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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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Send text: JOINAGNES to 84576

To receive announcements, reflections, events, and to keep in touch with us!



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

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Hospitality Coordinator	TBA

New Parishioners!

Welcome to St. Agnes! If you would like to become a part of our parish community, please fill out a registration form online on our website: www.saintagnessf.org. You may also fill out a registration form in the back of the church. Please return it in the collection basket or mail it back to us.

Liturgy Schedule

Saturdays 4:00 PM

Sundays 8:30 AM | 10:30 AM | 1:30 PM (Español)
5:00 PM (Holy Hour) | 6:00 PM

Mondays -
Thursdays 12:00 Noon

Fridays 12:00 Noon (Lay-led Communion Service)

Live-Stream Schedule

<https://www.saintagnessf.org/st-agnes-livestream.html>

Sundays 10:30 AM | 1:30 PM (Español)

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday 9:00 AM-4:30 PM

Main Office Phone 415.487.8560

Fr. George's Office Hours by Appointment
george@saintagnessf.org | 415.450.8298

Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by Appointment
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Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office at 415.487.8560.

Sacraments

Please contact Franca Gargiulo in the Parish Office: franca@saintagnessf.org or 415.487.8560 for information about the following:
Baptism | Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word | Communion for the Homebound | Marriage | Funerals | Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) | Anointing of the Sick

September 17 - 18, 2022

A Letter from India

Dear St. Agnes Parish Family,

I write to you from Chennai, the south Indian city formerly known as Madras. It is the 9th of September, the day after the feast of the Nativity of Mary. Before I left San Francisco at the end of May I gave a talk to parishioners about the Church in India, its history and some of the things I am studying. Now three months later I thought I should send you a greeting and an update. Most of the last three months I've been in archives doing the typical work of a historian. It's been interesting to me but doesn't make for an action story! The following side-project does!

I've just spent nine days with about 1.5 million pilgrims and a fellow researcher, at the shrine of Mary, Our Lady of Good Health, in Vailankanni. Some walked hundreds of miles to arrive at the shrine during the novena leading up to Sept 8th. Others spent the entire novena at the shrine itself. Some made day trips. All engage in myriad forms of communal and individual prayer, devotions and rituals. I had been there before, but never for the feast period from August 29th through September 8th. The feast is different due to the crowds as well as the daily public rituals. They include a procession every

evening of a grand decorated statue of Mary as well as four other saints, through the streets, with lights, prayers, music and incense. Each statue is under a solid teak wood portico sat atop a large frame that's carried by between 40 and 75 people. At noontime there is prayer in multiple languages and a dramatic hoisting of a flag of Mary onto a tall flagpole that looks like the mast of a ship. Each day different local groups have the honor of being the patrons of the feast, which entails sponsoring all the expenses as well as leading the processions, making the flag for that day, and providing the team to pull the ropes and hoist the flag. During the rest of the day people attend one of 13 different masses in various Indian languages including English, rosary, charismatic prayer services, Eucharistic adoration, as well as private devotional acts such as penitentially going on one's knees from the main basilica to a chapel 1 km away, shaving their heads as an offering of humility, or bathing in the sea as a sign of turning away from the past and purification, or making offerings of saris which are then worn by the statue of Mary in the basilica (a new sari every day).

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St. Agnes Stewardship

Collection Last Week: \$2,593

4:00pm: \$401 8:30am: \$359 10:30am: \$1,035
1:30pm: \$134; 6:00pm: \$74 Mailed in: \$590

