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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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August 21 & 22, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

Early in the summer, with vaccinations up and Covid down we had the pleasure of more of our community gathered at our liturgies. "Taste and See the Goodness of the Lord!" is what I was feeling and thinking as I saw the St. Agnes faith family gathered in greater numbers, people coming from far, families showing up, new couples, single people, and new faces for us to welcome for the first time.

Sadly, the unexpected turn in the pandemic with the Delta variant seems to have deterred people from coming to church in-person. While not ideal, we must each choose the path that we feel most prudent for our state of health and that of those we live with. Please know we remain committed to keeping our worship safe and compliant with all health protocols.

Last week Maureen's staff column mentioned how God makes us into ONE loving community. Knowing that we have a such a loving community allows us to reach out without hesitating and never feel alone. This makes St. Agnes different from some other parish communities. Believe me, even if some of you are not able to physically come to this spiritual home, know that I remember you and am praying for you **and hope you will join in our live-streamed liturgies**. I also encourage you to reach out with phone calls and messages to your fellow parishioners. Let's not let anyone feel alone! I think I am already driving Frank crazy, since I call him every day to make sure he is alive

and kicking :-). He is doing fantastic! It is a slow, yet good and steady recovery.

Children's Faith Formation registration is now open. Please bring your children or invite other families and their friends to join us. Register here: <https://form.jotform.com/211728062527151>

Remember to *taste and see the goodness of the lord*, is not to expect an angelic voice or a transfiguration moment, but it is in your ordinary daily work, chores, activities and interactions where the goodness of the lord is manifested in simple but often profound ways. Let's keep our eyes, mind and heart open to see and taste God's goodness when we least expect.

Please check the following sites that provide you with wonderful daily material for meditations and prayer.

- A. God in All Things <https://godinalldthings.com/> *Check the MAGIS cards: <https://ignatianresources.com/catalogue/guides/magis-cards/>
- B. Pray-As-You-Go <https://pray-as-you-go.org/>
- C. Sacred Space <https://www.sacredspace.ie/>

Blessings! Bendiciones!

Alejandro Sáez, S.J.

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 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 to be lights 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: 12:00pm – Monday - Thursday
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.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Finance	Maureen Beckman
Director of the Spiritual Life Center	In Transition
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Bereavement Team	TBA
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick	TBA
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	Kathleen Devine
Wedding Coordinator	TBA
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

Saturdays, 3pm – 4pm or by appointment, please call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am – 4:30pm

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: \$2,358

Mailed-in: \$70; In Person Masses: \$1,639

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$649

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

August 21 & 22 | 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:

Deuteronomy 4: 1-2, 6-8 •

James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27 • Mark 7: 1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Date	Intention	Presider
August 21 4:00 PM	Michael Thomas Plunkett (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
August 22 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Barbara Nelson (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Ruby Ayers (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
(Spanish)		
August 23 12:00 PM	Nathan Dulac (L)	Various Presiders
August 24 12:00 PM	Matthew Rieden (L)	Various Presiders
August 25 12:00 PM	Catherine Durieu (D)	Various Presiders
August 26 12:00 PM	Helen Allen (D)	Various Presiders
August 27 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
August 28 4:00 PM	Barbara Nelson (D)	Fr. George Williams
August 29 8:30 AM	Mary Adamson (D)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Donald Specht (D)	Fr. George Williams
(Spanish)		

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. You may also fill out an orange registration form in the back of the church. 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.

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.

Spiritual Life Center

1611 Oak Street
www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org



Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm



A weekly practice in the Spiritual Life Center, Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net.

Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading with silent prayer for half an hour, followed by sharing and prayers for our community. Please contact: Leonor Barnett: SilenceTuesday@gmail.com.

Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing

@ 11:00am – 12pm

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: Patti May: californiamandolin@gmail.com.



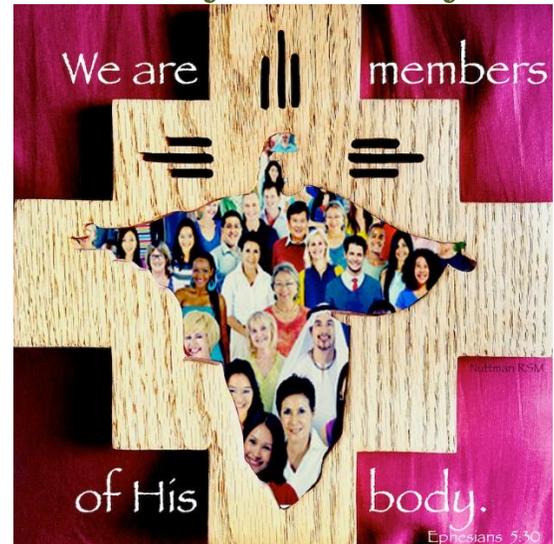
Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism, Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Please encourage them to inquire about the RCIA program here at St. Agnes. Sessions will begin in late September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please contact **Cathy Collins** by email:

Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.com for more information.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention

“The Church”

“Let us pray for the Church, that she may receive from the Holy Spirit the grace and strength to reform herself in the light of the Gospel.”

