



Serving the Haight for 128 years

St. Agnes Catholic Church

Inclusive | Diverse | Jesuit

1025 Masonic Avenue | San Francisco | CA | 94117-2010 | www.SaintAgnesSF.org | 415.487.8560

September 25 - 26, 2021

Dear Sr. Agnes Family,

October is right around the corner, and we are experiencing beautiful autumn weather here in San Francisco. We're looking forward to the Giant's Game on Oct 1st and another outdoor parish event on October 31st, most likely on the roof of the Urban School next to the church. We'll keep you posted on those plans.

I am very happy to introduce the Parish to our new Directors of the Spiritual Life Center. We have contracted with 3 Verbum Dei sisters to work as a team to direct the work of the ISLC. We are truly blessed to have such talented women join our Saint Agnes family here. They will be formally introduced to the parishioners on the weekend Masses of Oct 23 and 24th, when all three will be available at the same time to meet folks.

The Verbum Dei Missionary Fraternity was founded in 1963 in Mallorca, Spain by Fr. Jaime Bonet. The community is progressive, highly educated, and active in 37 countries, preaching the Word and engaged in prayer and spiritual formation. Rooted in the hopefulness of Vatican II, the VDMF is a Catholic contemplative-in-action community of consecrated

men and women, priests, brothers, religious women and married lay couples.

Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF will lead the team of three sisters at the ISLC. A native of Dortmund, Germany, Sister Julia has served her community as superior, provincial and on international commissions. She has a passion for retreat ministry and spiritual direction and has a Ph.D. in Spirituality from the GTU in Berkeley.

Sr. Ellen Hess, VDMF is from the beautiful Mosel Valley in Western Germany. She has served her community as a provincial, a general counselor and the Superior of the Verbum Dei women's branch in Rome. She also holds a doctorate in Spirituality and did her STL thesis on discernment.

Sr. Sarah Postlethwaite, VDMF is from Southampton, England. She completed her MDiv. & STL at the Jesuit School of Theology in Berkeley, focusing on Celtic Christianity and spirituality. She has also worked and studied in the Philippines and in Spain. Lately she has been working with young adult ministry in the Bay Area and in Verbum Dei retreat ministries.

Continued on Page 3

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
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	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper/Accountant	Dorenda Haynes
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga
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

Sept. 25 & 26 | 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
Genesis 2:18-24 •
Hebrews 2:9-11 • Mark 10:2-16

Date	Intention	Presider
Sept. 25 4:00 PM	Keith Mantis (D)	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 26 8:30 AM	Barbara Nelson (D)	Fr. Stephen Pitts
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Julia Curiel (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
(Spanish)		
Sept. 27 12:00 PM	Arturo Baez (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 28 12:00 PM	Sr. Janet Chau (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 29 12:00 PM	Wayne Alba (D)	Various Presiders
Sept. 30 12:00 PM	Andrea Claire McKenzie (L)	Various Presiders
October 1 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
October 2 4:00 PM	Roger Grimes (D)	Fr. George Williams
October 3 8:30 AM	Jim Pokorny (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Patrick Sullivan (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM (SP)	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	Phil Archer (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: \$2,288.66

Sunday Masses: \$1,690

Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$598.66

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

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. 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

A weekly practice in the Spiritual Life Center, Mondays, 7pm. Contact Mary English at: 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.

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.



Continued from Page 1–

Pastor Letter

As you can see, we are blessed to have such amazing, talented women directing the Spiritual Life Center. We'll have more time to get to know them over the next few months as they settle into their work here at St. Agnes.

The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away. As happy as I am to welcome these wonderful sisters to our Parish, I am sad to tell you that our parish administrative assistant, Marco Matute has been hired to work full time at the Loyola House Community at USF. Our great loss is their great gain. Marco will continue to be an active member of our parish community and will continue his work with Ignatian Companions, but we will be feeling the loss of his generous service to our community here as a staff member. Fr. Alejandro and I are so grateful for all his help and support over this past year especially.

