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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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February 13 & 14, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

This is our last Sunday of Ordinary Time before our Ash Wednesday celebration, which marks the beginning of our Lenten season.

In Mark's gospel, Jesus cures a man suffering from leprosy (Matthew 1:40-45), for he not only frees him from an illness but also alienation and ostracism. Jesus restored him to full inclusion in his community. In our humanity, it is often hard for us to welcome everyone. As we begin Lent this Wednesday, we should ask Jesus to show us how to welcome others as he did -- to remove stigma, prejudice, and other barriers that get in the way of us truly being One family in Christ.

See you at Ash Wednesday services:

8:30 a.m. (a prayer service facilitated by the women of the parish) and 5:30 p.m. (Mass which I will preside). Both celebrations will have distribution of ashes and will be live-streamed. We will have a "hospitality canopy" outside of the church from 10 am to 2 pm to welcome people to the parish and offer Ashes distribution as well.

All good wishes and prayers for you and your families,

Alejandro Báez, 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 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: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm

Ash Wednesday: 8:30am (Prayer Service); 5:30pm

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.
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	Vivian Nabuule
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
Parish Council Chair	Karen Xavier
Director R.C.I.A.	Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
LGBTQ Ministry	Andrea Wise

Feb. 13 & 14 | 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:
Genesis 9:8-15 •
1 Peter 3:18-22 • Mark 1:12-15

Date	Intention	Presider
February 13 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
February 14 8:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Gene Tongson (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Martha Gonzalez (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		
February 15 12:00 PM	Pepito Marcelino (D)	Fr. George Williams
February 16 12:00 PM	Agnes McKenzie (L)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
February 17 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Cathy Collins (Prayer Service)
5:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
February 18 12:00 PM	Presy Cazar Maurille (D)	Fr. Lourdu Mammadi
February 19 10:30 AM	Bernard & Mary Jane Willers (D)	Fr. George Williams
February 20 4:00 PM	Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
February 21 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Elisa Marcelino (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM	Rodolfo Gonzalez (D)	Fr. George Williams
(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

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.

St. Agnes Stewardship
Collection last week: \$3,503.94
 Last year: **\$3,396.10**
Mail-in: \$1,205; In Person Masses: \$983.51
Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$1,315.43
 Please consider a donation through our website at
www.SaintAgnesSF.org



**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' February Prayer Intention
Violence Against Women

"We pray for women who are victims of violence, that they may be protected by society and have their sufferings considered and heeded."

Nourish: Francis Fellowship
Tues, Feb. 23, 7-8:30pm

Join us as the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center's [Francis Fellowship](#) continues to expand its young adult ministry. The **Nourish** series will open discussion and exploration of our Catholic faith as we move through the liturgical seasons. The theme in February is "Reframing Guilt & Shame." [Register on Zoom](#). For more information, contact [Dan Nevares, SJ](#)

Gather + Grow: Young Adult Ministry @ the ISLC
Tuesday, March 2nd @ 7 – 8:30pm

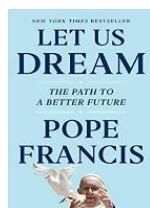


Are you seeking a faith-gathering of young adults to grow in relationship with God and others in the Bay Area? Join us for an evening of prayer and spiritual conversation as we begin to rejuvenate young adult ministry at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. Contact [Dan Nevares](#) for more information.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

Pastor's Book Club

This Saturday, February 13 @ 10 am
Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future
By Pope Francis

Please join Fr. George as he starts a new book this month by Pope Francis. All are welcome! Join Zoom Meeting at:
<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/85321989838>
Meeting ID: 853 2198 9838



"O God, who teach us that you abide in hearts that are just and true, grant that we may be fashioned by your grace as to become a dwelling pleasing to you..."



Ash Wednesday at St. Agnes

February 17, 2021
Prayer Service @ 8:30 am
Mass @ 5:30 pm



This weekend (February 13 & 14) you are able to pick up small bags of ashes at all the Masses and at the distribution of Communion from 1pm – 2pm on Sunday. This will allow you to distribute them to yourself and/or family members for the live-streams on Ash Wednesday, February 17 at 8:30am or 5:30pm.

Or **join us in-person** for two celebrations on Ash Wednesday, the first at **8:30 am** and the second at **5:30pm**. The first will be a prayer service celebrated by the women of the parish and the second will be a Mass celebrated by Fr. Alejandro Báez, S.J. Both will have the distribution of ashes. Please sing up ahead of time on our [website](#). We will also be **distributing ashes from 10 am – 2pm in front of the church**. Come and join us for outreach to the local community that day as we extend hospitality during those times as well.

