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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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November 27 & 28, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Family,

I hope you had a very Happy Thanksgiving and had the chance to connect with friends and family. Thanksgiving has always been my favorite holiday and I am grateful that I could spend part of it with the parishioners of St. Agnes.

We're moving quickly into the beautiful, pensive season of Advent. The key to celebrating this season is to pause and remember to breathe and be grateful. We don't need to rush into Christmas, (though I don't think there is anything wrong with putting up our decorations early- we need all the light and festivity we can gather after all these pandemic months!) Be sure to take time to join us for our Advent Liturgies, including our Advent Prayer service on Wednesday, December 8 from 7 to 8 p.m. We will livestream this, so join us either in person or online.

We will celebrate our Advent Parish Reconciliation Service on Saturday, December 11 from 11:00 am to 12:30 p.m. in the Church. There will also be an Advent Retreat that day from 10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in the ISLC. Rosemary Robinson and Christine Rogers will guide this retreat. Be sure to check the

bulletin for registration information as space will be limited!

The next day, Sunday, December 12, we will celebrate the beautiful Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Parish Sing-Along will be on Tuesday, December 14th from 7 pm to 8:45 pm, both in-person in the Church and live-streamed. We will welcome Archbishop Cordileone to our 10:30 liturgy on the 4th Sunday of Advent, December 19th.

Stay tuned to our announcements, the website, and our bulletin for updates on our parish's participation in the Synodal Process I talked about this past weekend. Just to recap – the meaning of the word Synod is to “journey together.” Pope Francis has convened this Synod process because he wants the church to be a *Listening, Inclusive Church*, that walks alongside the poor and marginalized and that values and cherishes the input of every member of the Body of Christ. Our first parish-wide conversation about the Synod will be Thursday, December 2 at 7:30 p.m. The zoom link will be posted as soon as we get it.

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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) | 5:00pm Holy Hour, 6:00pm Mass

Saturdays: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 12:00pm – Monday - Thursday
Fridays @ Noon, Lay-led
Communion Service

Christmas Eve: 5:00pm and 10:00pm

Christmas Day: 10:30am

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
Co-Directors, Spiritual Ministries	Sr. Julia Prinz, Sr. Ellen Hess and Sr. Sara Postlethwaite, VDMF
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF
Office Manager	TBA
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Terry Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director	TBA Kathleen Devine
Wedding Coordinator	TBA
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Parish Council Chair	Karen Xavier
Director R.C.I.A.	Cathy Collins
LGBTQ Ministry	Andrea Wise

Nov. 27 & 28 | 1st Sunday of Advent

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*

**Baruch 5:1-9 •
Philippians 1:4-6 • Luke 3:1-6**

Date	Intention	Presider
Nov. 27 4:00 PM	Jess Brody (D)	Fr. George Williams
Nov. 28 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Baez
10:30 AM	William Zarilla (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
1:30 PM (SP)	Juan Pablo Novoa Grandez(D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
6:00 PM	Paul Ruff (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez
Nov. 29 12:00 PM	William Wagner (D)	Various Presiders
Nov. 30 12:00 PM	Karen Boland (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 1 12:00 PM	Julie McMullan (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 2 12:00 PM	Rita Vergara (D)	Various Presiders
Dec. 3 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
Dec. 4 4:00 PM	Sr. Betty Marie Dunkel (L)	Fr. Brent Otto
Dec. 5 8:30 AM	Trish Maguire (D)	Fr. Brent Otto
10:30 AM	Patrick Sullivan (D)	Fr. Brent Otto
1:30 PM (SP)	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Marinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	Julie McMullan (D)	Fr. Alejandro Baez

D = Deceased; L = Living; SP = Spanish

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

Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, the deadline for submission for the bulletin was too early for us to get the Collection amounts in this week.

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

New Parishioners

Welcome to our 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

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Pastor's Letter

The Synod is a call to discern the face and form of the Church in which everyone has something to learn: the faithful, the bishops, the Pope himself, all listening to one another and all listening to the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of Truth.

A blessed Advent to you,



Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention

People Who Suffer from Depression

"We pray that people who suffer from depression or burn-out will find support and a light that opens them up to life."