George Williams SJ

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Would that all the people of God were prophets... that God might



bestow the Spirit on them all.

Numbers 11:29

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 3rd

Sign-up by October 10th!

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! Please sign up

online through our

website: 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.



Giant's Game Ticket Update

Oct. 1 at 6:45pm



We are excited for our Friday night, Oct. 1 game! By now you should have received an email to download your tickets. All tickets are electronic, so you need a smart phone to download the MLB app first in order to access your tickets. If you have questions, please contact Maureen@saintagnessf.org.

Pastor's Book Club

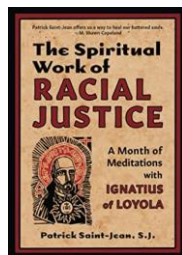
CHANGE OF DATE

New date: 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!



6pm Mass is Starting Back

October 3rd

The 6pm Mass will be coming back on Sunday, October 3rd. 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.

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 contact Maureen in the office at Maureen@saintagnessf.org.

Anti-Racism Programming

The Month of October

Everyone experienced the COVID-19 pandemic in a different way. The isolation and quiet forced me to sit squarely with the racial turmoil of 2020 and listen to God's call. The repetitive and not-so-quiet whisper was, "Get off the sidelines! Your children know more about systemic racism than you do." I faced the uncomfortable reality and quickly immersed myself in anti-racism education.

When *Wrestling with Whiteness* was offered in July of 2020 by the Jesuits West, I joined the zoom course and was encouraged and inspired by the 50+ laity and catholic educators who participated as well. Over the five weeks, I noticed my mind and heart growing and craving more information about racism, civil rights history, and even my own father's immigration story.

I was fortunate to share this transformative experience with Fr. George, Kate Carter, and other parishioners of Saint Agnes and Saint Ignatius. Together we have continued to discuss and discern how to involve our larger parish community and decided to offer a variety of anti-racism programming in October. Please consider participating in one or more of the offerings below. The more people that participate the richer the experience! Thank you.

Christine Wang Morris
Pastoral Council & CFF Parent

Calendar of Events:

October 9, 8:00-9:30am (back of Church)

Excell Network Breakfast

Support restorative justice and student scholarships by meeting people formerly incarcerated and hearing their stories of prison, re-entry, and continuing education. [Purchase tickets by Wed, 10/6 to reserve your spot.](#)

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 krcarrot@gmail.com

Are you Called to Ministry - Eucharistic Minister, Lector (Reader) or as an 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 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, (415) 450-8639 for more information or to sign-up for training.



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, (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.*

Staff Corner



Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF

Dear Saint Agnes Family, I ask you for prayers as we begin this years' CFF, children's Faith formation classes! We will start Sunday October 3rd, and will continue to be online, zooming classes as we navigate another turn in this year's pandemic. I hope for the day that we will once again be together and not have to wear masks and that we can begin "in person" children's liturgy of the Word! In the meantime, patience is Gods' way of working us, especially as parents, to a generous self-giving.

These past few months I have sought to connect with you, and I have met some children accompanying parents to the 8:30am and 10:30am Sunday Masses. Yes, families and children are gradually coming back! There's a very special kind of energy flowing from connecting in person at the Eucharist!

Many other children are present in a "virtual way" with their parents live streaming the masses at home. The beautiful prayer blessing we give as a community at the 10:30am mass is a reminder that they accompany us and are receiving the children's liturgy of the Word with parents.

The effect of this prayer blessing is real and has a repercussion in the heart. It's a reminder that yes, children are present, and they count on our praying for them! God is among us, as a small child, as God is among us in the weak, the needy, the lost, the sick, walking among us, up and down the aisle of this church, sitting in the back pews, or on the doorsteps.

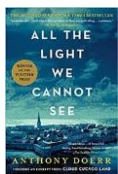
When I allow God to widen my scope of vision through faith, I can see more, perceive more, and do more to serve God. With faith, everything comes alive, and we can take in the beauty of everything that surrounds us as gift. Our work, our serving others becomes life giving and exuberant!

