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# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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## September 11 - 12, 2021

Dear St. Agnes Community,

You may have noticed the new tile mural of Our Lady of Guadalupe on the front right side of the church. This mural, a gift of the Jesuit Community, replaces the plastic statue of Mary that was a magnet for demented passers-by to abuse. The mural from Mexico is meant to be a sign of welcome, especially to our Latinex neighbors.

It's hard to believe it's September. Kids are back in school, and the summer is drawing to an end. We are all feeling COVID-fatigue. The tragic end to the war in Afghanistan and the climate catastrophes we are seeing in the fires in the west and storms in the East are alarming. This weekend is the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the terrorist attack of 9/11. There's a lot to pray for.

These next few months we'll be focusing on Spirituality at St. Agnes. The Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus that I've discussed with you are now posted in the vestibule of the church as you enter. The first of these is "To show the way to God through the Spiritual Exercises and discernment."

I suggest we look at this first UAP as an invitation not for us to be showing others where God is, but to look within our own hearts to be open to an on-going quest for God in our personal and communal life here. As I mentioned in my homily a week ago, I believe the Holy Spirit is inviting us into a time of transformation. Like it or not, we are all in a time of rapid and disorienting change.

We come to Church often because we need a sanctuary for our spiritual lives in the midst of busy and perhaps chaotic lives. We are fed with the bread of life in the Eucharist, a communal act that reminds us the spiritual life isn't just a solo hike, it's a group journey. Part of our spiritual journey together is finding new ways to reach out beyond the walls of the church, beyond our comfort zones and beyond "we've always done it this way." One way we can grow together as a parish is to participate in the anti-racism events we are planning for October. We'll have more in the bulletin about these educational and experiential programs. The spirit is inviting us into new life and new times.

*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)

**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
Director of the Spiritual Life Center	Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF
Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Art & Environment	St. Agnes Staff
Bereavement Team	TBA
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Outreach to Homebound/Sick	TBA
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius 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

## 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](mailto:George@SaintAgnesSF.org) or call.

Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by appointment, please email at [Alejandro@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Alejandro@SaintAgnesSF.org) or call.

**Office Phone: 415-487-8560**

## St. Agnes Stewardship

**Collection Last week: \$3,292.94**

*Sunday Masses: \$2,920*

*Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$372.94*

*Please consider a donation through our website at [www.SaintAgnesSF.org](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org)*

## Sept. 11 & 12 | 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration, readings for next week:*  
**Wisdom 2:12, 17-20 • James 3:16-4:3 • Mark 9:30-37**

Date	Intention	Presider
Sept. 11 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 12 8:30 AM	Frank Mucci (L)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Patrick Sullivan (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM (Spanish)	Joe Gordon (D)	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 13 12:00 PM	Barbara Nelson (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 14 12:00 PM	Raymond Rosario (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 15 12:00 PM	Reuben Lista (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 16 12:00 PM	Norito Torres (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 17 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
Sept. 18 4:00 PM	Maria & Joseph Moon (D)	Fr. Brent Otto
Sept. 19 8:30 AM	Katherine Scanlon (L)	Fr. Brent Otto
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild (L)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
1:30 PM (Spanish)	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler

D = Deceased; L = Living

## New Parishioners

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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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### Centering Prayer – Mondays @ 7pm

A weekly practice in the Spiritual Life Center, Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: [thecentering@comcast.net](mailto:thecentering@comcast.net).



### Silence of the Heart

Tuesdays @ 9am (Silent prayer & sharing)

Music, poetry, scripture, and spiritual reading with silent prayer for half an hour, followed by sharing and prayers for our community.



Please contact: Leonor

Barnett: [SilenceTuesday@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:californiamandolin@gmail.com).

## Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism, Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Please encourage them to inquire about the RCIA program here at St. Agnes. Sessions will begin September 19<sup>th</sup>. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please contact



Cathy Collins by email: [Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.com) for more information.

## 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Look upon us, O God.



that we may feel the working of your mercy... Collect

### Pope Francis'

### September Prayer Intention

*"An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle"*

"We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this."

### Children's Faith Formation (CFF)

Classes Start – October 3<sup>rd</sup>

Sign-up Today!

Children's Faith Formation registration is open for children in Grades 1-8! This includes sacramental preparation programs: 1st

Reconciliation/1st Eucharist (usually for 2nd graders) and Confirmation (there is a 2-year program at St. Agnes typically for 7th and 8th graders). **Classes will**

**begin on October 3 with Orientation on September 19<sup>th</sup>!** Please sign up online through our website: [www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff), or [click here](#) for the registration form. If you have any questions, please email our new CFF Coordinator – Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF at [Teresa@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Teresa@SaintAgnesSF.org).



### Maureen Aggeler's Memorial Service

September 18, 2021, at 1:00pm

All are invited to a memorial for one of our beloved parishioners – Maureen Aggeler who passed away during the lock-down. Parking is available in the garage and there will be a reception in the SLC afterwards.

