March 14 & 15, 2020

Dear Parishioners,

No doubt there is anxiety concerning the Coronavirus and no doubt it is wise to follow the directions we are getting from the medical experts. In adopting a basic attitude, I think of the advice given by a wonderful spiritual director as myself and others planned a pilgrimage to celebrate the 450th Anniversary of our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. We were sent in pairs and trying to travel as cheaply as possible. It was a seven-week pilgrimage and we began on the Feast of Christ the King in November. He reminded us that we were bound to run into difficulties: Waiting in long-lines for busses; looking for work at the Labor Pool in Los Angeles and feeling frustrated; having problems with language. Jesus’ Kingdom, he said, is not found in success but often in failure. His way is that of humility, service and compassion. It means being patient and caring with and for others. A good attitude when facing adverse circumstances is to be patient, trusting that God is here in our trials, and to remain a loving person who is sympathetic to others’ struggles. In other words, keeping your balance and being a positive presence. That is a wonderful example to be when others are very disturbed.

So, use all the precautions we are directed to use and trust that God will lead us through this crisis.

Raymond Allende, S.J.
Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor
Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.

Associate Pastor
Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.

Priest in Residence
Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.

Priest in Residence
Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, 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

Community Coordinator
Douglas Pierce

Administrative Assistant
Marco Matute

Bookkeeper
Kristina Tan

Sexton
Mario Hernandez

Cantor
Scott Grinthal

Sacristans
Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw

Altar Linens & Vessels
Bernice Bennett Fischer

Art & Environment
Marco Matute

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

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays • 3 pm – 3:45 pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Fri: 9 am to 4:30 pm
(Closed Noon-1 pm for lunch)

Phone: 415-487-8560
Fax: 415-487-8575

March 14 & 15 – 3rd Sunday of Lent

For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:

1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 • Ephesians 5.8-14 • John 9.1-41

Date
Intention
Presider

March 14
4:00 PM
Bob Libadia (D)
Fr. Ray Allender

March 15
8:30 AM
Parishioners of St. Agnes
Fr. Donal Godfrey
10:30 AM
Gladys Clary (D)
Fr. Donal Godfrey
6:00 PM
Paul Fullmer (D)
Fr. Joe Specht

March 16
8:30 AM
McEvoy Family (L)
Fr. Ray Allender

March 17
8:30 AM
Orkan Stasior (D)
Fr. Joe Specht

March 18
8:30 AM
Jennie Maxon (L)
Fr. Vincent Pereppadan

March 19
8:30 AM
Cory Crawford (D)
Fr. Joe Spieler

March 20
8:30 AM
John Conlon (D)
Fr. Joe Specht

March 21
4:00 PM
Frank Melleno (D)
Fr. Joe Specht

March 22
8:30 AM
Joseph & Maria Moon (D)
Fr. Felix Just
10:30 AM
Patrick Sullivan (D)
Fr. Felix Just
6:00 PM
Parishioners of St. Agnes
Fr. Joe Spieler

D = Deceased; L = Living

New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form online, at the entrances to the church (orange form) or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. All are welcome!

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office 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.

Children’s Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our Daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel. Parents with children under 18 months are welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

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 clergy sexual abuse; or you suspect sexual abuse, please call (415) 614-5506 for help.

St. Agnes Stewardship

Collection last week: $3,509
Last year: $4,233.60
4pm: $515; 8:30am: $652; 10:30am: $1,677; 6pm: $665
Please consider EFT or PayPal donations
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’ March Prayer Intention
Catholics in China
“We pray that the Church in China may persevere in its faithfulness to the Gospel and grow in unity.”

Helping Wounds Heal
Tuesday, March 24, 31 & April 7; 6:30pm – 8pm
We have all been affected by the Church sexual abuse crisis, whether indirectly or directly. This workshop series is open to all. Specifically, if you want to find a path of healing or participate in this process, please come. This respectfully planned and guided self-journey is presented in a group setting and is co-guided by Grace, Douglas, Hannah, (from staff) and Maryellen (a marriage and family therapist). As this topic is personal and sensitive, healing exercises are done in writing and guided meditation. Sharing is optional and a safe space will be promoted. Attendance at all three evenings is required. If that is not possible, we ask you to wait for the next workshop, in order to provide yourself with a full experience of a path towards healing. Fr. Ray will be in attendance in solidarity with our lay community. For more information or to RSVP contact Grace@SaintAgnesSF.Org.