Children’s Faith Formation (CFF) Classes Start – October 3rd!

Sign-up Today!

Children's Faith Formation registration is open for children in Grades 1-8! This includes sacramental preparation programs: 1st

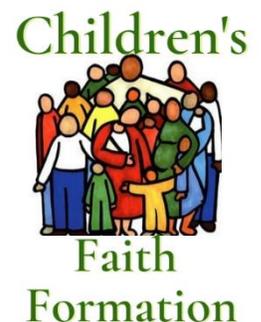
Reconciliation/1st

Eucharist (usually for 2nd graders) and

Confirmation (there is a 2-year program at St. Agnes typically for 7th and 8th

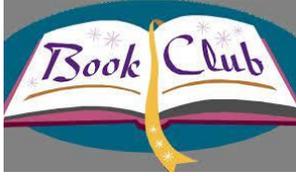
graders). Classes will begin on October 3 with Orientation on

September 19th! Please sign up online through our website: www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff, or [click here](#) for the registration form. If you have any questions, please email our new CFF Coordinator – Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF at Teresa@SaintAgnesSF.org



St. Agnes Book Club

Friday, September 24, 7 – 9pm



The St. Agnes Book Club will resume on Friday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM at the Spiritual Life Center. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Vaccinated folks are welcome to join us in person for an evening of spirited discussion over snacks and a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

COVID-Related Updates

With the increased infection rates of the Delta variant in the Bay Area, we are taking these precautions to ensure everybody's safety:

- Wear a mask while attending Mass in person, whether you are fully vaccinated or not, until further notice.
- Hospitality after the Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be held outside on the patio of the Spiritual Life Center for the rest of August.
- Daily Masses and Friday communion services will be held in the main Sanctuary throughout the month of August.



Stewardship throughout the Summer

With summer here, please remember St. Agnes Parish while on vacation. Please consider monthly donations

Stewardship Is...



Love in Action

through our [online system](#) (PayPals – you do not need an account) - it is a simple, secure way to provide continuing support for St. Agnes Parish. Once each month your offering to Saint Agnes is automatically deducted from your checking account OR charged to your credit card. *Saint Agnes Parish benefits greatly from your consistent support!*

St. Agnes Night at the Giants Game

Friday, Oct. 1 @ 6:45pm

More tickets coming this week,
look for the email!



LGBTQ Prayer and Fellowship

Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Please join us for prayer and fellowship on Wednesday, Sept. 1st. For COVID safety, we will meet at the ISLC patio, so please bring a blanket with you and dress for warmth. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Wise at andeawise@gmail.com.

Are you Called to Ministry - Eucharistic Minister, Lector (Reader) or Altar Server?

Now that we are back in church, if you are feeling you want to be more involved with the liturgy, now is your chance. We are looking for people – Fourteen and older, to become Eucharistic ministers (EM's), lectors (readers) and Altar Servers at all the Masses. Frank Uranich, our Director of Liturgy, is happy to train you, so you do not need prior experience. It's a wonderful way to become more involved and help the parish at the same time. Please contact Frank at Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org, (415) 450-8639 for more information or to sign-up for training.



Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021



Catholic Stewardship in Action

Thank you for supporting this year's AAA Appeal. This supports many programs that St. Agnes is involved in including the Restorative Justice program, prison chaplains, inter-religious relationships, etc. Below is this year's assessment and what we have brought in to-date.

Goal: \$63,309

Raised: \$9,525

Needed to Reach Our Goal: \$53,784

We thank those who have contributed already either through the AAA or as an unrestricted gift to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the pews; you can drop a check in the weekly collection made out to: "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021" or go to our [website here](#) or the [Archdiocese website](#) and make an online donation. **THANK YOU** for helping us meet our goal!

Staff Corner



Marco Matute

With the rise in breakthrough cases due to the highly transmissible Delta variant of COVID-19, people are once again getting tested in increasing numbers. Here are some resources if you need to look for a testing site in SF.

- SF.gov's web page [Find out about your COVID-19 testing options](#) – Contains facts about testing, e.g., when you need to get tested, getting tested for travelling, COVID-19 symptoms, after your test, etc.
- [COVID-19 Testing Locations](#) – Contains a map of the different testing sites in SF (including sites that don't require insurance), and detailed information about each site.

Here are some recommended test sites including one in Daly City:

- **Third Baptist Church**, 1399 McAllister St. (bet. Pierce & Steiner). Open Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays. See web page (<https://thirdbaptist.org/covid-19>) for times. Recommend you pre-register.
- **CityTest SF – Alemany** (Alemany Farmer's Market, 100 Alemany Blvd). Walk-through and drive-through. Schedule: Mon, 12 – 8 pm; Tue-Thu, 8:30am-8:00pm; 8:30am-1:00pm. You can also [book an appointment](#) to minimize waiting in line.
- [COVID-19 Testing Center at Seton Medical Center](#), 1950 Sullivan Ave., Daly City. Open Monday through Friday, 7:30am-4:00pm. Walk-in appointments available, but recommend you pre-register using the QR code on the web page. Plenty of parking.



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.