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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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October 16 & 17, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

You may not have noticed it, but on Sunday, October 10, something remarkable happened in the worldwide Catholic Church!

Pope Francis launched a two-year process of encounter and dialogue within the church called a Synod, a meeting of all the churches at all levels, as Pope Francis writes, to be a process of becoming, a process that involves the local Churches, in different phases and from the bottom up, in an exciting and engaging effort that can forge a style of communion and participation directed to mission.

This is a high stakes move by the Pope, given the polarization in the church, especially in this country. As one commentator notes, after decades of continued financial and sexual scandals plaguing the church, Francis is betting that the synodal process — that of a participatory, listening church — will invite a fuller involvement of all its members and help purge its abuse of power.

This is a challenge for all of us, to be open to

change as the Holy Spirit guides us. It is a bold invitation to imagine not a new church, but a different kind of Catholic Church, where dialogue and authentic discernment breathe new life into a church marred by an overly hierarchical, male, and Eurocentric vision. This invites new understanding of priestly ministry, the role of the laity, ecclesial responsibilities, and the roles of governance. Pope Francis prays in his opening address to the Synod, Come, Holy Spirit! You inspire new tongues and place words of life on our lips: keep us from becoming a “museum Church”, beautiful but mute, with much past and little future.

As we get more information, we will share it with the parish so we can contribute our part to this process. In the meantime, let us pray for the success of this encounter and for blessings on our Pope as he guides the worldwide church.

George Williams SJ

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

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
Administrative Assistant	TBA
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick St. Agnes & St. Ignatius	TBA
Comm. Food Pantry Director	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

Oct. 16 & 17 | 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
Jeremiah 31:7-9 •
Hebrews 5:1-6 • Mark 10:46-52

Date	Intention	Presider
October 16 4:00 PM	David Fleekop (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
October 17 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (L)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM (SP)	Dalia Becerra (D)	Fr. George Williams
6:00 PM	Leslie Marie Callan (L)	Fr. George Williams
October 18 12:00 PM	Phil Archer (D)	Various Presiders
October 19 12:00 PM	Mick Carey (D)	Various Presiders
October 20 12:00 PM	Camryn Tripp (D)	Various Presiders
October 21 12:00 PM	Franz J. Vossenber (D)	Various Presiders
October 22 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
October 23 4:00 PM	Maria & Joseph Moon (D)	Fr. George Williams
October 24 8:30 AM	Jeanne Nelson (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM (SP)	Terry O'Reilly (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
6:00 PM	P. Joseph Brooker (D)	Fr. George Williams

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

Collection Last week: \$2,598.89

Sunday Masses: \$2,282

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$316.89

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.

Spiritual Life Center



1611 Oak Street
www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org

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.

Pope Francis'

October Prayer Intention

“Missionary Disciples”

“We pray that every baptized person may be
engaged in evangelization, available to the
mission, by being witnesses of a life that has the
flavor of the Gospel.”

Hospitality Help Needed

We are in need of volunteers for hospitality after the
10:30am Masses. We need people who can commit to
one weekend a month if possible. We are covered for
most weekends, but when we have a 5th
weekend in the rotation, we need
volunteers. Our parishioners Karen Kelly
and Kate Carter have done a wonderful
job in coordinating and scheduling, but we
need more volunteers to help serve.



Please sign up in the back of the church or contact
Maureen in the office with any questions at
Maureen@saintagnesf.org.

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time



6pm Mass is Back along with a Meditative Hour from 5 – 6pm!

The 6pm Mass is back! Before Mass, from 5 -6pm, we
offer a quiet time of meditation, prayer, and eucharistic
adoration. We hope some of you will give it a try.

Ride Needed to Church

A parishioner from San Bruno needs a ride to and
from church for the next couple of weeks. Contact
Maureen@SaintAgnesSF.org.

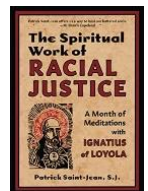
Pastor's Book Club

October 23@ 10-11 am

*The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A
Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola*

By Patrick Saint-Jean, S.J.

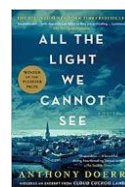
All are welcome to join Fr. George for discussion on the
new book by Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean. The
book discussion will part of our focus
on anti-racism in the month of October.
The book is available in paperback or
Kindle. Zoom link to follow soon. All
are welcome!



St. Agnes Book Club –

October 29th, 7 – 9pm

Join us for a lively discussion on Friday, October 29th.



We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot
See* by Anthony Doerr in October.

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. For more information:

contact laetitiabordes@att.net.

