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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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August 28 & 29, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

I'm excited that St. Agnes will be supporting the Joe Goode Performance Group by offering them our hospitality area at the back of the Church for one of the venues of their world-premiere of *Time of Change*, a dance-theater experience with pop-up moments of original music, monologues, and movement all around the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood.

This is a good example of us living our mission at St. Agnes to *"build community through hospitality, ecumenism, and social & cultural events."*

You'll notice there are already stage lights set up already in the hospitality area as the group is currently in dress rehearsal. The performances will be held 7 to 8 p.m. every evening from September 1 through September 12.

The show will be a critical historical examination of the countercultural dreams and utopian ideals and failures of the hippie era – especially here in the Haight. The project will uplift real peoples' histories, examine the whiteness of the hippie movement, and explore what intersectional liberation means. For us at St. Agnes, this is an important opportunity to reflect

on our cultural history in Haight-Ashbury.

Our faith calls us to demand that racism in America be acknowledged and repaired. The theme of liberation and Anti-Racism is a clear call to us who seek to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In their 2018 Pastoral Letter on Racism, the U.S. Bishops wrote: "As bishops, we unequivocally state that racism is a life issue."

After speaking with our staff and the parish council, we decided to focus our attention this October at St. Agnes on anti-racism. October is a month that the church celebrates the dignity of human life. It is an opportunity for us all to grow as a parish. We will have more information and a schedule of October events over the next few weeks.

As the summer begins to wane, we still find ourselves in a time of uncertainty and anxiety, especially around COVID-19. Let's pray for our parish and for our fragile world, taking comfort in our faith in God and our love for one another.

George Williams ST

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

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| 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: \$2,552.92

Sunday Masses: \$1,596

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$956.92

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

August 28 & 29 | 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:

Isaiah 35: 4-7a • James 2: 1-5 • Mark 7: 31-37

| Date | Intention | Presider |
|--------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------|
| 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) | | |
| August 30 12:00 PM | William Joseph Bicker (D) | Various Presiders |
| August 31 12:00 PM | Jose Macaraeg (D) | Various Presiders |
| September 1 12:00 PM | Judy Olson (L) | Various Presiders |
| September 2 12:00 PM | Mary Rodgers (D) | Various Presiders |
| September 3 12:00pm | Communion Service | Various Presiders |
| September 4 4:00 PM | Sr. Katie O'Shea (L) | Fr. Alejandro Báez |
| September 5 8:30 AM | James Ochman (D) | Fr. Alejandro Báez |
| 10:30 AM | Catherine Durieu (D) | Fr. Alejandro Báez |
| 1:30 PM | Parishioners of St. Agnes | Fr. Alejandro Báez |
| (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.

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 jacket and/or a blanket with you and dress for warmth. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Wise at andeawise@gmail.com.

Monthly Restorative Justice Breakfast at St. Agnes (Supports Student Scholarships)

Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:00am

In the back of the church

Next breakfast: Saturday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Parish (1025 Masonic Ave., San Francisco)

To purchase tickets: excellnetwork.org/breakfast

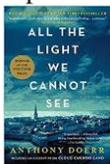
The Restorative Justice Scholarship Program provides scholarship stipends to students on probation or parole who want to pursue their education and make a change in their lives. Monthly breakfasts are open to anyone who wants to support these scholarships while hearing students' stories and building community.

Proceeds go to Excell Network, a non-profit working in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry, to fund student scholarships. For more information, contact Julio Escobar at the Archdiocese of SF, EscobarJ@sfArch.org, (415) 614-5572.

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.

Animals in Church

Although we all love our animals, please be respectful of our sacred space by only bringing animals that are **certified service animals with vests** into the Church. All other animals are not allowed into the Church at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



2021 Reentry Conference

and Resource Fair

Friday, September 17, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

St. Mary's Cathedral



Join us for the 2021 Reentry Conference and Resource Fair this year at St. Mary's Cathedral. After a successful virtual conference last year, we will gather in-person this year for this annual event. Justice-involved individuals, advocates, crime survivors, families with incarcerated loved ones, service providers, law enforcement officers are invited to share resources and hear panel discussions. **The event is free and organized by the Restorative Justice Ministry.** It's a great extension of our monthly restorative breakfast meetings here at St. Agnes! Register [HERE](#). For any questions or for more information, contact Julio Escobar at escobarj@sfarch.org.

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.



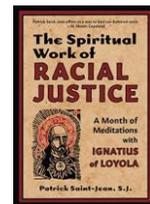
Pastor's Book Club

September 25 @ 10-11 am

The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola

By Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.

All are welcome to join Fr. George for discussion on the new book by Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean. The book discussion will part of our focus on anti-racism in the month of October. The book is available in paperback or Kindle. Zoom link to follow soon. All are welcome!



Lay-Led Reflections - Trainings and a Retreat

Beloved Community,

Blessings as we continue to move forward in communion with the Spirit and with one another.

We invite lay men and women of St. Agnes parish who wish to join us as we expand opportunities for lay men and women to share reflections the fourth weekend of every month and to preside and share at our lay-led communion services on Fridays at noon. We are planning additional training and a retreat this Fall for those who may feel called to this ministry. Details will be shared with the community as plans firm up.

If you feel called to these ministries, please contact Maureen Beckman in the parish office at Maureen@SaintAgnessf.org, (415) 450-8009.

In June, Fr. George, Rosemary Robinson and Karen Brugge met with Archbishop Cordileone to clarify when these reflections could be offered during the mass. He suggested we move the reflections from after the Gospel to either before Mass or after communion. After much reflection and discussion among the group and with Fr. George, we decided to move the reflections to after communion.

We believe it to be vitally important to continue hearing diverse voices, breaking open the Word together in community. We are committed to keeping these post communion reflections grounded in scripture, lived experience and four to five minutes in length.

We are all the Body of Christ, the People of God in the community of St. Agnes. We welcome ongoing dialogue with each of you as we continue to answer the call of the Spirit to birth something new in our Church.

In the love of Christ,
Kate Carter, Cathy Collins, Ellen Jewett, Heidi Kallen, Patti May, Rosemary Robinson, Christine Rodgers and Fr. George Williams, S.J.

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

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.



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.