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# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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## December 19 & 20, 2020

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

As we enter into the 4<sup>th</sup> week of Advent, we light the 4<sup>th</sup> Candle of our Advent wreath. Each week the light has grown a bit brighter as we look forward to the hope and light that Christmas promises. We know we need it. We are in the darkest time of this pandemic. Over 300,000 Americans have died so far and a pall of grief has settled over the land. Still in this dark time we see the light of care and compassion growing and becoming brighter. The vaccines are here. The divisive election season finally seems to be coming to an end. Despite our separation due to COVID19, we remain connected through the Eucharist, through our prayer for one another, and through the love of Christ.

This Christmas season will be like no other we have lived through, yet despite the somber mood of the world, we know that there is hope ahead. I hope you can join us for our Christmas sing-along on Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> and for our Christmas Eve

Mass at 8:00 p.m. and Christmas day Mass at 10:30 a.m. All will be livestreamed. The links are in this bulletin.

I also want to let you know that Fr. Alejandro and I are available every Monday, Wednesday and Friday for our virtual office hours (using Zoom) from 11a.m to 12 noon. (We changed the time because we moved the daily mass from 8:30 to 12 noon so we could continue having outside Masses when it isn't so cold).

These office hours are for whatever you want. If you need a prayer, have a suggestion, or just want to say hi, we are here for you. The links are for Mondays,

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/84214469982> and Wednesdays

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/83402038549>

and for Fridays,

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/85058613305> God is with us!

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

**Saturdays:** 3:00pm (outside) | 4:00pm (outside)

**Weekdays:** 12:00pm (outside)

**Christmas: Eve:** 8:00pm | **Day:** 10:30am

## Live-stream Schedule

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

**Sundays:** 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español),  
**Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>,** 8:00pm and **Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>,** 10:30am

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff & Ministries

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. George Williams, S.J.
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Fr. Alejandro Báez, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, S.J.
<b>Pastoral Ministry Coordinator</b>	Mr. Manuel Chavira, S.J.
<b>Director of Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	Frank Uranich
<b>Director of Operations &amp; Admin.</b>	Maureen Beckman
<b>Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center</b>	Grace Salceanu
<b>Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation</b>	Hannah Everhart
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Marco Matute
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Dorenda Haynes
<b>Sexton</b>	Mario Hernandez
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Grinthal
<b>Sacristans</b>	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
<b>Altar Linens &amp; Vessels</b>	Bernice Bennett Fischer
<b>Art &amp; Environment</b>	St. Agnes Staff
<b>Consolation Ministry</b>	Naomi Mayer
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Food (Snack) Pantry Director</b>	Stacey Shaffer
<b>St. Agnes &amp; St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director</b>	Kathleen Devine
<b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>	Barbara Nelson
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Shannon McMillen Evans
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Marjorie Miles
<b>Director R.C.I.A.</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
<b>LGBTQ Ministry</b>	Andrea Wise

## Dec. 19 & 20 | Fourth Sunday of Advent

For your prayerful consideration,  
readings for next week:

**Isaiah 52.7-10 •  
Hebrews 1:1-6 • John 1:1-18**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Dec. 19</b>		
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Fr. Paul Bernadico, S.J. (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>Dec. 20</b>		
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Helen Rosario (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Joan and Bob McGrath (L)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
<b>1:30 PM</b>	John Beard (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>(Spanish)</b>		
<b>Dec. 21</b>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Corydon Francis Crawford (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>Dec. 22</b>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Phil Murphy (L)	Fr. Lordu Mummadi
<b>Dec. 23</b>		
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Linda Beckman (L)	Fr. George Williams
<b>Dec. 24</b>		
<b>8:00 PM</b>	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Williams & Báez
<b>Dec. 25</b>		
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Allender, Williams & Báez
<b>Dec. 26</b>		
<b>3:00 PM</b>	Jimmy Manley (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Willie Rodgers (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>Dec. 27</b>		
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Sarah Marie Crinnion (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>10:30 AM</b>	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>1:30 PM</b>	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
<b>(Spanish)</b>		

D = Deceased; L = Living

## 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 Office Hours via Zoom = Mon. [Zoom Link](#) & Wed. [Zoom Link](#), 11am -12pm

Fr. Alejandro Office Hours via Zoom = Fri. [Zoom Link](#), 11am – 12pm

**Office Phone: 415-487-8560**

## St. Agnes Stewardship

**Total Sunday Collection (mail, in person, online): \$3,868.66**

**Last Year: \$4,368.24**

**Mail-in: \$1,320; In Person Masses: \$115**

**Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$2433.66**

**If you would like to donate: [www.SaintAgnesSF.org](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org)**

## New Parishioners

You are Home! 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](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org). All are welcome here!

## Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office - [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org) or 415-487-8560 x225.  
[www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org)

Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention  
*For a Life of Prayer*

"We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer."

Monday Night Centering Prayer,  
Twice a Month @ 7pm

Centering Prayer becomes a weekly practice in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center! Join us on the on the XXXX at 7pm to deepen into this contemplative practice. Contact Mary English if you are interested at: [thecentering@comcast.net](mailto:thecentering@comcast.net) for more information and dates regarding the "Zoom" Centering Prayer.



Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays, 9am - 10am (Silent prayer & sharing)  
Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading set the tone as we enter into silent prayer for half an hour, followed by an opportunity for sharing and holding the prayers of our community all via Zoom. For more information, please contact: Grace Salceanu at [Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org).



Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing  
9:15am - 10:30am

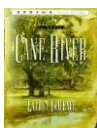
Each week, this small faith community gathers for word, silence, and sharing of our lives and faith journeys. We give all the opportunity to share without interruption, advice, or cross talk. These reflections are always held in sacred confidence. For more information or to join the Zoom, please contact: Grace Salceanu at [Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org).



**Book Club**

**Friday, January 29, 7 - 9pm**

The Book Club will meet **via Zoom** on Friday, Jan. 29, when we will discuss *Cane River* by Lalita Tademy. The link to Zoom will be forwarded before the January gathering. Please contact Sr. Laetitia at [Laetitiabordes@att.net](mailto:Laetitiabordes@att.net) if you are interested.



**Masses at St. Agnes**

Saturday and Sunday 8:30am Masses have been moved back to the ISLC outdoors. If you would like to attend, please sign-up on our web site at [www.SaintAgnesSF.org](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org) or call the rectory. Masks are required.



**Saturdays: 3:00pm & 4:00pm**  
(Outside in ISLC backyard, limited capacity, if weather permits)

**Sundays: 8:30am** (Outside-ISLC backyard, limited capacity, if weather permits)  
**10:30am, & 1:30pm VIA Live-Stream ONLY** (Inside, **no outside attendance**)

Join us also on Sunday for our Spanish Mass via live-stream at 1:30pm.  
Click [here](#) to join the spanish Mass via Live-Stream.

**Weekday Masses have Changed**

**12:00pm - Monday - Friday** (Outside, ISLC)

**Receiving Communion**

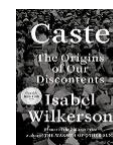
*Outside in front of St. Agnes*

St. Agnes continues to distribute communion to our parishioners from **1pm - 2pm on Sundays** in front of the Church. We could be seeking volunteers to help with communion, please contact [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org) if you can help!

**Pastor's Book Club**

**Saturday, Dec. 19, 10am, via Zoom**  
**Caste - by Isabel Wilkerson**

Join Fr. George in discussing the book - *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson on Saturday morning, Dec. 5. Join the Zoom Meeting at <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/85321989838>  
Meeting ID: 853 2198 9838



**Virtual Hospitality Hour**

**Sunday, 11:30am, after Mass - Via Zoom**

Join us for hospitality after the 10:30am Livestream Mass for fellowship and a cup of coffee. Last week was a great success, we hope to continue this every week if we have enough volunteers to help run it. It's a great way to connect with the St. Agnes community until we can be together again in person.

**End of the Year Giving**

None of the wonderful programs we have would be possible without the generous support of our parishioners along with the support of the friends of St. Agnes. As we move toward the end of the year please consider a tax-deductible "unrestricted" gift to the parish or the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. We are deeply grateful for your help as we strive to live the gospel of Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury.





