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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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July 24 & 25, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

Prisoners always told me that hardest thing in prison is loneliness. You'd think it would be fear of being hurt or abused, or anger at being locked up, or any number of things, but nearly every prisoner I've ever talked with ultimately admits that the thing he or she suffers most from is loneliness.

Loneliness is an inescapable reality of our human condition. We encounter it even in the midst of our families and our communities. Dorothy Day, the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement wrote: *"We have all known the **long loneliness** and we have learned that the only solution is love and that love comes with community."*

Of course, love doesn't come automatically with community. We have to work at it. We have to be willing to patiently accept one another's faults and we have to be willing to forgive. That's simple to write, but in reality, it comes at a cost.

The only solution to the suffering and divisions of our world, the only antidote for loneliness is love. We have to work at making this happen! Jesus was

praying for all of us in John 17:21 when he said, *"That they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me."*

Jesus invites all of us into the life of the Trinity – the dynamic relationship of love that IS God. We are invited into the heart of God's love and mercy - and ultimately that is both our destiny and our hope - we will find Love in the community of God's life.

We find our Salvation as Catholic Christians together in the community of Love. That is what the Church is meant to be. Dorothy Day also said, *"It is people who are important, not the masses."* We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love we must know each other.

As we return from the long loneliness of the pandemic, let's commit ourselves as a parish community to service of one another and to the community outside the doors of the church. I invite everyone to consider getting more involved in the life of the church here.

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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)

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm – Monday - Thursday

Fridays @ Noon, Lay-led
Communion Service

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
Director of the Spiritual Life Center	In Transition
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
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Bereavement Team	TBA
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick	TBA
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	Kathleen Devine
Wedding Coordinator	Shannon McMillen Evans
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: \$3,641.43

Mailed-in: \$55; In Person Masses: \$3112

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$474.43

Please consider a donation through our website at www.SaintAgnesSF.org

July 24 & 25 | 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:

Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15 •

Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24 • John 6: 24-35

Date	Intention	Presider
July 24 4:00 PM	Maria and Joseph Moon (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
July 25 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Lara Petrossian (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Jean Kelly (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
(Spanish)		
July 26 12:00 PM	Barbara Nelson (L)	Various Presiders
July 27 12:00 PM	Michael Byrne (D)	Various Presiders
July 28 12:00 PM	Wayne Alba (L)	Various Presiders
July 29 12:00 PM	Norito Torres (D)	Various Presiders
July 30 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
July 31 4:00 PM	Society of Jesus	Fr. George Williams
August 1 8:30 AM	Barbara Nelson (L)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Violet Shinn (D)	Fr. George Williams
(Spanish)		

D = Deceased; L = Living

New Parishioners

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. 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 - 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.

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.



Spiritual Life Center

1611 Oak Street
www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises – The 19th Annotation Retreat Experience the Gift of the Exercises in Your Daily Life September 2021 – June 2022 (Applications due August 8th)

Have you felt a desire to experience St. Ignatius' Spiritual Exercises, but never thought you had the 30 days to devote to the retreat? St. Ignatius has an answer – the 19th Annotation Retreat! What better way to celebrate this Ignatian Year than personally experiencing the gift of Ignatian spirituality through the Exercises? Interested in learning more? Call or email Cate DeGraw at [781-718-3709](tel:781-718-3709) or cdegrow@me.com to learn more. In person, remote, and multi-lingual options are available to help you experience the joy and wisdom of the Exercises. Ideally you will meet with your Retreat director a couple times to prepare over the summer, think of it as a warmup. The Retreat is typically aligned with the liturgical calendar, and often begins in September and finishes in the Spring. Please complete your application by August 8, but if the Spirit is moving you, don't wait!

Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm

A weekly practice in the Spiritual Life Center, Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: thecentering@comcast.net.

Silence of the Heart

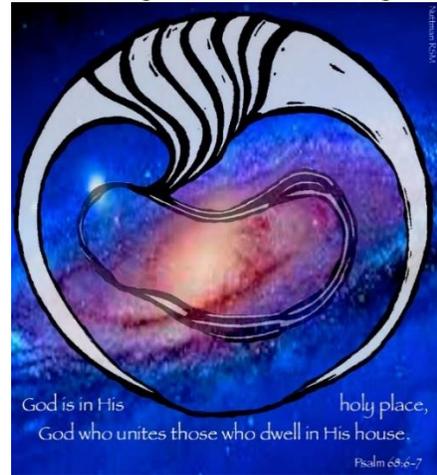
Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading with silent prayer for half an hour, 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.

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis' July Prayer Intention "Social Friendship"

"We pray that, in social, economic and political situations of conflict, we may be courageous and passionate architects of dialogue and friendship."

St. Ignatius Feast Day

On Saturday, July 31st we will celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius of Loyola, the founder of the Society of Jesus. When St. Ignatius died on July 31, 1556, there were more than 1,000 Jesuit priests around the world. He was eventually beatified on July 27, 1609 and canonized by Pope Gregory XV on March, 12, 1622. Please join us in wishing all our Jesuit community here and abroad, a happy Feast Day!



Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Sign-up Today!

Children's Faith Formation registration will be opening soon for children in Grades 1-8! This includes sacramental preparation programs: 1st Reconciliation/1st Eucharist (usually for 2nd graders) and Confirmation (a 2-year program at St. Agnes typically for 7th and 8th graders). Classes will begin in mid-September. Please sign up online through our website: www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff, or [click here](#) for the registration form.



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Can you serve on the altar, as a reader, usher, greeter or host for our hospitality after Mass?

I hope we can expand our hospitality in September to the other Masses as well. There are many opportunities for service in our restorative justice ministries as well. I am grateful for each one of you and for the wonderful community spirit here at St Agnes!

George Williams SJ

Are you Called to Be a Eucharistic Minister, Lector (Reader) or Alter Server?

Now that we are back in church, if you are feeling you want to be more involved with the liturgy, now is your chance. We are looking for people – Fourteen and older, to become Eucharistic

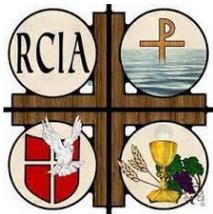


ministrators (EM's), lectors (readers) and Alter Servers at all the Masses. Frank Uranich, our Director of Liturgy, is happy to train you, so you do not need prior experience. It's a

wonderful way to become more involved and help the parish at the same time. Please contact Frank at Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org, (415) 450-8639 for more information or to sign-up for training.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism,



Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Please encourage them to inquire about the RCIA program here at St. Agnes. Sessions will begin in late September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now.

Please contact Cathy Collins by email Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.org for more information.



Next Saturday - July 31, 2021 (St. Ignatius Day)

1:00pm – 4:00pm (Tickets are still Available)

Come join us for an afternoon of fun in the sun (The Campground, 1379 4th St., San Francisco) with St.



Agnes's parishioners while enjoying San Francisco's only outdoor **mini-golf** – Stagecoach Greens, designed to immerse you in the story of Boom and Bust, using

sight, sound and technology that puts you in the middle of the story.

There will be **food trucks** to grab some lunch as well as time to **enjoy each other's company**. We



have rented a pavilion for our event. Again, this will be a **free event for all** our parishioners thanks to the



generosity of a donor for our “back to St. Agnes” adventures. We are limited to 100 people, so don't wait to sign-up! To Register, go to:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/st-agnes-afternoon-at-parklab-tickets-161838678845>. For any questions, please contact Marco at Marco@saintagnessf.org. All are welcome!

Thank you for your generosity last week for the Mission Appeal

Last week we had our Annual Mission Appeal and this year it was for the Divine Word Missionaries. As always, St. Agnes's parishioners were very generous - bringing in **over \$3000** for the cause! Thank you so much for always being so supportive of the Mission Appeals and we know the DWM are very thankful.

Pastoral Council Meeting Report

Vatican II highly recommended parish councils as an effective means to promote pastoral activity. Even in the earliest days of the Church, we know that Apostles and elders would meet with a community council to discuss important topics.

Did you know that Saint Agnes has a Pastoral Council with twelve members, six men, and six women? Our names, photos, and areas of involvement are listed on the [parish council page on the website](#), in case you are not sure who we are. With Fr. George's leadership, we have met over Zoom the third Monday of each month since September 2020. Topics of discussion are parish administration, ministries, committee work, and new ideas.

This month during "new business," we talked about the importance of knowing and hearing the voices of parishioners. We established the following new communication processes so parishioners can easily share their thoughts with the Pastoral Council:

1. **Talk to a council member at mass (look for their green Pastoral Council name tag).**
2. **Send an email to pastoralcouncil@saintagnessf.org which will be checked regularly and presented at the next monthly meeting.**
3. **Write your ideas down on paper and put them in the Suggestion Box which will be placed at the back of the church.**

Each month a new member will provide a highlight from the monthly meeting. Hope to hear from some of you soon.

Karen Brugge, Chairperson and the Pastoral Council of St. Agnes Parish

Stewardship throughout the Summer

With summer here, please remember St. Agnes Parish while on vacation. Please consider monthly donations through our [online system](#) (PayPals – you do not need an account) - it is a simple, secure way to provide continuing support for St. Agnes Parish. Once each month your offering to Saint Agnes is automatically deducted from your checking account OR charged to your credit card. *Saint Agnes Parish benefits greatly from your consistent support!*



Staff Corner



Frank Uranich

In a few short weeks we as members of the Roman Catholic Church will celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary on August 15th. This special feast honoring Mary is celebrated not only by us but by Eastern Orthodox Churches, Oriental Orthodoxy, The Church of the East, among them the Persian, Nestorian, Assyrian Churches and some Lutheran and Anglo-Catholic Churches and still some others. The shared belief is that Mary, the mother of Jesus, upon the end of her earthly life was bodily taken into Heaven.