ISLC Continued Programming
Centering Prayer - Monday's @ 7pm

Centering Prayer is a weekly practice in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center! Join us on Mondays at 7pm to deepen into this contemplative practice. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net for more information.

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 sharing and holding the prayers of our community all via Zoom. Please contact: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org.

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

This 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 held in confidence. Please contact: Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org for more info.

Masses at St. Agnes - Changes

If you would like to attend any of the Masses in person, please sign-up on our web site: www.SaintAgnesSF.org or call the rectory. Attendance is limited to 12 people and masks are required.



Saturdays: 4:00pm (no 3:00pm Mass)

Sundays: 8:30am, 10:30am, & 1:30pm (10:30am and 1:30pm are live-streamed, join here).

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 will also be giving out small bags of Ashes this week if you wish to take one for Ash Wednesday.** We still are seeking volunteers to help with communion, please contact Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org if you can help!



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.

Support Small Businesses @ St. Agnes

The St. Agnes community would like to once again help support our parishioners with small businesses:

JDESIGNBUILD

All this time at home got you dreaming about renovations? Licensed general contractor for custom residential remodeling on all scales: interior (kitchen and baths) and exterior (decks, windows, siding), extensions, seismic retrofitting, foundation to finish. Lic. #1017420. www.jdesignbuild.com

Ph. (415) 318-9525. Contact [Justin Walsh](mailto:JustinWalsh@jdesignbuild.com)

Early Childhood Matters

We offer parenting workshops, second time mom support groups, private consultations and facilitated nature groups for toddlers and their parents/caregivers. You can support us by signing up for one of our virtual parenting classes, groups or private consults at our website. Like or share our Facebook Page or follow us on Instagram. Contact [Rebecca Walsh](mailto:RebeccaWalsh@earlychildhoodmatters.org), Consulting@earlychildhoodmatters.org.

Staff Corner



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In the coming months, I'd like to feature some of the ISLC's ongoing programs. The Book Club is one of the longest-standing groups at St. Agnes! I recently spoke with Sr. Laetitia Bordes, the Book Club Coordinator, who shared that the Book Club is really about community. She said: *"It's a gathering of folks from different backgrounds, cultures and philosophies who have in common the love of good stories and literature; who enjoy a hearty discussion while feasting on appetizing snacks, a glass of wine, or a cup of tea . . . [it is] a place where people share in laughter and discussion . . . where one's opinion is listened to and added to the "pot" of discoveries we make about authors and about each other . . . perhaps what I treasure most is the opportunity to learn about the personal history of members and how that influences their insights into the books we read.*

We are sometimes asked, "Do you read any spiritual books in the Book Club?" Why, yes, because every book is a spiritual book. Is it not in the lives of the characters and their times that we continue to discover God at work in creation, history, in each one's personal and communal journey? Literature can give new insights into theological and/or philosophical truths we have grappled with for a long time but never quite understood. I like to think of literature as the grappling with the "nitty- gritty" of theology.

Our Book Club community is for anyone who loves to read a wide variety of books and is looking for a venue for common sharing. Each of the members takes responsibility for the Book Club in some way. All of us bring suggestions as to the books we wish to read and members decide together on the book selections for the upcoming months. Everyone has something to contribute. Some bring snacks, or wine; some enjoy taking on the role of facilitator for one of the discussions; others help clean up and leave the Spiritual Life Center in order before we leave. We have one rule. If you wish to participate in the discussion, you must have read the book! If you decide to join our community, you will be welcome and if you wish to just drop in once in a while when the book we are discussing is of particular interest to you, by all means, come!"

Special thanks to Laetitia for her thoughts and for building the rich community of the Book Club.

St. Agnes in SF Catholic

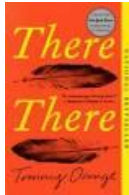


Father Alejandro has translated the SF Catholic article into English, so more people are able to read it. It's a great spotlight into our new outreach to the Spanish community. If you would like to read it in **English** click [here](#). If you would like to read it in **Spanish**, click [here](#).

St. Agnes Book Club

Friday, February 26, 7 – 9pm

The Book Club will meet **via Zoom** on Friday, Feb. 26, when we will discuss *There There* by Tommy Orange. The link to Zoom will be forwarded before the February gathering. Please contact Sr. Laetitia at Laetitiabordes@att.net if you are interested.



Phishing Email Scams

If you get an email that appears to be from Fr. George, be sure to check the email source. **If it's anything other than Fr. George's email: George@saintagnessf.org, it is a phishing email, do not open it or respond to it.** Scammers are creating false emails based on our website. They



construct a convincing message, even using correct info such as our address. Fr. George would never write such a vague email to you.

He would not write asking for "a favor" or "Gift Cards" and he would always explain exactly what he was writing about. He also doesn't use the expression "Rev George".

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