Lazarus, Come Forth: Stories of Resurrection – A Day of Meditation, Silence and Sharing
Saturday, March 28; 10 am – 3 pm
Where have you experienced loss, grief, mourning and sorrow? How has Christ brought you through those times? Join spiritual directors Will Simpson and Barbara Jimenez for a day of meditation, silence and sharing on how Christ has brought each of us from death to resurrection in our life journeys. Please bring a bag lunch. Suggested donation $25. RSVP to Will.Simpson52@gmail.com

Art & Environment Volunteer Coordinator Needed
The Art and Environment Committee is looking for a Coordinator. This is a volunteer position central to the Liturgical Worship of our parish. Please contact Frank Uranich at Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org, (415) 487-8560 x 230 if you are interested.

Coronavirus Update for St. Agnes
- All-Parish Meeting – Sunday, March 22
  POSTPONED! If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Maureen Beckman in the Parish office, Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org.
- All CFF Classes are cancelled until May. Hannah will be in touch with all families, especially those preparing for Sacraments.
- Hospitality after the 10:30 and 8:30 Masses suspended until further notice.
- For Masses – the communion cup is suspended, no communion on the tongue, only in your hand, no holding hands during the Lord’s Prayer and no shaking hands during sign-of-peace, only gesture.

These are the precautions we are taking until further notice. You may also find information on our website. Thank you for your cooperation during this difficult time, we will keep you updated as more info comes in.

A Couples Workshop: Together = Parenting a Young Child; March 21 & 28
Parenthood is a blessing, yet even the strongest couples are tested after bringing baby/child home. What happened to date night? How do you manage conflict to stay connected? Maryellen Mullin, LMFT (a parishioner of St. Agnes) is offering St. Agnes couples $150 discount on this evidenced-based Gottman Institute workshop, that teaches couples skills to navigate their relationship and support each other in parenthood. Two-day workshop: March 21st + March 28th. www.sanfranciscofamilytherapy.com/learn or call/text 415-335-6381.

Emmaus – A Contemplative -Theological Retreat
April 24 – 26, Verbum Dei Missionaries, 3565 19th St., SF
Join Directors: Kevin Burke, S.J., Ellen Hess, VDMF and Julia Prinz, VDMI
In this retreat we will embark on the journey of the disciple of Emmaus by the means of theology, music, art and poetry. The weekend will hold ample opportunity for inspiring talks, groups sessions, personal silence or to share one on one with the retreat directors. The powerful journey of the disciples of Emmaus is the journey that all of us experience as we are walking through life full of questions, open-ended answers, memories, surprises and new beginnings. This weekend is a unique opportunity for spiritual growth by listening to theological and spiritual insights steeped in different spiritual traditions. RSVP by April 10th to: SanFrancisco@verbumdeiusa.org or leave a message at (415) 282-3005 with your name and ph.#. Cost is based on a sliding scale: $150-$270, if staying offsite ($30 + for each overnight). Nobody will be turned away for lack of funds.
Lenten Alms Giving – Healing WELL

This year our St. Agnes Alms giving will be for the Healing WELL located in the Tenderloin district of San Francisco. Our parishioner, Kathy Curran is the founding Director of the Healing WELL and has seen it grow into a thriving environment of healing and accompaniment. Several of our parishioner’s volunteer as well using their many gifts to help the center with the wonderful work they do. For more information about the Healing WELL, go to www.HealingWellSF.org.

ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Monday Night Centering Prayer
1st and 3rd Mondays at 7:00pm, ISLC
Join Mary English and the ISLC community to deepen in this contemplative practice. All are welcome! Contact Mary English at thecentering@comcast.net for more information.

Silence of the Heart, Tues. 9am – 10am, ISLC
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. Come enjoy the gifts of silence and our presence to one another. Light snacks and conversation follow the prayer time. For more information, please contact: Grace Salceanu at Grace@SaintAgnesSF.org or come join us! Drop ins are welcome.

Thursday Morning Faith-Sharing, 9:15-10:30am
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 around our table.

Book Club
The Book Club will meet in the ISLC to discuss on

Friday, March 27th at 7pm
Henderson, The Rain King
by Saul Bellow

Friday, April 24 at 7pm
The Light Between Oceans
By ML Stedman
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