their respective chapters. **St. Agnes Parishioners are welcome!** [Register for each event here.](#)

Staff Corner



Grace Salceanu



IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL Life center

mobilizing God's people to love the world

At the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center, I feel like I saw the miracle of the loaves and fishes again and again.

Together we transformed the Center countless times into a banquet hall for potlucks, a refuge for families seeking sanctuary, a yoga studio, a theater for film screenings, an auditorium for guest speakers, a hub for children's faith formation activities, a sacred and intimate space for retreat and prayer . . . all with the simple items of plastic tables, folding chairs, tasty treats and hot coffee, our generous hands, our open hearts, our rich faith . . .

I can't fully express my gratitude for the incredible privilege of walking with you as parishioners. Your faces, stories and salt-of-the-earth goodness fill my memories and fill me up. You have shown me that when we break open the Word and share at the common table of the Eucharist, we cannot help but become what we receive. We open our lives to God, to each other, and become part of Jesus's way that so captivates us.

It is this savoring of all the graces that sends me into a new journey. I will transition out of my director position in mid-May and return to education and teaching. In your good hands, I leave the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. When I began my ministry at St. Agnes directing faith formation and the ISLC, I quoted Denise Levertov from her poem, "Beginners." I end with it too. She reminds us that each life aches with promise and purpose, encouraging us on our journey in a broken world: "so much is in bud." This message of resilient pilgrimage echoes throughout the Easter season and as we anticipate celebrating 500 years since St. Ignatius's conversion. The Risen Lord works with us and the many "buds" of our endless and incomplete beginnings, making *all* things new.

With love and gratitude,

Grace Salceanu

Grace

Pastor's Appeal: ***Wrestling with Whiteness*** **April 22, 29 & May 6 @ 3:30 – 5:30pm**

I'd like to make a special appeal to everyone in the St. Agnes community to participate in the next Wrestling with Whiteness program being offered through the Jesuits West Organizing for Racial Equity (CORE).

This is a concrete way for us to put into action our pledge in our Parish Mission statement where we commit ourselves to:



Grow spiritually as disciples of Christ; to become people for others; build community through hospitality, ecumenism, and social & cultural events; understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment; give loving service & outreach to those in need; promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

This program will be via zoom on Thursdays: April, April 22nd, April 29th and May 6th from 3:30pm - 5:30pm.

Several of us did this program last summer and found it very helpful. It helped create a shared understanding of whiteness and helped us reflect on how this lives in us and shapes our lives.

This program uses the gifts of Ignatian spirituality to prayerfully free ourselves to think and act outside of the constraints of the dominant culture.

Participants will learn to articulate their own story of whiteness and see how their work is impacted by implicit bias and white supremacy. It's also a revelation to learn how our faith institutions have been complicit in and help perpetuate racism in our society.

This program is designed for people who identify as white, but it is certainly not limited to that. All of us at St. Agnes can benefit from this opportunity to expand our awareness as we look for ways to be anti-racist.

I pledge to put my money where my mouth is and commit myself to repeating this program with you!

To register:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfBq-N3VqH00ziObh3m3td6prvOSdj-OkIAXqM3jAYDtrqNA/viewform>

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting. Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord and source of all gifts, I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity. I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs of your love and blessing to others. Give me the courage to do the same. Make me a good steward of all I have received, generously sharing my time, abilities, and material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice. We ask this through Jesus Christ, in whom we begin and end all things. Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

(Prayer for Peace)

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may not so much
seek to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love; for it is in giving that we
receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
and it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen