

St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse
Inclusive Jesuit



Liturgy Schedule

Sundays: 10:30am	Saturdays: 3:00pm
Weekdays: 8:30am	4:00pm

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.**

October 10–11, 2020

Dear St. Agnes Community,

All Are Welcome! After almost 29 weeks of being away from our sacred home – St. Agnes Church – we are blessed to be reopening under the new health rules. We are making preparations to welcome you back safely to worship in person. If you are still not able to attend in-person, please know that you and your family remain very much present in our prayers.

This weekend's readings invite us through images and parables to envision the kingdom of heaven. Jesus uses the parable of a king giving a wedding feast for his son. He summons many guests, but they refuse to come, making various excuses. So, he sends out his servants to invite strangers, the "bad and good alike" (Mt 22:10). Do we see ourselves in this parable? Are you among the initially invited guests? Would you make an excuse not to attend? Or are you unexpectedly invited at the last minute, welcomed to a celebration for people who you did not know until now? The good news is that we are all invited to the feast.

This re-opening weekend for our churches in SF is a day of rejoicing! It is far from ideal, of course, but we will come together to pray both in person and virtually. In this pandemic God is still inviting us to the feast, but in a new way of being together. Although we will begin having mass in person now, we will continue livestreaming for those whose health make it unadvisable to attend in person.

This week I have felt inspired by Pope Francis' new encyclical "Fratelli Tutti" (Brothers and Sisters All) which addresses Fraternity and Social Friendship. He says that fraternity is not just random acts of kindness but truly the core of human and Christian values: "love must extend beyond family, churches, tribe and nation to strangers, migrants and all people into a social friendship where the worth of every person is acknowledged." This is what we celebrate in reopening our churches: A banquet of love and service, and a widening circle of friendship, a feast in which we welcome all and rejoice because we are Children of God.

Allow me to close with a poem of welcoming:

We welcome you back and receive all new members with open arms
To come along to our church,
We hope that you can join with us
In worship and God's word
If you have needs, and want someone
To listen and to pray,
We're here for you with open hearts, great community, music and joy
And God's love to give away.

(Original by M.S. Lowndes. Adapted by Fr. Alejandro Baez)

May you be blessed in the week ahead.

Alejandro Baez, S.J.

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	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

October 10 & 11 – 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Isaiah 45.1, 4-6 •
1 Thessalonians 1.1-5ab • Matthew 22.15-21**

Date	Intention	Presider
Oct. 10		
3:00 PM	Kerry Pratt (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
4:00 PM	Barbara Frenzel (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Oct. 11		
8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Patrick Sullivan (D) (Via Live-Stream – In Spanish)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Oct. 12		
8:30 AM	Claudio Santos (L)	Fr. George Williams
Oct. 13		
8:30 AM	Erika Brown (D)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Oct. 14		
8:30 AM	John Henseler (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Oct. 15		
8:30 AM	Richard Yonge (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Oct. 16		
8:30 AM	Mary McMullen Williams (D)	Fr. George Williams
Oct. 17		
3:00 PM	Richard Kain (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
4:00 PM	Don & Virginia Snyder (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Oct. 18		
8:30 AM	Gary Derlugian (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes (Via Live-Stream – In Spanish)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM	Matthew Santos (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez

D = Deceased; L = Living

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 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.

Reconciliation Schedule

By appointment only. Please call the Parish Office.

Parish Office Hours

Our hours are modified during Covid, please call the office to make sure we are open.

Phone: 415-487-8560

Fax: 415-487-8575

St. Agnes Stewardship

Thank you for your weekly Mass gifts and unrestricted gifts we have received.

Total for last week: \$2837

If you would like to donate you can via our Web Site at www.SaintAgnesSF.org or mailing in your 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' October Prayer Intention

The Laity's Mission in the Church

"We pray that by the virtue of baptism, the laity, especially women, may participate more in areas of responsibility in the Church."

The Ignatian Spiritual Life Center continues its partnership with Christus Ministries to offer these enriching online retreats"

Breathing Gratitude Prayer Series

Thursdays, October 22 & November 12 at 7pm

In partnership with Christus Ministries, the ISLC is delighted to offer this four-week prayer series on the Ignatian Awareness Examen. The examen cultivates a practice of remembering, receiving and responding. Click here for more details: <https://www.christusministries.org/events/breathing-gratitude>

Towards Becoming an Antiracist: A Retreat

Saturday, October 17, 2020

10:00 am – 4:00 pm, Via Zoom

Join St. Ignatius Parish in this retreat on anti-racism. Focusing in particular around our experiences of being from different racial groups, this retreat will help us examine our taken-for-granted assumptions about the world and ourselves. In particular, retreatants will be invited to self-reflection grounded in prayer and in the life of Jesus Christ. Beginning personally inward, the retreat invites participants to reflect on racial difference as a step in the journey to racial reconciliation and justice. Participants can register via: <https://forms.gle/PFnbQyU6eRXEtg6y7> Contact Teresa Carino with questions: ttcarino@usfca.edu

Men's Spirituality Group

Tuesday, Oct. 13, at 7:30pm

Join the St. Agnes Men's Spirituality group for fellowship and planning for a new year of community and prayer. Contact DougConover@yahoo.com for the Zoom link and for more information.