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

Upcoming Second Collections

**September 25
Priests' Retirement Fund
(Archdiocesan Collection)**

**October 23
World Mission Sunday/Propagation of the Faith
USCCB**

September 17-18, 2022
Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Date	Intention	Presider
Sept. 17 4:00 PM	Thomas L. Meyer (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Sept. 18 8:30 AM	Winifred Dias (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Maureen Aggeler (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Edwin Martinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	Loyola Guild Members (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Sept. 19 12:00 PM	Denise Rudolf (B)	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 20 12:00 PM	Katherine Scanlon (L)	Fr. Edwin Martinez-Callejas
Sept. 21 12:00 PM	Wayne Alba (D)	Fr. Patric Razafimahafaly
Sept. 22 12:00 PM	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 23 12:00 PM	Communion Service	Lay Presiders
Sept. 24 4:00 PM	Raymond Rosario (D)	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 25 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Sister Ellen Farrell (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Ramon Camberos (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
6:00 PM	Loyola Guild Members (D)	Fr. George Williams

D = Deceased; L = Living; B = Birthday

Pope Francis'
September Prayer Intention

*For The Abolition of the Death
 Penalty*

We pray that the death penalty, which attacks the dignity of the human person, may be legally abolished in every country.

St. Agnes Book Club

Will Resume Friday, September 30

7:00 pm at the ISLC

If you enjoy good conversation over snacks, a glass of wine or a cup of tea, come join us! We will be reading *Something to Hide* by Elizabeth George

Our book selection for October is

The River of the Gods by Candice Millard

For more information contact Sister Laetitia Bordes at laetitiabordes@att.net

Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Taizé Prayer Services

September 21

October 19

November 9

December 7

7:00 – 8:00 pm

Amid the global upheaval of violence, we want to invite you to pray for peace. Taizé prayer unites us, strengthens us, gives us hope to go and be peacemakers in this world. Prayer gives life to the Body of Christ. If you would like to join the preparation team with music or other talents, please contact islc@saintagnessf.org.

Lay Reflection of the Word

Twenty-Six Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24 and September 25, 2022

Amos 6:1, 4-7; First Timothy 6: 11-16 and LK 16: 19-31

Cathy Collins

RCIA Catechist, Lector, Lay Reflector

Lay Reflection Leadership Team

September 24 – 4:00 pm

September 25 – 10:30 am

Save the Date!

October 16, 2022

12:00

Volunteer Appreciation Barbecue

(Details to follow)

**Something More: Finding Language to
Map our Faith Journeys**
By Kevin Burke, S.J.

Thursday, September 15
ISLC – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

We begin with the proposition that we need to uncover a new religious language that expresses and feeds the spiritual hungers of our day. In Denise Levertov, we see how the places and events of her life provided her with a vocabulary for her own spiritual awakening. This deepens the kind of encounter with God in the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Pastor's Book Club

Saturday, September 24
10:00 am – 11:00 am

**We will discuss Pope Francis' book,
*Let Us Dream: The Path to a Better Future***

In -person in the rectory dining room with option to join
via Zoom

<https://usfca.zoom.us/j/88386754461>

Meeting ID: 883 8675 4461

One tap mobile:

16699006833, 883 8675 4461

**Dreams Into Action: Organizing
Training Series**

October 19

**Parish + School Organizing Trainings
for a More Just World**

This free series is for parishioners, parish staff, and educators to skill-build techniques and methods to put our dreams for justice into action.

[Learn more and register](#)

Organized by Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN)

Save the Date!

November 14, 2022 4:00 pm PST

Walking with Refugees

JRS Virtual 42nd Anniversary Event

*Learn more about the needs of people who have
been forcibly displaced. www.jrsusa.org*

You are invited
**CELEBRATION
OF
TEMPORARY
PROFESSION**

SISTER AMY WESTPHAL

24 SEPTEMBER 2022 · 11:00 AM
SAINT AGNES PARISH, SAN FRANCISCO
RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT ISLC
PLEASE RSVP BY SEP 8TH
JWHITAKER@SISTERSOFMERCY.ORG



**Fall Registration is OPEN
for Children's Faith Formation (CFF)**

Our Children's Faith Formation program for 2022-2023 will begin **Sunday October 2** for children in 1st-8th grades. To enroll your child in Faith Formation and/or Sacramental Preparation classes, you can:

1) **Go to our website:**

www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff.html or

2) **Fill out the registration form.**

3) **Pay online or send a check** (payable to St. Agnes Church, please put **CFF Registration** in the **memo line**) to 1025 Masonic Ave, SF 94117.

