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# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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## September 4 - 5, 2021

Happy Labor Day Weekend!

This weekend's gospel narrative from Mark offers us a personal, intimate healing story of how Jesus' power opens the ears and of a deaf man and restores his speech.

"Ephphatha! [Be Opened!]" The Church uses this healing word of Jesus in the rite of Baptism, because our encounter with Jesus, we hope and pray, is as life changing as it was for the man healed in this Sunday's gospel. We asked God to bless them with open hearts, minds, eyes and ears to perceive God's word and presence; and open mouths that testify to the gospel at all times.

On this Labor Day Weekend, let us not forget to be grateful for the labor of so many who make our lives possible, and that we owe every sister and brother dignity, respect and a living wage. On this long weekend whether you are cooking, cleaning, spending time in nature or with your family and friends, or simply resting at home, may it be an occasion of receiving God's grace in your open hearts, ears, eyes and hands!

Please do not forget that registration for our **Children Faith Formation** Program is still open. Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF, is our coordinator. She has been working with our Catechist volunteers to ensure they are ready to welcome your children. Regarding safety from Covid, we follow the SF City guidelines and SF Archdiocese protocols for teaching and learning in schools and nonprofits.  
<https://form.jotform.com/211728062527151>

If you know any adult who needs to "catch-up" on their sacraments or want to join the Catholic faith, please invite them to inquire about our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program. We will have a cohort in English, led by our lovely Cathy Collins and her team, and we may have another one in Spanish.

As a Catholic Parish in the Jesuit tradition, we remind you that in the coming weeks we will begin to explore the "Apostolic Preferences" recently identified by the Society of Jesus. These preferences are meant to guide Jesuit ministries to focus in on the greatest needs of the Church and the world today.



Lastly, let's offer to God everything we are and what we do! "Whether, then you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." - 1 Corinthians 10:31

Ad Majoriem Dei Gloriam

*Alejandro Báez, S.J.*

## 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

<b>Pastor</b>	Fr. George Williams, S.J.
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Fr. Alejandro Báez, S.J.
<b>Priest in Residence</b>	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
<b>Director of Liturgy &amp; Music</b>	Frank Uranich
<b>Director of Operations &amp; Finance</b>	Maureen Beckman
<b>Director of the Spiritual Life Center</b>	Sr. Julia Prinz, VDMF
<b>Coordinator of Children's Faith Formation</b>	Sr. Teresa Malave, VDMF
<b>Administrative Assistant</b>	Marco Matute
<b>Bookkeeper</b>	Dorenda Haynes
<b>Sexton</b>	Mario Hernandez
<b>Cantor</b>	Scott Grinthal
<b>Sacristans</b>	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tomiaga, Teri Bradshaw
<b>Art &amp; Environment</b>	St. Agnes Staff
<b>Bereavement Team</b>	TBA
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Outreach to Homebound/Sick</b>	TBA
<b>St. Agnes &amp; St. Ignatius Comm. Food Pantry Director</b>	Kathleen Devine
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	TBA
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Parish Council Chair</b>	Karen Xavier
<b>Director R.C.I.A.</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>LGBTQ Ministry</b>	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: \$2,612.45**

*Sunday Masses: \$2,209*

*Online (monthly and one-time donations): \$403.45*

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

## Sept. 4 & 5 | 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Isaiah 50: 5-9a • James 2: 14-18 • Mark 8: 27-35**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Sept. 4</b> 4:00 PM	Sr. Katie O'Shea (L)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>Sept. 5</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM (Spanish)	James Ochman (D) Catherine Durieu (D) Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez Fr. Alejandro Báez Fr. Alejandro Báez
<b>Sept. 6</b> 12:00 PM	Chris Traverso (L)	Various Presiders
<b>Sept. 7</b> 12:00 PM	Elizabeth Zialcita (L)	Various Presiders
<b>Sept. 8</b> 12:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Various Presiders
<b>Sept. 9</b> 12:00 PM	Allen Taggart (D)	Various Presiders
<b>Sept. 10</b> 12:00pm	Communion Service	Various Presiders
<b>Sept. 11</b> 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
<b>Sept. 12</b> 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 1:30 PM (Spanish)	Frank Mucci (L) Patrick Sullivan (D) Joe Gordon (D)	Fr. George Williams Fr. George Williams Fr. George Williams

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.

## 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](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)

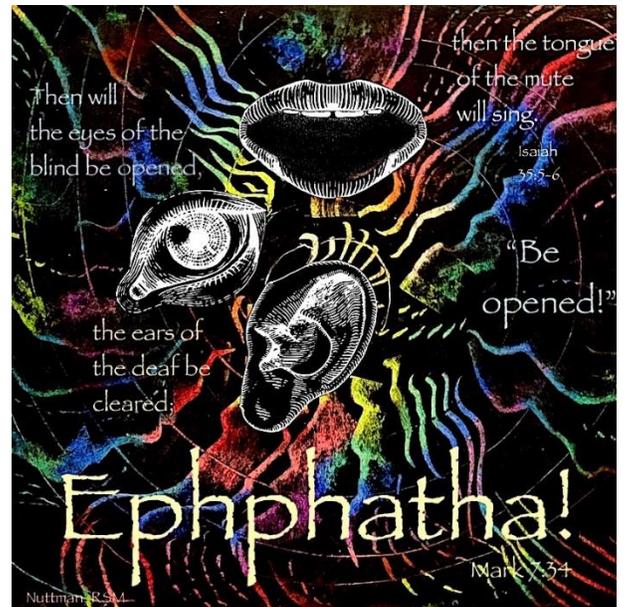
Are you interested in becoming Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Do you know someone who is interested in pursuing



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 in late September. 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.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



### 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),



## Giant's Game Ticket Update

Oct. 1 at 6:45pm



Thanks to all those who have signed-up for the waitlist. We have been emailing people on the list and giving them 3 days to respond to our emails before we move on to the next person. If you are on the waitlist and haven't been contacted yet, you still might be contacted. 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.

