

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.

September 26 – 27, 2020

Dear St. Agnes Community,

St. Paul urges: “have in you the same attitude that is also in Christ Jesus.” Christ’s is an attitude of unconditional love, care for those in need and mercy towards everyone—including those with whom we disagree. For this we must strive in our life as Christians, and our life together as a parish community.

This past Sunday our bishop invited parishes around the archdiocese to raise our voices concerning the disproportionately strict Covid-19 restrictions on places of worship, when compared with the relatively permissiveness of the policy towards retail and entertainment venues. Fr. George, I, and a group of St. Agnes parishioners joined in the procession to the cathedral. While certainly not all SF Catholics agree on everything (not even all St. Agnes parishioners!) – neither in matters of faith, nor in politics, nor indeed whether this public action was even the right thing to do in the circumstances –there was nevertheless a palpable unity we felt in the crowd of around 1000 people: that our faith is dear to us, our Sunday worship as a community is important to us, that we are all parts of the one Body of Christ. If we hold firm to Christ in our life, he will heal every division.

I sincerely thank all who voiced their opinions and concerns as well as encouragement and positive feedback. It is important that we do not distance ourselves from the issues of our local community and the Church in SF. We inevitably will not agree on everything, but it is important that we take our place at the table and engage in dialogue.

Personally, I was very moved by the stories that I heard on Sunday afternoon. It was edifying to hear that so many parishes across the Archdiocese are finding creative ways to reach out to parishioners in light of the reality of Covid-19. Some parishes have “drive-in masses.” Others have started garden Rosaries, prayer partners, drive-through Communion, or (and this was the most creative!) “walking confessions” in the parking lot of the parish. Others have ramped up their outreach to those experiencing food insecurity due to increased joblessness and homelessness.

I feel blessed and encouraged by the creative parishioners and staff at St. Agnes, as we too attempt to minister to those who are more vulnerable in the present circumstances. One new thing we are doing is that we started a Sunday Spanish mass at 1:30 p.m. We are on our second Sunday, and although numbers are not the sole measure of successful pastoral outreach it may reflect at least significant interest. Our first livestreamed Spanish mass had 520 views last Sunday! We invite you to help spread the word. *Gracias por su apoyo y solidaridad!* [Thank you for your support and solidarity!]

Alejandro Sáez, S.F.

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

Sept. 26 & 27 – 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Isaiah 5.1-7 •
Philippians 4.6-9 • Matthew 21.33-43**

Date	Intention	Presider
Sept. 26	(Outside at the ISLC)	
3:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
4:00 PM	Raymond Rosario (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Sept. 27	(Via Live-Stream)	
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (L) (Via Live-Stream - In Spanish)	Fr. Joe Spieler
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Sept. 28	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	Robert Szarnicki (D)	Fr. George Williams
Sept. 29	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	Tom McDonald (D)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Sept. 30	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	John Henseler (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Oct. 1	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	Evelyn Estrella (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Oct. 2	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	Richard Kain (D)	Fr. George Williams
Oct. 3	(Outside at the ISLC)	
3:00 PM	Maureen Aggeler (D)	Fr. George Williams
4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
Oct. 4	(Outside at the ISLC)	
8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes (Via Live-Stream)	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Anne DeVincenzi Dito (D) (Via Live-Stream - In Spanish)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	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 all the weekly Mass gifts and all the unrestricted gifts we have received.

If you would like to donate, please consider donating 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

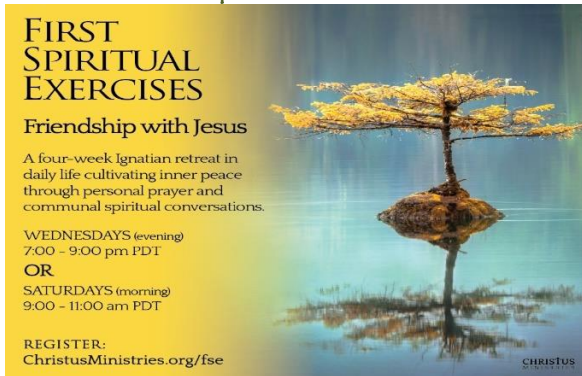
Pope Francis' September Prayer Intention

Respect for the Planet's Resources

"We pray that the planet's resources will not be plundered but shared in a just and respectful manner."

