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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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December 26 & 27, 2020

Dear St. Agnes Parishioners,

Let's face it, this has been a pretty awful year; a frightening, stressful and lonely year for all of us. We've come through a hard and painful year; a year like no other any of us have experienced.

We have experienced the pain of separation from one another, from many of those we hold dear and we have missed coming to this beautiful Church and the life-giving communion and fellowship of our community of St. Agnes.

But throughout this year we have also been journeying through a sacred time, a sacred space. It has been a holy year in that it has forced us to look at what is important to us and what is not so important.

I believe we will look back at this year as a painful transition, a birth if you will. Out of the pain of this past year, we are being reborn into a brighter future. There is still grieving ahead of us, but there is also the hope of joy and healing.

Jesus came into a world where there was no freedom except for the powerful and the ruthless. God chose birth into a world where death ruled. God's love entered our time and space, our lives and our deaths, changing everything forever.

God began re-creating our world from the inside, intimately, not from the remote heavens like in Genesis. God entered our flesh and blood, our weakness, our brokenness, our messy, beautiful, complicated lives in order to change us from within as well.

The Gospel of Jesus Christ has the power to change the world. Christmas is about imagining a better world. That's what the first Christmas signaled, and that's what every Christmas since has meant.

Christ is born. Hope is born. Love is born again. Merry Christmas!

George Williams SJ

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 | 10:30am | 1:30pm (Spanish/Español)

Saturdays: 3:00pm | 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm

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. 24th, 8:00pm and **Dec. 25th,** 10:30am

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

December 26 - 27 | The 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. 26		
3:00 PM	Jimmy Manley (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
4:00 PM	Willie Rodgers (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 27		
8:30 AM	Sarah Marie Crinnion (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		
Dec. 28		
12:00 PM	Marianthl Gomoziyas (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 29		
12:00 PM	Josephina Dizon (D)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Dec. 30		
12:00 PM	Beatrice Laws (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 31		
12:00 PM	Jim Pokorny (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Jan. 1		
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Donal Godfrey
Jan. 2		
3:00 PM	(D)	Fr. George Williams
4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 3		
8:30 AM	BriCotter & Eamon Murphy (D)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Lani Branco (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Teresa Taken (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
(Spanish)		

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

We thank you for your kind generosity in 2020! If you would like to make an end-of-the year donation, please [click here](#). Due to the Holidays, and the timing of the publishing of the bulletin, we are not able to give amounts from last week.

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. 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.

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.

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 or 415-487-8560 x225.
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."

Gather + Grow: Young Adult Ministry @ ISLC

Tuesday, January 5, 7 – 8pm on Zoom

Are you seeking a faith-gathering of young adults to grow in relationship with God and others in the Bay Area? Join us for an evening of prayer and spiritual conversation as we begin to rejuvenate young adult ministry at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. Contact [Dan Nevares](mailto:Dan.Nevares@islc.org) for more information. [Register here.](#)

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 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.



Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing

9:15am – 10:30am

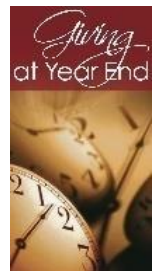
Each week, this small faith community gathers for word, silence, and sharing of our lives and faith journeys. We give all the opportunity to share without interruption, advice, or cross talk. These reflections are always held in sacred confidence. For more information or to join the Zoom, please contact: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



The priests and staff of St. Agnes would like to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. We look forward to being together again in person in 2021 (we hope)!

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. You can donate online at our [website](#), send in a check or gift stock to St. Agnes. Please contact Maureen Beckman (415) 450-8009 if you would like to make a donation of stocks before the end of year or you have any questions. We are deeply grateful for your help as we strive to live the gospel of Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury.



Virtual Hospitality Hour

Friday, Christmas Day, after Mass & Sunday, 11:30am, after Mass - [Via Zoom](#)



Join us for hospitality after the 10:30am Livestream Mass for fellowship and a cup of coffee. It's a great way to connect with the St. Agnes community until we can be together again in person.

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: \$42,630

Still Needed to Reach Goal: **\$29,749 by 1/8/2021**

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 or call the rectory. Masks are required.



Saturdays: 3:00pm & 4:00pm

Sundays: 8:30am, 10:30am, & 1:30pm

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

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 if you can help!

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 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 for help with the form or to request a paper copy. [Take the survey here.](#)

Staff Corner



Frank Uranich

Dear friends,

I am writing this letter just after attending the funeral of our longtime parishioner Thomas Jameson. Fr. George led us in a beautiful outdoor Mass at the Duggan Funeral Home in Westlake. Remy, Thomas's wife, was buried from St. Agnes in 2012. All four of the Jameson boys, Tommy, Glen, Matthew and Stephen were graduates of our grade school. I would always say that Remy was our best reader at Mass. She would proclaim the word with such personal conviction I would think to myself she must have known St. Paul. Wonderful family.

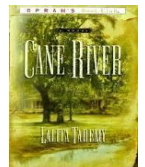
This got me thinking about the many Christmases at St. Agnes when we had our large Filipino Community. The Sunday closest to Christmas the Filipino Community would have its Christmas party after our 10:30am Mass in the lower hall. The whole parish was invited. What a celebration it was. The Tongson's, Maurille's, Cazar's, Libadia's, Zarilla's, Montaner's, the Rosario's and many more hosted this delicious affair. There was music, storytelling, gift giving and plenty of laughter. The Filipino Community formally dis-banned about 2015 as the members were getting older and there was no future leadership on the horizon. This group brought a real sense of community within our community. I always feel like they made me an honorary Filipino. Very nice!

Looking at the parish today we are still about growing and living parish life and community together. The Covid19 pandemic has provided us with an opportunity to become even more creative. The parish spirit feels strong. There is a lot of love around here. Makes me think of 'Emanuel' God with us.

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 if you are interested.



Christmas Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church during this Christmas season which ends in January. 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.



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 31st as scheduled. The parish priests will be around the offices for any immediate needs. Have a wonderful Christmas!



Support Small Businesses @ St. Agnes

St. Agnes would like to once again support our parishioners by gathering information about family businesses that have been impacted during Shelter-in-Place.

If you have a small business (restaurant, store, cafe, service, etc.) that we can help support by ordering food or purchasing gift cards for use at a later date, contact Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org.



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Maureen will organize the information and share it with our parish community through our bulletin. Feel free to send any logo's etc. to be included in the listing. Help us to support our parishioners!

2021 Calendars Available

St. Agnes once again has 2021 calendars available for our parishioners. We will have them available at all the Masses and when you come for communion after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays.

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