## Giant's Game Ticket Update

Oct. 1 at 6:45pm



We are getting excited for our game on October 1<sup>st</sup>! We were glad we were able to get 50 more tickets for the event. We will be sending everyone that ordered tickets an email with the “actual” tickets in the email. They should be coming in the next week or two! All tickets will be electronic, so you will need a smart phone to access the tickets.

If you were not able to get tickets for this event, there will be other events coming up including one for all Saints Day. Stay tuned for more information.

## 2021 Reentry Conference and Resource Fair

Friday, September 17, 8:00 am – 4:00 pm  
St. Mary's Cathedral

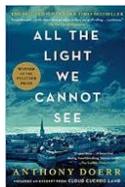


Join us for the 2021 Reentry Conference and Resource Fair this year at St. Mary's Cathedral. After a successful virtual conference last year, we will gather in-person this year for this annual event. Justice-involved individuals, advocates, crime survivors, families with incarcerated loved ones, service providers, law enforcement officers are invited to share resources and hear panel discussions. **The event is free and organized by the Restorative Justice Ministry.** It's a great extension of our monthly restorative breakfast meetings here at St. Agnes! Register [HERE](#). For any questions or for more information, contact Julio Escobar at [escobarj@sfarch.org](mailto:escobarj@sfarch.org).

## St. Agnes Book Club

Friday, September 24, 7 – 9pm

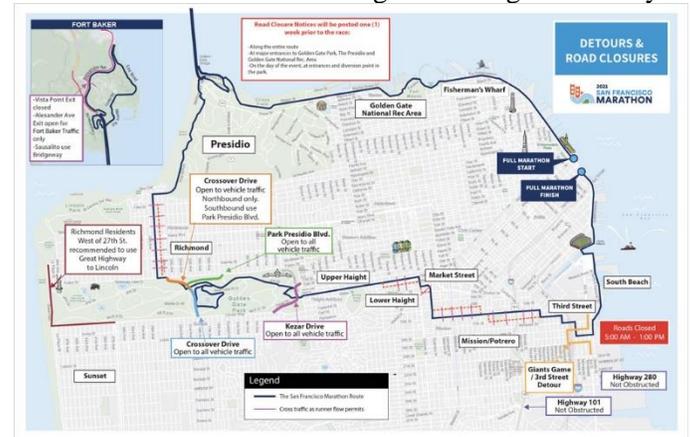
The St. Agnes Book Club will resume on Friday, September 24th, at 7:00 PM at the Spiritual Life Center. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr. Vaccinated folks are welcome to join us in person for an evening of spirited discussion over snacks and a glass of wine or a cup of tea.



## San Francisco Marathon

Sunday, September 19

The San Francisco Marathon is back this year and will be going through our neighborhood of St. Agnes the morning of September 19th. It will mostly affect those coming from the south since the path runs along Haight St. Please be aware of how to get to St. Agnes that day.



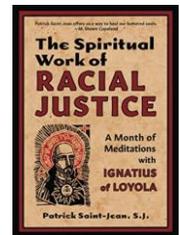
## Pastor's Book Club

September 25 @ 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!



## 6pm Mass is Starting Back

October 3<sup>rd</sup>

The 6pm Mass will be coming back on Sunday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Mass will have a different style of music – guitars, drums, etc. and have a different feel from before. We hope some of you will give it a try.

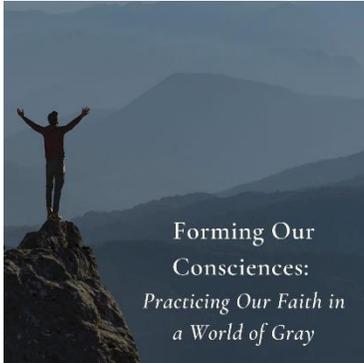
## Animals in Church

Although we all love our animals, please be respectful of our sacred space by only bringing animals that are **certified service animals with vests** into the Church. All other animals are not allowed into the Church at any time. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.



## Forming Our Consciences: Practicing Our Faith in a World of Gray Sundays (started Sept. 5) 11:30 am, Via Zoom

Forming Our Consciences: Practicing Our Faith in a World of Gray is a six-part series at St. Ignatius Church examining the formation of one's conscience in a world that is often not black nor white, but gray. The series of six interconnected talks, delivered by distinguished spiritual guides and leaders, will take place over the course of the fall in 2021, and will include remarks around hot-button social issues that challenge our faith, alongside the opportunity for reflection and sharing. St. Agnes Parishioners are all welcome to attend any or all meetings. [Register here.](#)



## Time Of Change – World Premiere Joe Goode Performance Group Inspiring Movement



Time of Change is a dance-theater experience with pop-up moments of original music, monologues and movement all around the Haight-Ashbury neighborhood. **The show runs Wed. – Sun., 7:30pm until September 19<sup>th</sup>! Tickets are \$48 general Admission and \$20 for artist tickets.** Part of the show is in the hospitality area of St. Agnes Church (notice the new temporary lights in the back of the church). One of the performers who has a connection to St. Agnes Parish said this about the show: *“I was born in San Francisco. My mother comes from a sprawling Filipino Catholic family of 16 children, whose family house was on Clayton Street. She went to grammar school and got married at St. Agnes Church on Masonic Avenue at Page Street. An inquiry of this neighborhood and its stories is literally a family affair.”* Tickets are going fast, so reserve today!

