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December 4 & 5, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Family,

Happy Second Week of Advent! As we continue to prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ at Christmas, I hope you can join us for our Advent services. They are all listed here in the bulletin. I look forward to seeing you there!

The readings this weekend remind us that God has promised that every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low. But we also look around and we still see our lives are filled with valleys as well as steep hills to climb! The promise of Advent is that God has entered our world in human flesh as Jesus Christ. But while God has commanded that the valleys be filled and the mountains leveled, he does not say he is going to do that all by himself. We all have a part to play through loving service of one another to help in the transformation of our world to reflect the justice and mercy of God!

I am grateful for the love and care and stewardship that characterizes our community here at St. Agnes. We sent out our annual pastor's financial report to the parish yesterday. (There was one typo on page 7, it should read "July 31, 2020 – June 30, 2021!"). If you

have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

I mentioned last weekend that Archbishop Cordileone was going to come here on December 19th for the 10:30 Mass. As you may have read in the Chronicle, the Archbishop recently revealed that he was not vaccinated. I called him and spoke with him and asked him to re-schedule his visit for a later time because many people in the parish had expressed concern about this. I feel it is important that everyone feel safe, and we all do our part to prevent the spread of COVID19, especially now with the new Omicron Variant. These are stressful times enough and I felt his pastoral visit to us would be overshadowed by concerns about the pandemic.

I urge anyone in our parish who has not yet been vaccinated to do so. Pope Francis said, "Getting vaccinated is a simple yet profound way to care for one another, especially the most vulnerable."

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 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

Immaculate Conception: 12:00pm (Dec. 8)

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

Christmas Day: 10:30am (only)

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, S.J.
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 St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	TBA 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: \$5,059

*Sunday Masses: \$3,243, Food Pantry: \$854
Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$962
Please consider a donation through our website at
www.SaintAgnesSF.org*

Dec. 4 & 5 | 2nd Sunday of Advent

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*

**Zephaniah 3:14-18a •
Philippians 4:4-7 • Luke 3:10-18**

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 4 4:00 PM	Sr. Betty Marie Dunkel (L)	Fr. Brent Otto
Dec. 5 8:30 AM	Trish Maguire (D)	Fr. Brent Otto
10:30 AM	Patrick Sullivan (D)	Fr. Brent Otto
1:30 PM (SP)	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	Julie McMullan (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
Dec. 6 12:00 PM	Frank Meyer (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 7 12:00 PM	Pauline Haas (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 8 12:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Various Presiders
Dec. 9 12:00 PM	Bebe St. John (L)	Various Presiders
Dec. 10 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
Dec. 11 4:00 PM	Laverne Hinchey (D)	Fr. George Williams
Dec. 12 8:30 AM	Madelaine & Edward Jennings (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. Eduardo Fernandez
1:30 PM (SP)	Humberto Zarate (D)	Frs. Baez & Martinez
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams

D = Deceased; L = Living; SP = Spanish

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.

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.

2nd Sunday of Advent



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.”

Prison Ministry Update:

Please join Fr. George on Wednesday, December 8 from 10-11 for a Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition webinar about ministering to prison staff during the holidays. Here is the Zoom Link to participate:
https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0mLSfTpqTdS_VsEw6PrWgg.

Thank you! Fr. George

Survey – Religious Practice During Covid

At the end of the year 2021, we want to invite everyone to look back on our religious practice during COVID times. On Monday, the Feast Day of Saint Nicholas, Dr. Erin Brigham, director of the Ralph Lane Center at USF and Dr. Julia Prinz, director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life center at Saint Agnes will send out a survey that wants to make memory how our religious imagination was engaged and/or disengaged during the times of COVID. The survey will be the first step in a research process that will gain insight about best ways to move forward in the spiritual and religious practices of our parishes and in our homes. We hope you will enjoy discussing the memories of your religious practices during COVID with your spouse, family and friends and find the survey life giving.

Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

Catholic Stewardship in Action

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: \$31,329

Still Needed to Reach our Goal: **\$31,980**



Spiritual Life Center

1611 Oak Street

www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

Upcoming Events

Advent Evening Prayer In the Church

Wednesday, December 8th, 7:00 pm –8:00pm

An hour of communal and individual prayer. A space to reflect on our personal and social hopes and desires, with beautiful music and short meditations on the Visitation and the Magnificat on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

Advent Retreat



Saturday, December 11, 10:30am – 1:00pm, ISLC

Join our parishioners – Rosemary Robinson and Christine Rodgers for a retreat which will include music, scripture, poetry and silence, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please go to the ISLC web site to register: IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org. For questions, contact Sr. Julia at Julia@SaintAgnesSF.org (NOTE: Because of Covid restrictions, only the first 18 registrations will be accepted. Registration is on the website available.)

Taizé Prayer Session

Thursday, December 9, 7pm, ISLC

Hosted by the St. Agnes Young Adult Community



Taizé Prayer

All are welcome to join us for an evening Taizé prayer service on Thursday, December 9th at 7pm in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center! If you are interested in attending, please RSVP via email to youngadults@saintagnessf.com.

**Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of
The Blessed Virgin Mary
Mass on Wednesday, Dec. 8 @ Noon**



Staff Corner



Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF

Maria walks amid the thorns

December 1st. There is hardly a better moment to write the staff-corner reflection. Today, we open the first door of the Advent-calendar, and we are beginning conscientiously a journey towards becoming, incarnating, embodying hope. A hope that is endangered by the thorns of a world that is organized too often without it.

I would like to leave for your personal reflection an old German folkloric song that was already known in the early Middle-ages by the people, sung in the streets not monasteries walking the journey of Advent as we do today centuries later. The seven years, biblically significant as they render the time of God, no blossoms were on the wood of thorns the Advent-people are walking amidst. But beneath Mary's heart there is nestled love, hope, justice not as concepts, but in flesh and blood. This hymn encouraged people to believe as a protest seeing all the thorns without blossoms. I encourage us to do the same. Here is the short Medieval version.

*Maria walks amid the thorns,
Kyrie Eleison!
Which for seven years no leaf hath born
She walks amid the wood of thorn
Jesus and Maria.
What 'neath her heart does Mary bear?
Kyrie Eleison!
A little child doth Mary bear
Beneath her heart he nestles there.
and Maria.
And as the two are passing near
Kyrie Eleison!
Lo! Roses on the thorns appear!
Jesus and Maria.*

The best way to imagine this song is probably as a deep prayer from the heart being dressed in ragged clothes, trying to keep one's family warm and fed in the darkest month of the year in medieval Germany. If you would like to listen to a polished beautiful version for your own meditation, with some old instruments, that probably were used originally, you can find it on YouTube ([click here](#)). If the link does not work, look on the internet for Helen Fischer Maria - durch einen Dornwald ging. May our prayer join with the prayers nestled under the heart of this world on our Advent journey.

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 15 and 29 and in the church February 12.



**Spiritual
Life Center**

1611 Oak Street
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

@ 11:00am - 12pm

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.



Advent Giving Tree

This Advent season, we continue our Giving Tree custom. We are not giving toys this year because of Covid restrictions. The Advent Tree is located in the hospitality area. It is filled with Candy Canes with gift card suggestions. Please take a candy cane and bring your gift cards and place them by the tree in the box or the parish offices. Thank you in advance for your continued generosity!



Restorative Justice Volunteers Needed –

**Monday, Dec. 6 @ 9:00am – 3:00pm
at the Cathedral Offices (One Peter Yorke Way)**

The Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry needs volunteers to sort out 6000 cards and prepare Christmas candy/ goodie treats and Christmas messages. The Christmas cards are given to inmates at the San Francisco County jails so they can send them to their family and loved ones. The Christmas candy and goodies treats, and messages of hope are prepared for the inmates. Register now to help in person: email Julio Escobar at: escobarj@sfarch.org. **Covid-19 Vaccination card and mask wearing is required.**



2nd Collection Next Week –

Dec. 11 & 12 - Retirement for Religious

Please mark your calendars for our 2nd collection on the weekend of Dec. 11 & 12. This will be for the Retirement for Religious in our communities. We thank you in advance for your generosity.



Verbum Dei Urban Spirituality Center (Tracy and San Francisco, CA)

December 18-19: ¡Ven Señor Jesus! Retiro de Preparación para Navidad
Verbum Dei Urban Spirituality Center, 3356 19th street, San Francisco, CA 94110. Saturday 18 8:30 am - 9:00 pm (Termina con noche de oración y adoración) Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00pm. Teresa@saintagnessf.org

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.

Calendar of Events for St. Agnes

December:

- * **Wed. Dec. 8th** – Advent Evening Prayer Service @ 7:00 -8:00p.m. in the Church
- Thurs. Dec. 9th** – Taizé Prayer @ 7pm in the ISLC (Hosted by the St. Agnes Young Adult Group)
- Sat. Dec. 11th** - Parish Reconciliation Service @ 11 a.m.
- * **Sun. Dec. 11th & 12th** - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Sun. of Advent)
- * **Tue. Dec. 14th** Christmas Sing-along @ 7:00 p.m.
- 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*, 6:00pm
- * **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 5th** - Family Mass at 2nd Sunday Advent with Rite of entrance for Confirmation year 2
- Dec 11th** – Sat at 11am- Reconciliation service special invitation for CFF families
- Dec 19th** – Sun. at 9:15am-10:15am Christmas Party for CFF Families
- 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.

Calendar of Events for ISLC

December:

- December 8th** - Advent Evening Prayer Reflections @ 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Church
- December 11th** - Advent retreat 10:30 am -1:00 pm @ISLC (Registration required. Limited capacity 18 people.)
- December 12th** - Mexican Hot chocolate and Sweet Bread for Guadalupe after 10:30 am Mass @ISLC

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