Dear Parishioners,

Holy Week is not too far away, and I can’t help but think of one of my favorite passages from the New Testament. It is John 13:1-17, the washing of the disciples’ feet by Jesus. It has much to say to us in our present situation.

It is Jesus’ moment of impending death and he knows that he came from God and is going to God. In the midst of life and death he becomes an extraordinary sign of life. He takes upon himself the role of a slave and washes his disciples’ feet.

“You call me teacher and master, and rightly so, for indeed I am. If I, therefore, the master and teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash one another’s feet.” (Jn 13:13-15) Afterwards, at the Last Supper continues, Jesus can only speak of love and hope and even reaches out to Judas in a gesture of friendship. In the midst of darkness Jesus is truly Light!

So, my sisters and brothers, what does this say to us today in our present situation? We can be light to one another if we can be positive. We can speak and live hope and love. The frustrations and anxieties of isolation or close family living does not have to be a curse. We can grow closer to one another, we can reach out to one another by a phone call, an email, a text. This is how we can wash one another’s feet.

Yet, we can’t have this attitude without Jesus’ presence and grace. Let us not be like Peter who did not want Jesus to wash his feet. We must let Jesus minister and heal us. We must let him wash our feet. We must take time for real prayer so that God might lift us up.

Raymond Allender, S.J.

March 28 & 29, 2020

St. Agnes Catholic Community
1025 Masonic Ave. San Francisco, CA 94117 www.SaintAgnesSF.org 415.487.8560

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
Sunday: 8:30am  Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
10:30am  Weekdays:  8:30am
6:00pm  Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm
Reconciliation Schedule
Saturdays • 3pm – 3:45pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours
Monday – Fri
day: 9am to 4:30pm
(Closed Noon-1 pm for lunch)
Phone: 415-487-8560
Fax: 415-487-8575

St. Agnes Stewardship
Collection last week: $756.70
(via Mail and website)
Last year: $3,548
Please consider donating via our Web Site

March 28 & 29 – 5th Sunday of Lent
For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:
Isaiah 50.4-7 • Philippians 2.6-11 • Passion Matthew 26.14-27.66

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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.
Coronavirus Update for St. Agnes

- **Masses**: Fr. Ray will concelebrate the Sunday Masses (10:00am) at St. Ignatius Church. Daily Masses will be celebrated at St. Ignatius at 9:00am. Both Daily and Sunday Masses will be livestreamed. Click [here](https://www.saintagnessf.org/make-a-gift-to-st-agnes.html) to connect to Livestream at St. Ignatius Parish’s YouTube page.
- **Donations to St. Agnes**: All are invited to continue your Sunday giving by going to our web site and making a donation, [https://www.saintagnessf.org/make-a-gift-to-st-agnes.html](https://www.saintagnessf.org/make-a-gift-to-st-agnes.html). As always, we appreciate anything you can do.
- **Mass Intentions**: We continue to pray for the Mass intentions that are already in the calendar. Fr. Ray is praying for the weekday intentions as well at the weekends.
- **All St. Agnes Staff will be working from home, priests will shelter in place in the rectory.** If you want to contact any staff or need to contact a priest, please do so by individual emails.
- **All events POSTPONED!** If anyone has questions or concerns, please contact Maureen Beckman, [Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org).
- **All CFF Classes are cancelled until further notice.** Hannah will be in touch with all families, especially those preparing for Sacraments.
- **Thursday Food Pantry** – Food pantries are considered “essential”, so we will have our food pantry on Thursday until further notice.
- **Snack Bags to homeless** – we will discontinue giving out snack bags until further notice.

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.

**Masses to stream on the Internet:**

- **9:00 am Daily Mass** - Click [here](https://www.saintagnessf.org/make-a-gift-to-st-agnes.html) to connect to the livestream. [Note: Requires that you have a Facebook account.]
- **10:00 am Sunday Mass** - Click [here](https://www.saintagnessf.org/make-a-gift-to-st-agnes.html) to connect to the livestream. Fr. Ray Allender and Fr. Greg Bonfiglio will alternate being the Presider and giving the Homily for the Sunday Mass.

**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](http://www.HealingWellSF.org).

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**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.”

**ALL Events are POSTPONED until Further Notice!**
Yes there is fear.  
Yes there is isolation.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
Yes there is sickness.  
Yes there is even death.  
But,  
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise  
You can hear the birds again.  
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet  
The sky is no longer thick with fumes  
But blue and grey and clear.  
They say that in the streets of Assisi  
People are singing to each other  
across the empty squares,  
keeping their windows open  
so that those who are alone  
may hear the sounds of family around them.  
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland  
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.  
Today a young woman I know  
is busy spreading fliers with her number  
through the neighbourhood  
So that the elders may have someone to call on.  
Today Churches. Synagogues. Mosques and Temples  
are preparing to welcome  
and shelter the homeless. the sick. the weary  
All over the world people are slowing down and  
reflecting  
All over the world people are looking at their  
neighbours in a new way  
All over the world people are waking up to a new  
reality  
To how big we really are.  
To how little control we really have.  
To what really matters.  
To Love.  
So we pray and we remember that  
Yes there is fear.  
But there does not have to be hate.  
Yes there is isolation.  
But there does not have to be loneliness.  
Yes there is panic buying.  
But there does not have to be meanness.  
Yes there is sickness.  
But there does not have to be disease of the soul  
Yes there is even death.  
But there can always be a rebirth of love.  
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.  
Today. breathe.  
Listen. behind the factory noises of your panic  
The birds are singing again  
The sky is clearing.  
Spring is coming.  
And we are always encompassed by Love.  
Open the windows of your soul  
And though you may not be able  
to touch across the empty square,  
Sing.
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