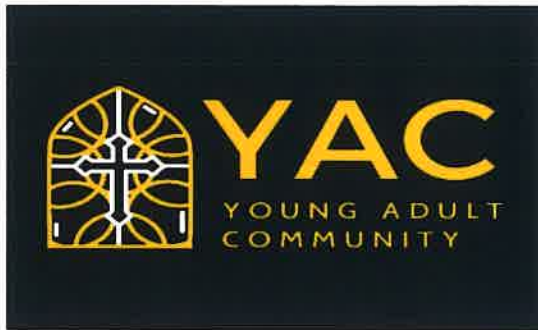
CFF is a wonderful opportunity for children and parents alike to experience the presence of God in their lives and come to a new and deeper understanding of our church and community. Feel free to contact the Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation, Sr. Teresa Malave at **Teresa@SaintAgnesSF.org**, if you have any questions.

**Parent, Catechist, and Student
Orientation**

Sunday, September 25

9:15 – 10:15 am

ISLC



**Are you seeking community and fellowship?
Do you long for a place to feel at home?
To be seen and heard for who God made you
to be?
If any of these apply to you, we invite you to
enjoy our Young Adult Community at St.
Agnes!**



Taizé Prayer for Peace
Wednesday, September 21
7:00 – 8:00 pm
In the Church



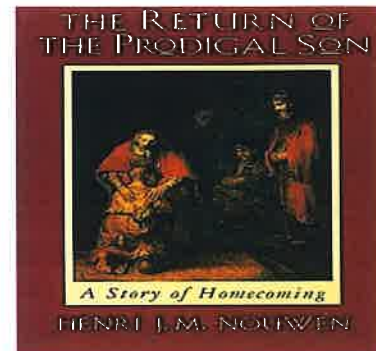
Emmaus Walks, Spiritual Conversations
Sunday, September 18
11:30 am

Inspired by the story of the Road to Emmaus, will be coordinating spiritual conversations after the 10:30 mass. People will be grouped in pairs and can choose to go for a walk in the Panhandle as they share a bit about their spiritual journey with one another.



**Young Adult Potluck and Game Night –
Welcome to San Francisco!**

Saturday, September 24, 6:00 – 9:00 pm, ISLC
Are you new to San Francisco and seeking community?
Please bring your favorite board game and a dish to
share! Please RSVP to youngadults@saintagnessf.org



Young Adult Book Club

Wednesdays, September 14 and 28, 7:00 pm, ISLC
Join us as we read *The Return of the Prodigal Son*
by Henri Nouwen
Rsvp youngadults@saintagnessf.org for the meeting
link!

**Are you Interested in becoming more
active in the St. Agnes Community?**

If you are eight or older, we welcome you to consider being a Eucharistic minister (EM), lector (reader) and/or an Altar Server at the Masses. There is no need to have prior experience, we are happy to train you. Please contact Frank (Director of Liturgy/Music) at Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org.



Registration is OPEN **English & Spanish Programs**

What is R.C.I.A.:

R.C.I.A. (The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) is designed to enable a person to become a full participating member of the Catholic Church. This journey begins in September and concludes on the second Sunday after Easter.

Who Participates:

Anyone seeking Baptism in the Catholic Church, baptized members of other Christian denominations wishing to join the Catholic Church or baptized Catholics desiring first Eucharist and/or Confirmation, and Catholics wishing to know more about their faith.

Meeting Time & Date:

Sundays 8:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Sunday, September 25 sessions begin

For More Information, please contact: Cathy Collins at cm.Collins@sbcGlobal.net.

Magis Women **Into His Marvelous Light Retreat** **September 23-25** **El Retiro Jesuit Retreat Center, Los Altos**

Using scripture as our roadmap and story as our inspiration, this retreat invites you to encounter the Living Christ through prayer, sacrament and loving fellowship. Join our group of like-minded women and experience the God of new beginnings as we move together from the darkness of this world's trials Into the Marvelous Light of God's Love and Goodness.

