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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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December 25 & 26, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Family,

Merry Christmas!

Feliz Navidad! Buon Natale!

Frohe Weihnachten!

Joyeux Noël! Feliz Natal! Joyeux Noël

“Christmas is most truly Christmas when we celebrate it by giving the light of love to those who need it most.” –Ruth C. Stapleton

If you are returning to Church this Christmas after a long absence, or even a short one, or if this is your first time visiting our Church, may the joy of our celebration fill your heart! We are so happy that you have chosen to spend part of your Christmas holiday with us!

In this season of lights, may Christ’s love shine upon you, your family and friends; Don’t let the current anxieties of life dim the light of Love, Hope, and Peace!

Que la luz de Cristo brille sobre ti, tu familia y amigos; no dejes que los desafíos de la vida, apaguen la luz del Amor, la Esperanza, y la la Alegría

Our gratitude goes out to all of you who have remained faithful parishioners throughout the years, for all you have done to build up this wonderful St. Agnes Community!

We are humbled and grateful for the opportunity to serve as your Pastor and Associate Pastor. Thank you so much for all your prayers and support!

“Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord!” Luke 2:10-11

Fr. George Williams, S.J.

Fr. Alejandro Baey, 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) | 5:00pm Holy Hour, 6:00pm Mass

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm – Monday - Thursday
Fridays @ Noon, Lay-led
Communion Service

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day: 10:30am (only)

December 26: 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm, No 6pm

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, Brent Otto
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Finance	Maureen Beckman
Co-Directors, Spiritual Ministries	Sr. Julia Prinz, Sr. Ellen Hess and Sr. Sara Postlethwaite, VDMF
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF
Office Manager	TBA
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Terry Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
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
Hospitality Volunteer	Karen Kelly

Dec. 25 & 26 | Christmas / Holy Family

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
**Isaiah 60:1-6 •
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 • Matthew 2:1-12**

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 25 10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
Dec. 26 8:30 AM	Maureen Aggeler (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Fr. Tony Sauer, S.J. (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM (SP)	Roberto Ortega (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 27 12:00 PM	Wayne Alba (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 28 12:00 PM	Sr. Katie O'Shea (L)	Various Presiders
Dec. 29 12:00 PM	Mary Rodgers (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 30 12:00 PM	Jim Pokorny (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 31 12:00 PM	Communion Service	Various Presiders
Jan. 1 10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	TBD
4:00 PM	Teresa Meyer	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Jan. 2 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Ethel Brosnahan (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM (SP)	Richie McAllister (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
6:00 PM	Con Gill (D)	Fr. George Williams

D = Deceased; L = Living; SP = Spanish

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

Due to early Holiday submission of the bulletin, we are unable to publish the collection amounts this week.

Please remember St. Agnes in your year-end giving and Thank You for all that you have given in 2021!

To make a donation go to www.saintagnessf.org or click [HERE](#).

New Parishioners

Welcome to our 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 - Alejandro@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.

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.

Christmas/Holy Family



Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

Catechists

“Let us pray for the catechists, summoned to announce the Word of God: may they be its witnesses, with courage and creativity and in the power of the Holy Spirit.”

End of the Year Giving

Even Santa is giving to St. Agnes this year and asks you if you would be willing to give an end-of-year gift as well! None of the wonderful programs we have would be possible without the generous support of our parishioners and friends. As we move toward the end of the year, please consider a tax-deductible “unrestricted” gift to the parish.

St. Agnes and Santa thank you in advance!



Parish Offices Closed

During the Holidays, Dec. 26 – Jan. 3

Following the protocols of the Archdiocese, the parish offices will be closed from Christmas Eve, December 24 – Monday, January 3. However, the Food pantry will take place on December 30th as scheduled. The parish priests will be around the offices for any immediate needs, please call Fr. Alejandro at 415-450-8670 for assistance. Have a wonderful Christmas!

Merry Christmas

The Staff of St. Agnes would like to wish all our parishioners, friends and benefactors a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!



Christmas Eve and Day Mass Schedule



Christmas Eve Masses

Dec. 24, Fri. at 5:00 pm (Children's Mass) and at 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Mass

Dec. 25, Sat. at 10:30 am
(In-Person and Live-streamed)

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

Bring in an Ornament for the St. Agnes Christmas Tree

This year in Fr. George's Christmas letter he invited everyone to bring one ornament from your house to hang on our beautiful



Christmas tree on the altar at the Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. The tree will become all of ours and really symbolize the loving family that is St. Agnes Parish.

Christmas Season 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. so you can make a gift by mailing it or going online to our website and specify your gift is for flowers. Thank you in advance.