Prison Ministry Update:

While it is still almost impossible to get into our jails and prisons due to COVID, you can still make a big difference in the lives of the incarcerated and their families by donating to the Catholic Prison Ministry Coalition. I am one of the founding members of the CPMC and am on the Executive Committee. CPMC is the preeminent Catholic Jail and Prison Ministry resource in the US today. During this Thanksgiving time, you can give to Giving Tuesday -

<https://nationalministries.igivecatholic.org/organizations/catholic-prison-ministries-coalition>. Please join me on Wednesday, December 8 from 10-11 for a CPMC webinar about ministering to prison staff during the holidays. Zoom link will be provided as soon as it becomes available. Thank you! Fr. George

Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

Catholic Stewardship in Action

We are coming to the end of the year, and we are far off from our goal of \$63,309. We have received some generous gifts, so thank you. We hope that others will join in to help us make our goal. The money has to be paid by the end of the year if we raise the funds or not. Thanks again to those who have already given gifts of cash, checks, and credit cards, totaling:



Goal: \$63,309

Raised: \$25,156

Still Needed to Reach our Goal: **\$38,153**



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Upcoming Events

Engaging The Synod

First Session, via Zoom

Thurs., Dec 2nd 7:30pm – 9:00pm

You are invited to participate in the First conversation around the Synod. We want to begin a dialogue about the preparatory document on zoom in small groups after a small presentation.

This is the document. It

has beautiful perspectives and language by Pope Francis:

<https://www.synod.va/en/news/preparatory-document.html>

Please, read it or at least take a good glance at it and join us! Zoom Link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89140963283?pwd=SEJOOE8xWTIOOFBpMTJEeVZTR2NmdzO9>

Meeting ID: 891 4096 3283

Passcode: 435397

St. Agnes Book Club

Friday, December 3 at 7pm, ISLC

The St. Agnes Book Club will resume on Friday,



December 3, at 7:00 PM at the Spiritual Life Center. We will discuss *The Post Office Girl* by Stefan Zweig. Vaccinated folks are welcome to join us in person for an evening of spirited discussion over snacks and a glass of wine or a cup of tea.

Advent Prayer

ISLC/Saint Agnes

Wednesday, December 8th, 7:00 pm –8:00pm

An hour of communal and individual prayer. A space to reflect on our personal and social hopes and desires, with beautiful music and short meditations on the Visitation and the Magnificat on the feast of the Immaculate Conception.

ISLC Upcoming Events Continued

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Advent Retreat



Saturday, December 11, 10:00am – 1:00pm, ISLC

Join our parishioners – Rosemary Robinson and Christine Rodgers for a retreat which will include music, scripture, poetry and silence, as we prepare for the birth of Jesus. Please go to the ISLC web site to register: IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org. For questions, contact Sr. Julia at Julia@SaintAgnesSF.org (NOTE: Because of Covid restrictions, only the first 18 registrations will be accepted. Registration is on the website available.)

Verbum Dei Urban Spirituality Center (Tracy and San Francisco, CA)

December 4-5: Advent Retreat - “Get up and eat or the journey may be too long” at Verbum Dei Seeds of Life Spirituality Center. Limited overnight capacity 10 people max. Daily Commuting possible. 31448 Hwy33, Tracy, CA 95304 (Starting Saturday at 9:00 am finishing Sunday with Eucharist and lunch at 2:00 pm.) sarapostlethwaite@gmail.com

December 18-19: ¡Ven Señor Jesús! Retiro de Preparación para Navidad
Verbum Dei Urban Spirituality Center, 3356 19th street, San Francisco, CA 94110. Saturday 18 8:30 am - 9:00 pm (Termina con noche de oración y adoración) Sunday 8:30 am - 1:00pm. Teresa@saintagnessf.org

Staff Corner



Frank Uranich

With Joyful hope we enter the Season of Advent. Advent liturgies tend to have a softer meditative quality about them. It gets dark earlier and the cool brisk air, the rainy days and nights remind us that winter is here. With the celebration of Thanksgiving our society kicks off the holiday season with more shopping, parties and time with friends and family and our church too renews itself through the Season of Advent in preparation for the Feast of the Nativity of Jesus.

