



Serving the Haight for over 125 years

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Inclusive | Diverse | Jesuit

1025 Masonic Avenue | San Francisco | CA | 94117-2010 | www.SaintAgnesSF.org | 415.487.8560

February 6 & 7, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

As you know, February is Black History Month in the U.S. It is an important, though inadequate recognition of the contributions to our culture and history of the enslaved Africans brought to this country and their descendants.

The events of 2020 brought into clarity the systemic racial injustice in our society. I believe as a Jesuit parish, and as Catholic Christians we all need to educate ourselves about the true nature of our history in order to begin the process of healing and reconciliation. Why Jesuits? Well, the Provincials of the 4 provinces of the Jesuits in the U.S. have been working for several years now on a project to uncover the history of Jesuit slave-owning in the Americas since the colonial days. Sadly, our history is one of complicity in the practice of owning, selling and exploiting other human beings as slaves from the 1600s all the way to 1862. Most Jesuits of their time, like most whites did not question the institution of slavery, instead they profited from it and used the money made from slavery to finance formation, missions and colleges.

It's 2021 and just as Jesuits and their parishioners, students and collaborators participated in the system of chattel slavery, we continue to live and work and profit from the systems of racial injustice that are embedded in our American Society. I write this not to cause people to

feel guilt or get defensive, rather as an invitation for all of us to prayerfully consider the suffering, cruelty and inter-generational trauma that has been visited upon our African-American brothers and sisters for over 4 centuries.

I invite all of us to use the upcoming season of Lent to fast and pray for a deeper awareness of the crimes against humanity that slavery represents and to fast and pray for healing and reconciliation in our society – a healing that will not be possible until we honestly confront the idolatry of white supremacy and systemic racism. I hope this season of Lent will be a time of reflection and penance for us all and a sign of our faith in the power of Christ's resurrection to remake our broken world.

I am including a link to the Ignatian Solidarity Network's 21 Day Racial Equity Challenge that you could use as a beginning point for personal reflection and prayer: <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-racial-equity-challenge/>

May this season of Lent bring us closer to healing, to one another, and to Christ.

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: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm

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	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

February 6 & 7 | 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:
Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 •
1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 • Mark 1:40-45

Date	Intention	Presider
February 6 4:00 PM	Gabriel Panganiban (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
February 7 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Agustin Lopez (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Arturo Báez (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
(Spanish)		
February 8 12:00 PM	Joan Beckman (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
February 9 12:00 PM	Jesus Aquino (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
February 10 12:00 PM	Linda Cuenco (L)	Fr. George Williams
February 11 12:00 PM	Elio Alvarez (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
February 12 10:30 AM	Martin McHale (D)	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi
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)		

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
Collection last week: \$15,140.47
 Last year: **\$4,865**
Mail-in: \$12,286; In Person Masses: \$837
Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$2,017.47
 Please consider a donation through our website at
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. 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 IGNATIANT 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."

Gratitude Everyday:
The Richness of Ordinary Time
Wednesday Feb 10: Jesus Calms the Storm
10:00am-10:45am,

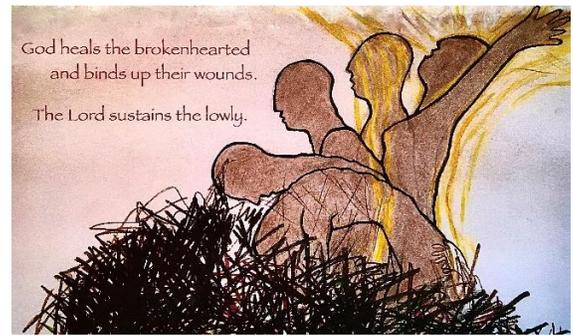
As ordinary time begins, celebrate the hidden gifts of this liturgical season by praying with the Gospels and the Ignatian Awareness Examen. Participants are welcome to join one or both sessions. [Register here.](#) Contact [Matt Yim, SJ](#) with questions.

First Spiritual Exercises
Thursdays, Feb 11-March 25, 6pm, on Zoom

The Ignatian Spiritual Life Center will partner this Lent with Christus Ministries to offer the **First Spiritual Exercises**. God desires to give each of us inner peace, an experience of being loved that leads to greater freedom. This gift is offered through an experience of divine mercy and healing through our human darkness. Adults and young adults (18+) are invited to receive this inner peace in darkness and light. Join us to experience St. Ignatius of Loyola's First Spiritual Exercises that has helped countless people grow closer to God since 1522. All you need is an openness to receive inner peace, a willingness to practice personal prayer (five times for 30') during the week, a receptivity to share and support others weekly along the way. The experience is guided by Fr. Tri M. Dinh SJ, the Christus Ministries Team, in partnership with the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. See here for registration and more information.

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](#)



ISLC Continued Programming

Centering Prayer - Monday's @ 7pm

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

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".

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.

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 still seeking volunteers to help with communion, please contact Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org if you can help!



Pastor's Book Club

Saturday, February 13 @ 10 am

Let us Dream: The Path to a Better Future

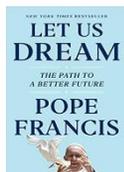
By Pope Francis

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



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



Frank Uranich

The month of February is Black History Month. It was first known as African-American History Month. This month-long celebration is observed in the United States, Canada, Ireland, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom.

At St. Agnes we have always taken the opportunity to sing songs and hymns from the African American musical tradition to enhance our celebration of this life giving, life affirming tribute to our sisters and brothers of African descent. Our Eucharistic Acclamations will feature the Holy Holy and the Lamb of God composed by Grayson Warren Brown. Many of you will remember the beautiful and soulful melodies found in these selections.

I first was introduced to Grayson's musical pieces when I lived for one year in New Orleans, Louisiana. The Historic African American Catholic parish of St. Francis de Sales was within walking distance from where I lived and so I made that parish my Sunday destination. The parish was sadly closed by the Archdiocese of New Orleans in 2008. However, I encounter the St. Francis de Sales faith community when they were in full swing. Fr. Fernand J. Cheri, OFM was pastor of the parish and a first-class musician. Fr. Cheri in presently Most Reverend Fernand J. Cheri, Auxiliary Bishop of New Orleans, La.

One Sunday morning I started walking to St. Francis de Sales a few minutes later than usual and so I was going to be late. One did not want to be late because you would not get a seat in the packed church and you would have to stand in the back against the wall. As I neared the church from about one block away I could the hear the singing. I immediately thought of that phrase, "raising the roof." The parish in full voice was raising in the roof to the Glory and Honor of God! I cherish this memory.

Let us, not only this month, but throughout the entire year celebrate the contributions our African American sisters and brothers have made and continue to make to our country.

Beautiful Day by Jamie Grace

*And oh there's
Something 'bout the way
Your sun shines on my face
It's a love so true
I can never get enough of you
This feeling can't be wrong
I'm about to get my worship on
Take me away
It's a beautiful day,
It's a beautiful day*

St. Agnes in SF Catholic

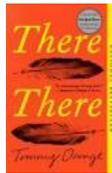


Our very own St. Agnes has been featured in this past week's Catholic San Francisco paper in the Spanish section. It's a great spot-light into our new outreach to the Spanish community. If you would like to see it or read it in Spanish, click [here](#).

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.



Ash Wednesday at St. Agnes

February 17, 2021

8:30 am and 5:30 pm

Join us for two celebrations of Ash Wednesday on February 17, the first at 8:30 am and the second at 5:30 pm. The first will be a **prayer service celebrated by 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. 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.



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