## Staff Corner



**Maureen Beckman**

I can hardly believe it is the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent and Christmas is just a few days away. Even though Advent last for 4 weeks, I never seem to feel ready for Christmas, for receiving the news that Jesus is born, Jesus is among us. Am I even ready to make space for Him during this Advent? The gospel reading for this 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent reflects when Mary was told she would “conceive a child and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus” *Luke 1:26-38*. I can’t imagine what it must have been like for her waiting, her anticipation, her wonder of what was about to happen to her and the world. While Mary was waiting, did she “feel ready” for all that was happening?

One of my former students at the Jesuit School of Theology – Hilda Cruz Guiao had a beautiful reflection on this “waiting and being ready” in Call to Action where she talked about the word “Emmanuel” and its meaning of “God with us”. She said, “to truly take in the meaning of Emmanuel, may we have the eyes to see and the hearts to feel God with us.” It’s time for us to get ready for “Emmanuel”, for God to be with us. So, with “eyes to see and our hearts to feel”, let us all put God within us this Christmas. Share his light, share his hope and share his love with one another. Merry Christmas!

## Thank You for Your Generosity

Thanks to the wonderful parishioners of St. Agnes for your amazing generosity to our Giving Tree this year. We know how stretched some people are financially, so we really appreciate all that you were able to contribute to those on the margins and in need. Thank you again.

## Annual Archbishop’s Appeal (AAA) 2020

We are coming to the end of the year and we are far off from our goal of \$72,379. We have received some generous gifts, so thank you. We hope that others will join in to help us make our goal. Thanks again to those who have already given gifts of cash, checks, and credit cards, totaling:

**Goal: \$72,379**

**Raised: \$41,260**

Still Needed to Reach Goal: **\$31,119 by 12/31**

## Christmas Events and Mass Schedule

### Fourth Sunday of Advent

Dec. 19 & 20, 2020

3:00 pm, 4:00 pm, (Saturday, Outside)

8:30 am (Sunday, Outside)

10:30 am & 1:30 pm (Live-stream)

### Christmas Sing-A-Long

Dec. 23 (Wed.), 7:00 pm (Live-stream and Zoom)

Join in the fun with your family and sing a few of your favorite Christmas carols from the comfort of your own home with members of our wonderful St. Agnes Choir.

### Christmas Eve Mass

Dec. 24 (Thu.), 8:00 pm

(Live-stream only, no in-person attendance)

Join us online for a beautiful celebration of Mass, music and fellowship within the beautifully decorated St. Agnes.

### Christmas Day Mass

Dec. 25 (Fri.), 10:30 am

Communion in front of St. Agnes

from 11:30am – 12:30pm (right after Mass)

(Live-stream only, no in-person attendance)

Join us online for a beautiful celebration of Mass, music and fellowship within the beautifully decorated St. Agnes.

### Liturgy of Mary Mother of God

Jan. 1, 2021 (Fri.), 10:30 am

(Live-stream or outside - TBD)

## Christmas Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church. You may remember your loved ones by donating for flowers in their names. Your petitions will remain on the altar through the Christmas season. You should have received an envelope for flowers in with your Christmas letter, so you can make a gift by mailing it in or go online and specify your gift is for flowers. Thank you in advance.



## St Agnes / Ignatian Spiritual Life Center - Survey

Share your voice with the **St. Agnes & Ignatian Spiritual Life Center Survey**. We have created the first major survey for St. Agnes and the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center in the past several years and

**TELL US WHAT YOU THINK**

would appreciate your thoughtful feedback as we celebrate over 125 years as a parish, as we move through a global pandemic, and as our

team undergoes a transition in leadership. The survey hopes to gather a sense of our collective needs and desires as we journey with each other. We value your honest responses - there is no wrong answer to any question! Any expressed interest in future programs will not oblige you to participate but will help us understand how best to serve our diverse community.

**The survey should take about 20 minutes and is completely anonymous. Please respond by January 8, 2021.** The survey may be completed online or on paper. Contact [Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org) for help with the form or to request a paper copy.

[Take the survey here.](#)

## Parish Offices Closed During Holidays

Following the protocols of the Archdiocese, the parish offices will be closed from Christmas Eve, December 24 – Monday, January 4. However, the Food pantry will take place on December 31<sup>st</sup> as scheduled. The parish priests will be around the offices for any immediate needs. Have a wonderful Christmas!

## 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