Traditionally, the Season of Advent has two foci. The first two weeks focus us on the coming of the Lord at the end of time, a more cosmic view. The second two weeks call us to meditate on the coming of Jesus as one like us, taking on human form. Both of these theological ideas are fleshed out, if you will, in the readings and the general intercessions, the priest presider prayers and the songs we sing. All of these things working together in the context of a beautiful environment of the colors purple, rose, silver and blue, can create a sense of waiting and anticipation that something special and wonderful is taking place, actually coming.

In a real way children show us what Advent waiting is all about. To be sure they know that Christmas is coming, but it's more than that. I think they instinctively know that their waiting and anticipating has value. They wait with a joyful hope. The embolism, that short prayer that the priest presider prays after the Lord's prayer in the previous Sacramentary (Roman Missal) stated, “We wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Savior Jesus Christ. The present Roman Missal translates that prayer, “as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.” Two different English translation for the Latin expressing for us the here and now and the not yet of our waiting.

Maybe this Advent as we pray together the Eucharist Prayer as Church we might listen intently for those words and embrace them as if for the first time.



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Continuing Events:

Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm



Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English
at: thecentering@comcast.net.

Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

Music, poetry, scripture, and
spiritual reading, 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.

Training for Lay Reflection Team

Saturdays January 15, 29 and
February 12, 11:00-1:00

Are you called to join the lay reflection team? Come
explore your call to this ministry. Join us for three
training sessions with Cathy Murray, OP. Please contact
Rosemary Robinson

(rosemaryellisrobinson@gmail.com) if you are
interested. All are welcome. We will meet in the ISLC
January 15 and 29 and in the church February 12.

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.

Calendar of Events for St. Agnes

November:

* Thursday Nov. 25th @ 10:30 a.m. Thanksgiving Mass

December:

* **Wed. Dec. 8th** - Advent Prayer Service @ 7:00 p.m.

* **Sat. Dec. 11th** - Parish Reconciliation Service @ 11 a.m.

* **Sun. Dec. 11 & 12th** - Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe (3rd Sun. of Advent)

* **Tue. Dec. 14th** Christmas Sing-along @ 7:00 p.m.

* **Fri. Dec. 24th** @ 5:00 p.m. Children's Mass (Nativity of the Lord)

* **Fri. Dec. 24th** @ 10:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass (Nativity of the Lord)

* **Sat. Dec. 25th** @ 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day Mass (ONLY mass of the day)

* **Sun. Dec. 26th** - Holy Family - 8:30am, 10:30am, 1:30pm, 6:00pm

* **Sat. Jan. 1st** @ 10:30 a.m. Mary, The Holy Mother of God Feast

* **Sat. Jan 1** @ 4:00 p.m. (Saturday evening Vigil mass)

* **Sun. Jan 2nd** - Epiphany of the Lord - All masses as Usual @ 8:30; 10:30;1:30 and 6:00 p.m.

* In-person & live-stream

For more detail information check our website @ www.SaintAgnesSF.org

Calendar of Events for Children's

Faith Formation:

November:

Nov 28th - Advent Calendars for children present at Mass- at 8:30am; 10:30am and 1:30pm

December:

Dec 5th - Family Mass at 2nd Sunday Advent with Rite of entrance for Confirmation year 2

Dec 11th - Sat 11am- Reconciliation service special invitation for CFF families

Dec 19th - 9:15am-10:15am Christmas Party for CFF Families

Dec 24th - 5:00pm Children's Christmas Eve Liturgy

Dec 26th - CHRISTMAS BREAK till Sunday **Jan 9th**.

January:

Jan 2nd - 10:30am Family Mass at 10:30am

Jan 9th - Return to CFF classes.

Calendar of Events for ISLC

December:

December 2nd - First Session of Synodal Journey (on zoom)

December 3rd - Book Club "The Post Office Girl" by Stefan Zweig @ 7:00pm @ISLC

December 8th - Advent prayer reflections @ 7:00pm - 8:00pm in the Church

December 11th - Advent retreat 10:00 am - 1:00 pm @ISLC (Registration required. Limited capacity 18 people.)

December 12th - Mexican Hot chocolate and Sweet Bread for Guadalupe after 10:30 am Mass @ISLC

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contact Sr. Julia at Julia@SaintAgnesSF.org.