Pastoral Council Update

The twelve members of the Pastoral Council meet on a monthly basis to discuss parish administration, ministries, committee work, and novel ideas expressed by the community. We will be sharing a monthly update with the Parish starting with September.

Items discussed during the September Council meeting included:

- A feedback request from Fr. George on updating the current church banner, which still refers to the 125th anniversary.
- A call for guidelines around the type of activities allowed in a house of worship during public non-religious events. To remain respectful of the church's sanctity, the Blessed Sacrament is removed from the tabernacle. Proposed a collaborative effort with the finance committee to establish an administrative policy for space rental and stewardship.
- The Council's participation in a two-hour retreat to reflect on its structure and focus.
- Additional updates: our new ISLC director (Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF); the creation of an Elderly Outreach Ministry; a Young Adult mass (starting Oct 03 at 6pm); and new software (Massintentions.org) to help track parish activities.

Please reach out to the Council (pastoralcouncil@saintagnessf.com) for any questions, concerns or suggestions you may have. Let us work all together for our beloved church !

Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers are Needed!

We are looking for people – Fourteen and older, to become Eucharistic ministers (EM's) and lectors (readers). We welcome people of all ages to be Altar Servers at all 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 sign up in the back of the church** or call Frank Uranich at 415-450-8639 with any questions.

Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

Catholic Stewardship in Action

Thank you for supporting this years' AAA Appeal. Below is this years' assessment and what we have brought in to-date.

Goal: \$63,309
Raised: \$11,446
Needed: \$51,863

Thank you for helping us meet our goal this year!



St. Agnes Fall Festival

Sunday, October 31, 12pm – 3pm
(Rooftop of the Urban School, Oak St.)

Join your fellow parishioners for a fun-filled day of games – large checkers, connect 4, basketball hoops, foosball, giant Legos; face-painting, henna tattoos, balloon animals, music, and of course a costume parade for the children under 12 along with trick-or-treat bags of candy! Enjoy a catered boxed lunch of your choice (meat or veggie) and a variety of soft drinks and waters. All parishioners are invited, young and old! We hope this will be another way for all of us to continue to re-connect with each other. Space is limited, register [HERE](#), our web site, or call Maureen at the parish office – (415) 450-4009. Please reserve before **Friday, October 22nd**.



Ministry Opportunities at St. Agnes

At the back of the church there is a table with sign-up sheets for the various ministries available for parishioners at St. Agnes. Please look at the list and see how your gifts match up with our ministries. We look forward to your participation.

Farewell to Marco Matute

Wednesday, October 27,
5pm- 8pm, Spiritual Life Center

Stop by between 5pm and 8pm on Wednesday, October 27 to thank Marco for all of his hard work over the past 4 ½ years. He has given above and beyond to St. Agnes over those years and has made everyone feel welcome when they call or stop by the Rectory. We are glad he will remain a part of our parish community, but we will miss him here for the day to day and the help he gave so many of us. We wish him well up at the Jesuit Community at USF. We hope to see you for some nibbles, a drink and a thank you for Marco.

Anti-Racism Programming The Month of October



Calendar of Events:

October 17, 11:30am-1:00pm (back of Church)

Racial Wealth Gap Experience

An interactive learning experience and discussion about how United States policies impacted white and blacks differently.

Ages 13 years and older.

Light refreshments provided.

[Sign up by Friday, 10/8 to reserve your spot.](#)

October 26 – November 23, 4:30-6:30pm PST, Via Zoom

Jesuit West Program: Wrestling with Whiteness

Five, two-hour zoom sessions that help participants understand “whiteness”- how it lives in us and shapes our lives, all through the lens of Ignatian spirituality.

[Sign up today](#) to reserve your spot!

October 31, 11:30 – 12:30pm PST, VIA Zoom

Conversation with Fr. Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ

Join us for a discussion with Fr. Saint-Jean on his new book – *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola*. The Zoom link is

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/89558048497>

Meeting ID: 895 5804 8497

Want to join the St. Agnes racial justice efforts?

Email Kate Carter at kr carrot@gmail.com

Memorial Mass for Wayne Alba Friday, October 22, 10am

(Time has changed from 9:30am to 10am)

There will be a memorial Mass for our long-time parishioner, Wayne Alba. Parking will be available in the lower level of the parking garage, there will be someone at the entrance of the garage to assist you.

Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Upcoming Events



[Women's Magis Retreat: Tasting Heaven: Discovering the True Desires of Your Heart](#)

Friday, October 22 (4:00pm) – October 24 (2:00pm).

Non-Silent retreat for women.

For more information or to sign- up for any of these retreats, click on the individual names of the retreat above or go to www.jrclosaltos.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.