

## May 7 & 8, 2022

Dear St. Agnes Family:

We've just gone through two years of a worldwide pandemic that has killed over 6 million people and sickened hundreds of millions.

COVID19 has been much more traumatic than we ever anticipated.

We all need to catch our breath and allow ourselves to feel the loss, the pain, the sadness, and anger that COVID visited upon us.

We need time for our wounds and trauma to heal.

After the exuberant celebration of the Resurrection, we need time to process the Easter experience. The wisdom of our tradition gives us seven weeks after Easter to absorb the meaning and impact of that empty tomb in our lives.

We need time to reflect on and absorb the reality of Christ's victory over evil and death, not just in that empty tomb in Jerusalem, but in our own lives now.

I hear the fear and tiredness of the community. We need to take the summer to breathe.

We cannot minimize the trauma we've been through. It's important in this healing time that we be patient

with one another. Everyone is a bit on edge these days – the whole world is on edge.

That means it's important that we give each other the benefit of the doubt and to be careful to be charitable with one another. The best thing, I believe we can do is come to Mass and be present to one another as much as possible. We need this time in the weeks and months ahead to allow Jesus to continue to feed and heal us.

Good things are happening here and the spirit is alive and active among us. Last week we received a request from Fr. Bill O'Neill SJ at the Kakuma Refugee Centre in Kenya to help a young man who was injured while trying to protect his mother from being raped. He required life-saving surgery and they needed \$3,500 to pay for it. We had just finished counting the Lenten Alms and we had just enough set aside for Kakuma to send him the full amount they needed to help this young man!

We may not be able to help all the refugees, but there is one man now whose life will be saved because of the generosity of the St. Agnes Community.

Let's continue to celebrate the power of Resurrection and hope in our community here at St. Agnes!

*George Williams SJ*

### St. Agnes Stewardship

**Collection Last Week: \$2,296.62 \$**

*4:00pm: \$188; 8:30am: \$285; 10:30am: \$1,176;*

*1:30pm: \$100; 6:00pm: \$410.62; Other*

*Donations: \$137*

*Please consider a donation through our website at  
[www.SaintAgnesSF.org](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org)*

### Hospitality

With thanks and gratitude for Maureen Byrne

Host of hospitality, Sunday, May 8, 2022

10:30am mass

### Nominations for New Pastoral Council

Please send your nomination (and you can nominate yourself) to Franca at [franca@saintagnessf.org](mailto:franca@saintagnessf.org)

## May 7 & 8, 2022 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Date	Intention	Presider
May 7 4:00 PM	Mothers of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
May 8 8:30 AM	Mothers of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Baez
10:30 AM	Mothers of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Baez
1:30 PM	Mothers of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Baez Fr. George Williams
6:00 PM	Mothers of St. Agnes	
May 9 12:00 PM	Millicent Mason White (D)	Fr. George Williams
May 10 12:00 PM	Ezio DiGiuseppe (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
May 11 12:00 PM	Steve Finnegan (L)	Fr. Razafimahafaly
May 12 12:00 PM	Cecilia Gloria Valentino (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
May 13 12:00 PM	Communion Service	Various Presiders
May 14 4:00 PM	Pauline Nicora (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
May 15 8:30 AM	Frank Uranich (L bday)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
10:30 AM	Richard Matthews (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM	Mario Hernandez (L)	Fr. Brent Otto
6:00 PM	Mary Ellen Marihart (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez

D = Deceased; L = Living

## Third Sunday of Easter



## Pope Francis' May Prayer Intention

*Faith-Filled Young People*

We pray for all young people, called to live life to the fullest; may they see in Mary's life the way to listen, the depth of discernment, the courage that faith generates, and the dedication to service.

## St. Agnes Book Club At the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Friday, May 27th at 7:00 PM

The Book Club will meet to discuss *DUTCH HOUSE* by Anne Patchett. All must be vaccinated to attend.



Please contact Sr. Laetitia at [Laetitiabordes@att.net](mailto:Laetitiabordes@att.net) with any questions.



## Happy Mother's Day

*We would like to wish all the mothers and those who serve as mother to so many a very blessed Mother's Day. We celebrate you today and every day!*

## Second Collection this Sunday

Is for Catholic Charities

## Bay To Breakers Sunday, May 15, 2022

6:00 am – 1:00 pm

Please note Fell Street will be blocked as runners race through the city and into Golden Gate Park.

The street will open again after 1:00 pm  
Access to the church from Fell Street will be blocked.