## Are you Called to Ministry -Eucharistic Minister, Lector (Reader) or Altar Server?

We are looking for people – Fourteen and older, to become Eucharistic ministers (EM's), lectors (readers) and Altar Servers at all the Masses. Frank Uranich, our Liturgical 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 contact Frank at [Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org), (415) 450-8639 for more information or to sign-up for training.



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## Staff Corner Cathy Collins, RCIA Director

### Inside RCIA Inside Catholicism

Every weekend we proclaim what we believe in the Apostles Creed. It comes so easily, just slips from our lips, often just rote memory. But beneath every phrase is a mystery.

We say I believe in God. Who is God? Is God a being or is God being? Almighty: what's that, how do we recognize God's power? Creator of heaven and earth: is God involved in climate change? Conceived by the Spirit--what's the Spirit doing today? I could go on and on.

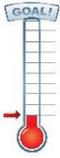
Obviously, the mystery I'm talking about is not a “who dunnit” but the unfathomable mystery of life. A mystery we cannot grasp or articulate, but it touches our innermost being. The touch comes from within in the same way music, poetry or art conveys an inexplicable reality to our hearts. There are moments when we suddenly understand. We are “silently, standing within the mystery.” The walk within the mystery is a lifelong journey.

RCIA is not studying dogma and signing on the dotted line in order to receive the sacraments, but an exploration of these mysteries followed by discernment to receive the sacraments. Our exploration allows the Spirit some room to play, to inspire, to surprise. RCIA begins on September 26. If you know someone who would like to join us, please contact me: [cathy@saintagnessf.org](mailto:cathy@saintagnessf.org).

As always, I ask the prayers of St. Agnes community for all of us in RCIA because whether we are a team, sponsors or candidates, ultimately, we all explore.

## Annual Archbishop's Appeal (AAA) 2021

### *Catholic Stewardship in Action*



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

**Goal: \$63,309**

**Raised: \$11,146**

**Still left to raise: \$52,163**

Thank you for helping us meet our goal this year!

## Lay-Led Reflections - Trainings and a Retreat

Beloved Community,

Blessings as we continue to move forward in communion with the Spirit and with one another.

We invite lay men and women of St. Agnes parish who wish to join us as we expand opportunities for lay men and women to share reflections the fourth weekend of every month and to preside and share at our lay-led communion services on Fridays at noon. We are planning additional training and a retreat this Fall for those who may feel called to this ministry. Details will be shared with the community as plans firm up.

If you feel called to these ministries, please contact Maureen Beckman in the parish office at [Maureen@SaintAgnessf.org](mailto:Maureen@SaintAgnessf.org), (415) 450-8009.

In June, Fr. George, Rosemary Robinson and Karen Brugge met with Archbishop Cordileone to clarify when these reflections could be offered during the mass. He suggested we move the reflections from after the Gospel to either before Mass or after communion. After much reflection and discussion among the group and with Fr. George, we decided to move the reflections to after communion.

We believe it to be vitally important to continue hearing diverse voices, breaking open the Word together in community. We are committed to keeping these post communion reflections grounded in scripture, lived experience and four to five minutes in length.

We are all the Body of Christ, the People of God in the community of St. Agnes. We welcome ongoing dialogue with each of you as we continue to answer the call of the Spirit to birth something new in our Church.

In the love of Christ,

*Kate Carter, Cathy Collins, Ellen Jewett, Heidi Kallen, Patti May, Rosemary Robinson, Christine Rodgers and Fr. George Williams, S.J.*

## Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Upcoming Events



### In-Person Practicing Ignatian Contemplation

Friday, September 17 (4:00pm) – September 19 (2:00pm).  
Silent retreat for women and men.

### Virtual Retreat Series: Discerning God's Will for Your Retirement

Wednesday, September 22 (Every 4 Wednesdays), 7:00pm – 8:30pm. Retreat for women and men.

### Virtual Retreat – Visio Divina, Praying with Art

Wednesday, September 29 (7:00pm) – October 1 (8:00pm).  
Retreat for women and men.

### Come to the Quiet

Friday, October 1 (4:00pm) – October 3 (2:00pm). Silent retreat for women and men.

### The Rebirth of St. Ignatius Loyola: Life after the Cannonball

Friday, October 8 (4:00pm) – October 10 (2:00pm).  
Non-silent retreat for women and men.

### The Response of Love and Faith

Friday, October 15 (4:00pm) – October 17 (2:00pm)  
Silent retreat for women and men.

### 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.

### Ignatian Mindfulness

Friday, October 29 (4:00pm) – October 31 (2:00pm).  
Silent retreat for women and men.

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](http://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.