To learn more or to register, email us at retreat@magiscenter.com or visit www.jrclosaltos.org or www.magiswomen.com

RICA - RITO DE INICIACIÓN CRISTIANA PARA ADULTOS (SPANISH PROGRAM)

¿Qué es el R.C.I.A.:

El R.C.I.A. (Rito de Iniciación Cristiana para Adultos) es un proceso diseñado para permitir que una persona se convierta en un miembro pleno de la Iglesia Católica. El proceso de RCIA es mucho más que un programa de "instrucción de conversión". Más bien el RCIA es un proceso de conversión para el individuo y la comunidad de fe. Esto significa que no hay nada "automático" o "instantáneo" en la iniciación cristiana de los adultos. La conversión es un proceso continuo que lleva tiempo. Comprometerse con los valores y perspectivas del Evangelio en todos los niveles de la vida requiere un cambio de corazón que no puede lograrse sólo con un programa educativo. Aunque la instrucción doctrinal es una parte del proceso, la iniciación de los adultos tiene como objetivo cambiar el corazón y transformar el espíritu, no sólo suministrar un banco de conocimientos.

Creemos que reunirse en el RCIA es un tiempo y un espacio sagrado en el que todos - participantes, facilitadores y toda la comunidad - son bendecidos por la presencia de los demás y por compartir nuestras historias de fe. Estamos agradecidos por el privilegio de ser parte de los viajes de fe.

¿quién participa?

Cualquier persona que busque el bautismo en la Iglesia Católica
Miembros bautizados de otras denominaciones cristianas deseando unirse a la Iglesia Católica
Católicos bautizados deseando la primera Eucaristía y/o Confirmación y Católicos que desean saber más sobre su fe.

El programa comienza en septiembre y concluye el segundo domingo después de Pascua.

Fecha & hora de la reunión

Esta clases serán los Miercoles de 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. con el compromiso de que los participantes atenderan la misa los domingos a la 1:30 p.m. de la tarde.

Para mayor información y detalles generales por favor de comunicarse con Rodrigo Y Tania Torres.

Correo electrónico: jrtorresf@gmail.com o directamente con el Padre Alejandro Báez, S.J.. 415-450-8670.

What's behind these people's deep faith and devotion? Our Lady of Vailankanni, as she is called, appeared to two Hindu boys and worked miracles for them in the late 16th century, after which a simple thatched chapel was built to her honor. Later a Portuguese ship caught in a storm was delivered from destruction and came upon the shore at Vailankanni, and the sailors vowed to return with a statue of Mary and to build a stone church. Because the miracles entailed curing from ailments (the boys) and safety in the face of the storm (the sailors), most devotees go to pray for existential concerns for their health and the health of loved ones, to conceive children, for happy marriages, the success of surgeries, and matters of security like obtaining admissions to higher education, obtaining a job or purchasing a home. In a developing country like India where many of these things are by no means assured, and corruption often deprives ordinary people of their due, all the more they lean on divine intervention for their needs. Together with a co-researcher (an anthropologist), we interviewed groups of pilgrims who had walked days to get there, about why they do it, and how they pray on the way. We also interviewed those who make regular trips to Vailankanni, sometimes every few months, as a matter of family tradition to commend all their needs to Our Lady's intercession. Particularly after Covid made the pilgrimage impossible for the last two years (Government prohibited it), people are now more connected with the Shrine via daily YouTube livestreams.

Your spirituality may be different, possibly less connected to saintly intercessors or ritual journeys, but the inspiration we can take from the pilgrims to Vailankanni, is that they deeply believe in Jesus' and the saints' intimate love for them and concern for the small details of their lives. For them, and for us too, leaning into those relationships with devotion and commitment open up a wellspring of grace, real nourishment and companionship for our journey. I look forward to being back with you just before Thanksgiving time! Let's pray for one another.

Peace,
Brent, S.J.