## **The Berrigans: Devout and Dangerous**

Thursday June 2, 2022

6:30pm – 8:00pm In ISLC

The Berrigans — brothers Philip and Daniel, both Catholic priests, and Philip's wife, Liz, a former nun — spent their entire lives engaged in faith-based, nonviolent resistance to war, nuclear proliferation, racism, and the Catholic Church. As told through the eyes of the next generation of Berrigans, 'The Berrigans: Devout and Dangerous' is a potent testament to the power of unrelenting faith and nonviolent resistance in the wake of so many of the challenges we are facing around the globe today. Movie Screening at ISLC and following discussion

Facilitated by Karen Kelly

## **Share Your Faith- Volunteer to teach in our Children Faith Formation 2022-2023**

St Agnes is calling for additional catechists to share their Love for God, the world and our Faith with children starting in the Fall.

There are opportunities for leadership in grades 1-3, grades 4-6, Confirmation and Children's Liturgy of the Word.

Experience working with children; teaching and theological formation are highly recommended.

Contact Sr Teresa Malave, VDMF

at [Teresa@saintagnessf.com](mailto:Teresa@saintagnessf.com) for more information.

## **Excell Program: Restorative Justice Breakfast**

Next Saturday, May 14, 8:00 am

Hospitality area of the church

\$20 – to purchase a ticket visit

[www.excellnetwork.org/breakfast](http://www.excellnetwork.org/breakfast)



## ***500 Years Ignatius Special Series May 12 6:30 pm to 8:00pm TITLE: The Church in India: Missionary Legacies, Popular Devotion & Enduring while asking Post-Colonial Questions by Brent Otto, SJ***

Over five hundred years ago Roman Catholic missionaries set foot on Indian soil, a land where an extant Christian community which traced its ancestry to St. Thomas already lived. Jesuits were among the many missionary groups that would arrive in India from the 16th century forward, but some of the Jesuit approaches were unique and have had major enduring impacts on the course of Christianity in the subcontinent -- both Catholic and Protestant. Local forms of religiosity and popular devotions have also shaped the formation of the Christian community. The historical connection between Christianity and Colonialism remains a thorny issue the Indian Church has to contend with, even now, 75 years after Independence. This presentation will attempt to highlight some interesting chapters of Christian history in India in the last five centuries, the Jesuit legacy, and paint a colorful contemporary picture of Christianity in India. **Speaker Bio:** Brent Howitt Otto is a Jesuit priest of the USA East Province, a PhD candidate in Modern Indian History at UC Berkeley, and a priest in residence at St. Agnes Church. His work focuses on the community of mixed race, the colonial Church and missionaries.

## Staff Corner



**Maureen Beckman**

Happy Mother's Day!

What a blessing to be celebrating Mother's Day at St. Agnes, not just on Zoom, but in person as well. With so much happening in this world that is so tragic, we tend to look to mothers - to our own mothers, to those who feel like mothers to us, and to mothers all around the world for comfort and hope.

Mothers tend to be the glue that holds all of us together. I look at the news of the war in Ukraine and see all the defiant mothers out there defending their children, their homes, their entire families from the aggression that they are experiencing on a daily basis. Never underestimate the love a mother to defend her family, her community, her country. It's been a powerful thing to watch, mother's cradling their young children while bombs are dropping around them, and still they persist. They give hope to a country and a world that is so desperate for it.

There is nothing like the love of a mother to make us feel that God exists on this earth. There is a great quote by Erich Fromm – "Mother's love is peace. It need not be acquired; it need not be deserved." You can say the same for God's love for us, they are so interchangeable. What a gift God has given us in our mothers and those who are like mothers to us in our lives.

This Mother's Day, thank your mother, thank those who embody a mother's love for you. It is one of the greatest gifts we have as a human race.

## Young Adult Community Corner

Are you seeking community and fellowship? Do you long for a place to feel at home? To be seen and heard for who God made you to be? If any of these apply to you, we invite you to join our Young Adult Community at St. Agnes! Come as you are. Please contact us at [youngadults@saintagnessf.com](mailto:youngadults@saintagnessf.com). We look forward to meeting you!

## Upcoming Events



## Emmaus Walks, Spiritual Conversations

Sunday, May 8 at 11:30am

St. Agnes Church

Join the Young Adult Community for an Emmaus Walk! Inspired by the story of the Road to Emmaus, people will be grouped in pairs and can choose to go for a walk, grab a coffee, or explore the neighborhood as they share a bit about their spiritual journey with one another. Please meet in the back of the church to join! If you have any questions, please email [youngadults@saintagnessf.com](mailto:youngadults@saintagnessf.com)



## Taizé Prayer

Thursday, May 12 at 7pm

St. Agnes Church

Join the Young Adult Community for an evening Taizé prayer service in the main church at St. Agnes! If you are interested in attending, please send your RSVP to [youngadults@saintagnessf.com](mailto:youngadults@saintagnessf.com). Taizé Prayer Sessions are open to all, so please feel free to invite friends!