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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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January 16 & 17, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

Our faith in Jesus Christ calls us to live our lives in the service of justice and mercy. What we witnessed last week in our Capitol and what is now playing out before us in our country is shocking and deeply unnerving to all of us here at St. Agnes, and to all Americans who respect and honor the values we believe are foundational to our democracy.

Perhaps most disturbing, is the way that Christian symbols were used in carrying out acts of violence and hatred. This violence did not occur spontaneously. As my friend Jim Martin recently pointed out, great damage has been done by some Catholic leaders and media outlets who told people in the pews they could not vote for a Democrat at the risk of going to hell. These are the same Catholic leaders and media figures who oppose Pope Francis.

We all yearn for a return of sanity to our country. It seems that in the last 4 years

especially, Truth has been under assault. So many of those involved in the insurrection are deluded by the lies and distortions of reality and conspiracy theories fed to them from the extreme right. We need to double down in our prayers for healing and compassion for all our people, while still holding those accountable for violence and treason accountable.

I have to confess, I've been at a loss to know where to begin here. We don't have the luxury of seeing one another at church to talk and process these events. I invite you to email me with your suggestions and thoughts and suggestions as to what we, as a Catholic community can do in response to these particularly troubled times we are living through. My email address is George@SaintAgnesSF.org

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

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

Jan. 16 & 17 | 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:
Jon 3:1-5, 10 •
1 Corinthians 7.29-37 • Mark 1:14-20

Date	Intention	Presider
Jan. 16		
3:00 PM	Mary Rodgers (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
4:00 PM	Teodora Lopez (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Jan. 17		
8:30 AM	Sr. Kathleen Kearney (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (L)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		
Jan. 18		
12:00 PM	Merle Lopez (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 19		
12:00 PM	Sid Lopez (D)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Jan. 20		
12:00 PM	Teresa Rossi Birkeland (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Jan. 21		
12:00 PM	Jean Kientz (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Jan. 22		
10:30 AM	Valentina Marcelino (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 23		
3:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
4:00 PM	Raymond R. Rosario (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 24		
8:30 AM	Violet Shinn (D)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Joan and Bob McGrath (L)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Jeanne Nelson (D)	Fr. Williams & Fr. 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

Collection last week: \$4,136.40

Last year: **\$4176.13**

Mail-in: \$1871; In Person Masses: \$486

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$1779.40

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 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' January Prayer Intention
Human Fraternity

"May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all."

ISLC's Young Adult Ministry

SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

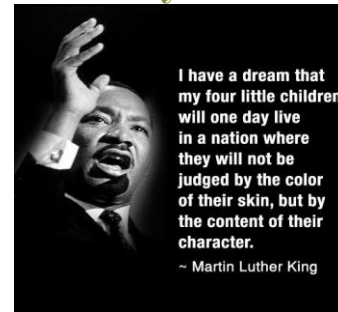
We'd love to get to know more about your spiritual journey and any insight into what you're seeking within a faith community.

Since we can't meet in person yet, let's arrange something via Zoom while enjoying a beverage of choice!

TO ARRANGE A CHAT,
CONTACT: DAN NEVARES
YOUNGADULTS@SAINTAGNESSF.COM



Martin Luther King Day
January 18, 2021

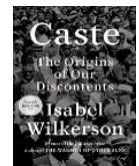


As we remember the life of Dr. Martin Luther King this Monday, January 18, let us strive for justice for ALL in our beloved country. Our offices will be closed in observance of this day.

Pastor's Book Club

This Saturday, January 16 at 10am, via Zoom
***Caste* - by Isabel Wilkerson**

Join Fr. George in discussing the book – *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson on Saturday morning, January 16 at 10am. Join the Zoom Meeting at:
<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/85321989838>
Meeting ID: 853 2198 9838



LGBTQ Coffee Hour

This Sunday, January 17 at Noon

Please join our new LGBTQ Coffee Hour at noon on Sunday, January 17. It will be a time for sharing and fellowship. All are welcome. The Zoom link:
Time: Jan 17, 2021, 12:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada). Join the Zoom Meeting: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/88016082287>



Phishing Email Scam

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 saintagnessf.org email, it is a phishing email, do not open it or respond to it.

What appears to be happening is that scammers are creating these false emails based on our website. They construct a convincing msg, 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" and he would always explain exactly what he was writing about. He also doesn't use the expression "Rev George"!

There does not seem to be any way to prevent these emails. So be vigilant and treat any emails from Fr. George or the staff here with caution.

Recent Example:

From: **Rev. George Williams** <rev.gwilliams04@gmail.com>
Date: **Fri, Jan 15, 2021 at 8:21 AM**
Subject: **BLESSINGS**

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2020

There is still time to make a final gift for the 2020 AAA until Jan. 31st! You are welcome to make a donation [here](#). We would like to thank all of those who have already donated to our 2020 Archdiocesan Annual Appeal. It has been a hard year for so many, we understand the strain many of our parishioners are in this year. So, we would like to thank you again for giving this year.

Goal: \$72,379

Total Raised: \$48,154

\$24,225 still needed

Masses at St. Agnes

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: 3:00pm & 4:00pm

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!

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 .



Staff Corner



Alejandro Baez, S.J.

Dear St. Agnes Community,

On behalf of Fr. George, myself, and the Staff of St. Agnes, I would like to extend our gratitude to you for continuing to follow us on social media. Please subscribe to all our different platforms. If we reach our goal of 1,000 YouTube subscribers, we will be able to use YouTube features such as in-video clickable links, super chat, and the ability to accept donations via live chat while live streaming.

I would like to make a special request that any parishioner who knows sign-language or knows someone in the congregation who knows sign-language, to contact me to explore the possibility of providing simultaneous interpretation for some of our liturgies and other events.

This week's scriptures challenge us to recognize the Lord speaking to us and to respond with confidence young Samuel whom we meet in the first reading finally says, "Speak Lord, for your servant is listening." Notice how Samuel did not ask. Why are you bothering me? Why are you waking me up? Why are you disturbing my peace? His question demonstrates his openness to a conversation with God. Perhaps we can use this Scripture to invite us to ask the Lord to speak to us. Though God may not speak to you with angelic voices, you will hear God's voice echoing in the textured events, feelings, desires, relationships, and experiences of your life. Let's learn to better pay attention! Tune in to God's frequency!

In Christ's Peace,
Alejandro Baez, S.J.

St. Agnes Town Hall

Save the Date – January 28th!

The next St. Agnes Town Hall will take place on Thursday, January 28 at 7:00pm. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend. The zoom link is coming soon.

2021 Calendars Available

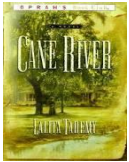
St. Agnes once again has 2021 calendars available for our parishioners. We will have them available at all the Masses and when you come for communion after the 10:30am Mass on Sundays.



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.



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. References available upon request. Lic. #1017420.

www.jdesignbuild.com Ph. (415) 318-9525.

Contact [Justin Walsh](#)

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](#), Consulting@earlychildhoodmatters.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