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

(Sep. 21 – Oct. 25)



Calling all Who Completed the Spiritual Exercises Retreat (30-Day & 19th Annotation)

The ISLC would like to hear from those who have made the full Spiritual Exercises (19th Annotation & 30-day). Did you know that there is a series of reflections and prayer periods designed to help continue the work you did during the Exercises? Would you like to join with others in a post-Exercises journey integrating your ongoing relationship with Christ?

Contact Grace at grace@saintagnessf.org if you are interested in deepening in faith and friendship with God and others.

Listening Sessions with Fr. George

Mon. & Wed., 7:00pm – 8:00pm

You are invited to a Zoom meeting with our new Pastor, Fr. Williams, Monday and Wednesday through the end of September. Please register using the link below. *Note that multiple dates appear in the selection list including Tuesday and Thursday dates. Just check the box of the date that falls on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday.*
Zoom link: <https://usfca.zoom.us/j/94150085869>.

Envisioning a Just Society Amidst COVID-19

COVID-19 has exposed deep injustices in our society, particularly systemic racism, which intersects with all the social issues that have been exacerbated by this economic and public health crisis. This fall, the Jesuit works in San Francisco will partner to reflect on the impact of COVID-19 in our context and ask ourselves how we are called to walk with the marginalized toward a just future.

Through an anti-racist lens, we will generate dialogues on incarceration, homelessness, and vulnerable workers with social justice leaders in San Francisco. Guided reflections will draw upon the Catholic social tradition to invite us to imagine a just society after COVID-19.

This four-part webinar series, co-sponsored by the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center at St. Agnes, St. Ignatius College Preparatory, St. Ignatius parish and the Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition at USF, will include an opportunity for group reflection each week.



Topic: Homelessness, Moderator: Grace Salceanu, Director, Ignatian Spiritual Life Center at St. Agnes Church. *Reflection: Tues Sept. 29, (12pm) or Thurs, Oct 1, 7PM*

Topic: Essential Work, Moderator: Erin Brigham, Executive Director, Joan and Ralph Lane Center for Catholic Social Thought and the Ignatian Tradition, University of San Francisco. *Reflection: Tues. Oct. 6, (12pm), or Thurs. Oct. 8th 7PM*

Register : <https://justsocietyseries.wordpress.com/>

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

YES, we are doing Children's Faith Formation for grades K-8 this school year! Much like local schools, we will be starting the year with online Zoom classes. Check out the [St. Agnes Website](http://St.AgnesWebsite) for details on our CFF plans or just email Hannah@SaintAgnesSF.org with any questions. Click the link below to sign up for CFF!



[CFF Registration Link](#)

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.

Receiving Communion

During Shutdown – 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.



Masses at St. Agnes

Saturdays

at 3:00pm and 4:00pm

Outside at the ISLC

Join us for Masses outside in the back of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center every Saturday. You must sign up prior to the Masses via our web site or by calling the rectory. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited.

Sundays

8:30am (starting Oct. 4)

Outside at the ISLC

Join us for Mass outside in the back of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. You must sign up prior to the Masses via our web site or by calling the rectory. Please make sure you receive a confirmation; space is limited.

10:30 am (English) & 1:30 pm (Spanish)

(Live-Streaming Only)

Please join us every Sunday as we celebrate Mass via live-stream. [Click here](#) to join us.



Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday at 8:30am

Outside at the ISLC

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

Staff Corner



Frank Uranich

The 14th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, most popularly referred to as the Synod on the Family took place from the 4th to the 25th of October 2015. In a few weeks we will mark its 5th anniversary in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

I have been aware of the blessings that I have received in the last 6 months with regard to my own family. I have telephoned, texted, emailed and FaceTimed my sisters more than in any other time in my life. We have grown even closer to each other at a time when we have never physically been more apart. I expect we all have experienced a variation on this theme.

The other day I came across the prayer that Pope Francis prayed on the Eve of the Synod nearly 5 years ago. The prayer, I think, is as important today as it was then. We can adapt it to our present situation both personal and communal. It appears here for your prayerful consideration.

“ May the Wind of Pentecost blow upon the Synod’s work, on the Church, and on all of humanity. Undo the knots which prevent people from encountering one another, heal the wounds that bleed, rekindle hope.”

Feast of St. Francis -Blessing of the Pets

Next Sunday, Oct. 4

10:30 am Live-Stream

Next week we will celebrate the Feast of St. Francis and we invite you to **send in your photos** of your pets to be blessed during our Mass. Please send your photos to Matthew@SaintAgnesSF.org. You may also bring your pet for a blessing during our Communion Service in the front of the church from 1 – 2pm.



Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
And i Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,
who as 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