For me, personally, faith is a prized treasure that I cherish and hope to give everyone I meet, especially children. Awakening a child to encountering God is best gift a community and parents can offer! Even as we struggle with difficulties and challenges, its effect is immediate. It can make a profound difference in the life of a child, and in our world...

ST. Agnes Book Club –

Postponed Until October 29th

Unfortunately, the book club scheduled for this Friday, September 24th, has been postponed until Friday, October 29th. We will discuss *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr in October. Sorry for any inconvenience. 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.



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: \$11,346

Needed: \$51,963

Thank you for helping us meet our goal this year!

Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Upcoming Events



[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](#)

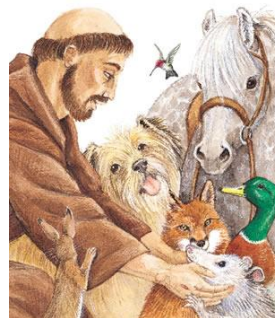
Friday, October 22 (4:00pm) – October 24 (2:00pm).
Non-Silent retreat for women.

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.jrcsaltos.org.

The Feast of St. Francis

The weekend of October 2nd & 3rd

The weekend of October 2 & 3 we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi by **inviting parishioners to**



bring their pets or pictures of their pets to be blessed at all the Masses. St Francis (1181 or 1182 – 1226), founder of the Franciscan order of the Catholic Church, lived during the late 12th and 13th centuries in Italy. He is remembered for his generosity to the poor and his willingness to minister to

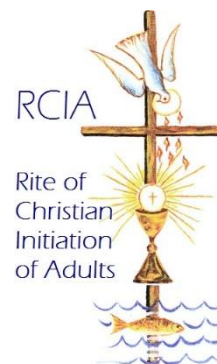
the lepers. However, what many people recall about him is his love for animals and nature.

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) –

Starts Sunday, Sept. 26th.

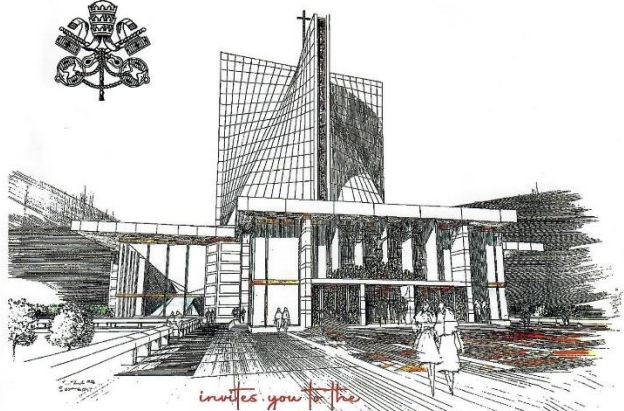
There is still time to register for RCIA? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing Baptism, Confirmation and full admission into the Catholic Church? Please encourage them to inquire about the RCIA program here at St. Agnes. Sessions will begin September 19th. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please contact **Cathy Collins** by email:

Cathy@SaintAgnesSF.com for more information.



**California Patrons of the Arts in
the Vatican Museums -
Cathedral Sacred Arts Treasury
& History Exhibit 2021
October 1 – 5, 2021 @
Cathedral of St. Mary of the
Assumption**

California Patrons of the Arts in the Vatican Museums



invites you to the

Cathedral Sacred Arts Treasury & History Exhibit 2021

October 1 to 5, 2021 Free Admission

Operating Hours:

Friday, October 1, 10am-5pm + Saturday, October 2, 10am-5:30pm + Sunday, October 3, 10am-4pm

Monday and Tuesday, October 4 & 5, 10am-5pm

The Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption

1111 Gough Street, San Francisco, Ca, 94109; Located in Saint Francis Hall, Event Center Level

Golden Jubilee "50 Years of Faith and Gratitude"

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.