Spiritual Life Center

1611 Oak Street

www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

Upcoming Events

The ISLC together with the University of San Francisco is involved in **two major projects this winter and during the coming spring**. One is oriented towards memory of the spiritual and religious imagination these times have brought forward. The other is oriented towards the future of the Church that cannot be thought of apart from a memory that challenges the status quo of how things seem to always have to be.

It is time during this COVID to see how we discovered resilience and how we began to bring the vision of Pope Francis with his dream for a different Church and a healing of the world.

Please, click further down for the link to the first part of the research and in what way COVID has challenged and perhaps changed our own religious and spiritual imagination. As we receive more responses on this survey, we will be aware of what is evolving into other ways of belonging and of imagination of the Christian Mystery as more, we will be able to respond to it. Please, click [HERE](#) to take the survey.



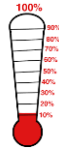
Every **third Thursday of the month** there will be a continuation of the discussion regarding the synodal process Pope Francis is inviting us to! Please, look at the ISLC website and the bulletin to receive more information about how and where this synodal process is going to take place at Saint Agnes and especially at ISLC in collaboration



with the other two Jesuit works – the SI Highschool and the University of San Francisco.

AAA – We are in the Final Stretch!

We are coming to the end of the year, and we are closing in on our goal of \$63,309. **Thanks again to those who have already given gifts** of cash, checks, and credit cards, totaling:



Goal: \$63,309

Raised: \$41,248

Still Needed to Reach our Goal: **\$22,061**

November Pastoral Council (PC) Update

During the November meeting, the Pastoral Council (PC) met with 3 members of the Finance Committee (FC) composed of Chris Roman (chair), Steve Kastner, Mary Miley Cronin, (Maureen Beckman and Dorenda Haynes were absent). The FC presented an overview of its role

- Work with the Parish staff to review income, expenses, balances.
- Provide financial advice/consultation.
- Sign off on the annual report sent to the Archdiocese.
- During the meeting the PC thanked the Finance Committee for their generous service to our parish.

A follow-up meeting will be scheduled to allow in-depth discussions about the Parish's needs and financial health.

Fr. George committed to writing a Pastor Letter to summarize the financial health of Saint Agnes and to ask parishioners who have any questions/concerns to send them to the PC via email.

The search for an Administrative Assistant is actively ongoing. Candidates with advanced technology skills are strongly encouraged.

Office Manager Position Available at St. Agnes

St. Agnes is looking for a full-time, salaried Office Manager Position. This role is an opportunity for an experienced person to take their skills to the next level while supporting this wonderful dynamic parish. The position includes a full range of office management, tech support, HR/Payroll, hospitality and people skills! If you are interested in learning more, please contact Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org.



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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.

Continuing Events:

Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm



Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net.

Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

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



Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing

@ 9:30am – 10:30am

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.

Training for Lay Reflection Team

Saturdays January 15, 29 and

February 12, 11:00-1:00

Are you called to join the lay reflection team? Come explore your call to this ministry. Join us for three training sessions with Cathy Murray, OP. Please contact Rosemary Robinson (rosemaryellisrobinson@gmail.com) if you are interested. All are welcome. We will meet in the ISLC January 15th and 29th and in the church February 12th.

Parking in the Garage

We welcome everyone to park in the garage for Masses on the weekends. However, there are some spaces on the top level that are **reserved for Urban School 24/7** and should never be parked in. They are marked with URBAN 24/7 and often have small cones to block them. Please do not move the cones and park there. If there are no cones, please do not park there. Outside of weekend Masses, we only have the GREEN and WHITE on the LOWER LEVEL of the garage. Unless you are told we have other parking, please only park in the GREEN and WHITE spaces. Thank you for your cooperation.

Calendar of Events for St. Agnes

December:

Fri. Dec. 24th @ 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass (Nativity of the Lord)

* **Fri. Dec. 24th** @ 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Nativity of the Lord)

* **Sat. Dec. 25th** @ 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (ONLY mass of the day)

Sun. Dec. 26th – Holy Family - 8:30am, 10:30am*, 1:30pm*, (**No 6pm Mass**)

* **Sat. Jan. 1st** @ 10:30 a.m. Mary, The Holy Mother of God Feast

Sat. Jan 1 @ 4:00 p.m. (Epiphany of the Lord - Saturday evening Vigil Mass)

Sun. Jan 2nd – Epiphany of the Lord - All masses as Usual @ 8:30am; 10:30am*; 1:30pm* and 6:00 pm

* **In-person & live-stream**

For more detail information check our website @ www.SaintAgnesSF.org

Calendar of Events for Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

December:

Dec 24th - 5:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy

Dec 26th - CHRISTMAS BREAK till Sunday **Jan 9th**.

January:

Jan 2nd - 10:30am Family Mass at 10:30am

Jan 9th - Return to CFF classes.

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.