## LGBTQ Prayer and Fellowship

Wednesday, September 1, 6:00 – 7:30pm

Please join us for prayer and fellowship on Wednesday, Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>. For COVID safety, we will meet at the ISLC patio, so please bring a jacket and/or a blanket with you and dress for warmth. If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Wise at [andeawise@gmail.com](mailto:andeawise@gmail.com).

## Monthly Restorative Justice Breakfast at St. Agnes

(Supports Student Scholarships)

Saturday, Sept. 11 at 8:00am

In the back of the church

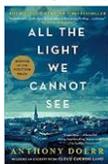
Next breakfast: Saturday, September 11 at 8:00 a.m. at St. Agnes Parish (1025 Masonic Ave., San Francisco) To purchase tickets: [excellnetwork.org/breakfast](http://excellnetwork.org/breakfast) The Restorative Justice Scholarship Program provides scholarship stipends to students on probation or parole who want to pursue their education and make a change in their lives. Monthly breakfasts are open to anyone who wants to support these scholarships while hearing students' stories and building community.

**Proceeds go to Excell Network**, a non-profit working in collaboration with the Archdiocese of San Francisco Restorative Justice Ministry, to fund student scholarships. For more information, contact Julio Escobar at the Archdiocese of SF, [EscobarJ@sfArch.org](mailto:EscobarJ@sfArch.org), (415) 614-5572.

## 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.



## 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).

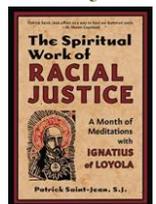
## Pastor's Book Club

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!



## 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.



## St. Agnes Offices will be Closed

In observance of Labor Day, Monday September 6, the St. Agnes Office and the Spiritual Life Center will be closed.

## Staff Corner



**Frank Uranich**

I am so happy to be back at St. Agnes. Thank you all for the prayers and thoughtful gestures of emails, texts, cards, flowers and groceries left on my porch. These acts of kindness and love really kept me going during the extended healing process. It was not the way I had planned to spend my vacation, but I am grateful, nonetheless.

I have not had such a long period of time removed from day-to-day social interaction since my last 30-day retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center, “El Retiro”, in Los Altos. May I just put in a quick plug for the Retreat Center. If you have never checked out the offerings (retreat weekends, individual retreats long or short, themed retreats for women or men, days of recollection) or visited the Retreat Center you really owe it to yourself to do so. First, the grounds are beautiful with a labyrinth, walking trails, outdoor stations of the cross, flowers, trees and views. Second, the bookstore alone is worth the ride to the Center.

My time recuperating was a kind of retreat. I was able to go deep into the quiet inside. What I found was gratitude. I was first grateful for having been vaccinated twice so that my illness was not life threatening. I was grateful to have a roof over my head, food to eat, zoom, phone calls, texts and daily communication with at least one of my sisters. When I began to feel better, I was able to put on a mask and go outside and smell the air and feel the sun. We have had a relatively sunny August this year! At first these seem like simple things for which to be grateful but actually they are really important and meaningful. They are the things that I usually take for granted and just expect to be there for me.

In the popular book by the monk, David Steindl-Rast, *Gratefulness, the Heart of Prayer: An Approach to Life in Fullness*, the author begins with a poem by Kabir, the 15<sup>th</sup> century Indian mystic.

“Do you have a body? Don’t sit on the porch! Go out and walk in the rain!.... If you are in love, then why are you asleep? Wake up, wake up!.....You have slept millions and millions of years. Why not wake up this morning?”

The quiet time afforded me an opportunity to “wake up” with gratitude for blessings. David Steindl-Rast says, “All prayer is essentially an act of gratitude. Even the prayer of petition that boils up from some agonizing personal need includes, if it is authentic, a stated belief that ‘God’s will be done’-an expression of our utter dependence on God’s mercy.”

## 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.*

## 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

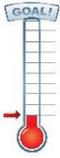


Director of Liturgy, is happy to train you, so you do not need prior experience. It’s a wonderful way to become more involved and help the parish at the same time. Please contact Frank at

[Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Frank@SaintAgnesSF.org), (415) 450-8639 for more information or to sign-up for training.

## 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: \$11,046**

**Still left to raise: \$52,263**

THANK YOU for helping us meet our goal this year!

## Jesuit Retreat Center of Los Altos Upcoming Events



### [Virtual 12-Step Recovery Retreat for Women](#)

Thursday, September 9 (7:30pm) – September 12 (Noon)

### [In-Person 12-step Recovery Retreat for Women](#)

Thursday, September 9 (4:00pm) – September 12 (2:00pm)

### [Virtual Retreat – Contemplative Prayer Practicum](#)

Sunday, September 12 (7:00pm) – September 18 (8:00pm)

### [In-Person Practicing Ignatian Contemplation](#)

Friday, September 17 (4:00pm) – September 19 (2:00pm)

### [Virtual Retreat Series: Discerning God's Will for Your Retirement](#)

Wednesday, September 22 (Every 4 Wednesdays), 7:00pm – 8:30pm

### [Virtual Retreat – Visio Divina, Praying with Art](#)

Wednesday, September 29 (7:00pm) – October 1 (8:00pm)

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.