In the East this feast is known as the Dormition of the Mother of God, in Greek, Theotokos. A popular depiction in art for this title of Mary (Theotokos) was painted by the artist El Greco. However, something a little closer to home is the stunningly beautiful large stained-glass window of the Dormition of Mary in St. Emydius Church in the Ingleside neighborhood on Ashton Avenue in San Francisco. It is truly worthy of a visit to take in this artistic expression of the mystery of this feast.

Church history tells us that, in the West, the feast of the Assumption of Mary was already being celebrated at the time of Pope Sergius I in the 8th Century and then confirmed as an official feast of the Church by Pope Leo IV in the 10th century. Jumping ahead to 1950, Pope Pius XII declared the Assumption of Mary official dogma of the Roman Catholic Church. Thereby giving to us the teaching that the Virgin Mary "having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory."

The liturgy offers us another lens into exploring the mystery of this wonderful feast. Starting with the Entrance Antiphon for the "Mass." There are two options given in the liturgy for the entrance antiphon for the celebration of the Eucharist. They read: "A great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, and the moon beneath her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" and "Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honor of the Virgin Mary, at whose Assumption the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God." The first antiphon is the more ancient and scriptural rendering of the church's insight and the second is a more contemporary and theological expression that points the feast toward Jesus, the Son of God.

Perhaps these two antiphons might be used as a meditation in preparation for this feast that we will celebrate on a Sunday this year.

Ignatian Companions 2021-2022 Program Now Accepting Applications Until Aug. 13th

www.ignatiancompanions.org



- Do you have a strong yearning to deepen your spiritual life with other women and men seeking to do the same?
- Are you willing to accompany the poor and marginalized on their journey and get more out of the experience than you give?
- Do you want to share your gifts and talents by giving back to your community?

Ignatian Companions may be what you are looking for! It is a program for those who desire to deepen their love of God through accompanying the poor and marginalized and engaging with others in dialogue, prayer, and reflection. The spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola is the basis for the program.

The spiritual component includes daily prayer and meditation using an *Ignatian Companions Spiritual Exercises Guide*, monthly gatherings with other members of their group to reflect on prayer and its connection with service, monthly meetings with a spiritual director to be attentive to God's presence in our lives and beginning and ending retreats. If you would like to know more about the program, we invite you to attend one of the upcoming [Come & See events](#).

We are currently accepting applications for the 2021-2022 program which begins with an opening retreat on Saturday, August 28 at the Dominican Motherhouse in Fremont. We hope to have in-person monthly meetings this year. If it is not safe, we will continue to meet via Zoom. Applications are available [here](#). You can also contact Marco at Marco@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Ignatian Companions is a program of the Spiritual Life Center and operates in the Jesuits West Province. Companions meet at Santa Clara University, the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley and at the Spiritual Life Center.

Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Thank you for supporting this years' AAA Appeal. This supports many programs that St. Agnes is involved in including the Restorative Justice program, prison chaplains, inter-religious relationships, etc. Below is this years' assessment and what we have brought in to-date.

Goal: \$63,309

Raised: \$7,925

Needed to Reach Our Goal: \$55,384

We want to thank those who have contributed already either through the AAA or as an unrestricted gift to St. Agnes. There are envelopes in the pews; you can drop a check in the weekly collection made out to: "Archdiocesan Annual Appeal 2021" or go to our [website here](#) or the [Archdiocese website](#) and make an online donation. **THANK YOU** for helping us meet our goal!

Looking for an Apartment to Rent

Parishioners of St. Agnes are looking for a one-bedroom apartment to rent in the St. Agnes area, but would consider other areas as well. Please contact the office at (415) 487-8560 if you know of any or have one to rent. Thank you.

The Ignatian Year 2021-2022

**The 500th Anniversary of
St. Ignatius' Conversion**



Join us in celebrating the Ignatian Year by clicking on the [link](#) to access resources and information, including video's, virtual pilgrimages, prayer broadcasts and other links in several different languages. It is a year of celebrations!

5th Annual *Together in Holiness*

Marriage Conference

Saturday, September 18, 2021

**8:45 - 4pm, Church of the Immaculate Heart of
Mary in Belmont, CA**

Married and engaged couples are invited to attend the 5th annual marriage conference. For more information, please visit togetherinholiness.org or Email: erin@forlifeandfamily.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.