Masses at St. Agnes – More Changes

Saturdays at

3:00pm (Outside ISLC)

4:00pm (Inside the Church)

Join us for **3 pm Mass outside** in the back of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center and **4 pm inside** the church. You must sign up prior to the Mass via our web site or by calling the rectory. Although the city of San Francisco is now allowing indoor Masses up to 25% or capacity or 100 people (whichever is less), we will limit it to 50 people for now and increase it in the future.

Sundays – 8:30am, 10:30am, & 1:30pm

8:30am (Inside the church)

Join us for Sunday 8:30 am Mass **inside the church**. You must sign up prior to the Mass via our web site or by calling the rectory. For the time being, space will be limited to 50 people. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited.

10:30 am (In-person, and Live-Streaming)



Join us for Sunday 10:30 am Mass **via live-stream and in-person**. You must sign up prior to the Mass via our web site or by calling the rectory if you wish to attend the 10:30 am Mass in-person. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited. For the time being, space will be limited to 50 people. **Click here** to join us via Live-Stream.

1:30 pm (Spanish, In person and Live-Streaming)

Join us for Sunday at 1:30pm Mass via live-stream and in-person. You must sign up prior to the Mass via our web site or by calling the rectory if you wish to attend the 1:30 pm Mass in-person. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited.

Weekday Masses

Monday – Friday at 8:30am (Inside the Church)

Join us every Monday - Friday at 8:30 am where we will celebrate Mass **inside the Church**. You must sign up prior to the Mass via our web site or by calling the rectory. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited.

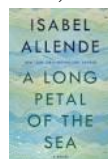
Receiving Communion

During the Pandemic – 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.

Book Club – Friday, Oct. 30, 7-9pm

The Book Club will meet **via Zoom** on Friday, Oct. 30th, when we will discuss *Long Petal of the Sea* by Isabel



Allende. Those who enjoy a warm gathering and lively discussion over a glass of wine, or a cup of tea are welcome! The link to Zoom will be forwarded before the October gathering. Please contact Sr. Laetitia at Laetitiabordes@att.net if

you are interested in receiving the Zoom link.

Do your part – Vote on November 3rd!



The San Francisco Department of Elections has several resources for voting in this year's election on Nov. 3. Click the links below for more information!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GISsLc7l_hs

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X5bFMzmaVnc>

Voter Education Night

CALIFORNIA BALLOT EDUCATION NIGHT



HEAR FROM STUDENTS AND FAITH
LEADERS ABOUT WHAT'S ON THE
BALLOT, AND HOW IT CONNECTS
TO RACIAL EQUITY AND CATHOLIC
SOCIAL TEACHING

SATURDAY OCT 17TH AT 6PM IN
SPANISH
SUNDAY OCT 18TH AT 6PM IN
ENGLISH

JESUITS WEST COLLABORATIVE
CRE
ORGANIZING FOR RACIAL EQUITY



En Español, Sábado 17 Octubre 6-7 p.m. PDT

In English, Sunday, October 18, 6-7 p.m. PDT

Students from Jesuit high schools across California, including Loyola high school, Cristo Rey San Jose, Bellarmine College Prep, and Jesuit High School, will present information on the California Ballot measures.

[Register here.](#)

Staff Corner



Hannah Everhart

This week I am preparing to share some significant personal news with you all. First, I would like to share an incredible blessing, the Everharts are welcoming a baby boy in March 2021! I am 4 months along and so grateful for a healthy pregnancy.

As many of you know from your own experience, a second child can mean reconsidering the needs of your family. After much prayer and contemplation, we have decided that it is the right time for us to leave the Bay Area and move to Ohio where my husband and I grew up. Our family is still there to welcome us home and excited to help with our growing household. We will miss San Francisco so much and especially the difference that St. Agnes Parish has made in our lives.

Since our move is planned for the end of October, this also means that I will no longer be able to serve as the Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Coordinator for the parish. I plan to continue to support the program remotely for some time as Fr. George seeks a new leader for the program. I hope you will help him in this search through your prayers and suggestions for the continuation and improvement of CFF.

As I prepare to leave my position, I want to share some thoughts that I hope impact your view of what it means to engage with young people in church. Quite simply, children and families are essential to the future of our Catholic church. In these trying times, it is hard for young people to feel connected to the church. This was true even before the pandemic. Young people may not choose to continue with the church if we do not encourage and welcome them all. In 2019 the Jesuits proclaimed the Universal Apostolic Preferences, which is a call to "capture our imaginations and awaken our desires." It is a call to unite us in our mission in four important areas of the world. One of those parts specifically speaks to journeying with our young people. It asks us to, "accompany young people in the creation of a hope filled future." Please remember this call always at St. Agnes. Our young people are such a treasure! They want to be included and valued; they want to be recognized as leaders in a future of hope. Young people hold so much potential to make positive change. Please continue to support them, love them, and help them to grow in their faith.

And when you do all get to go back to church in person, if a baby cries out, a toddler gets a little messy, a kid seems underdressed, a teenager slouches or looks sullen, and the parent doesn't seem to be doing enough to discipline the behavior in your opinion, consider that these moments are a call to show greater compassion and understanding. All are welcome at St. Agnes and these youth are the future of our church.

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 here 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