

St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse
Inclusive Jesuit



Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am	Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
10:30am	Weekdays: 8:30am
6:00pm	Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm

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 men and women 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.

November 4 & 5, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

There is no doubt that “Mercy” is the heart of Pope Francis’ transformation of the Catholic Church. Recently Ronald Rolheiser wrote of the **Ten Commandments of Mercy** so that we might always remember how important God’s Mercy is in our life and the life of the world. For the next few weeks I’d like to look at these commandments and offer personal reflections.

1. Remember that mercy lies deepest in God’s heart.

Few things so much approximate the essence of God as does mercy. Mercy is God’s essence. Scripture uses such words as loving-kindness and compassion to try and define what constitutes God’s mercy, but the central biblical concept, captured in the Hebrew concept of “hesed”, connotes a relationship that loves, embraces and forgives even when, and especially when, we cannot measure up or deserve what is given us.

Yes, God loves us even when we are sinners. The Cross is the forceful expression of Christ’s unconditional love. When we look at the cross we can see what sin can do but also how far God will go to show God’s love for us. This is the foundation of our lives. We are in the hands of a benign God.

2. Remember that Mercy is the essence of all true religion.

Inside religion and spirituality, within all faiths, three things try to lay claim to what’s central: proper religious practice, outreach to the poor, and compassion. Ultimately, they are not in opposition but complementary pieces of one religious whole. But for religious practice and outreach to the poor to be an extension of God’s love and not of human ego, they need to be predicated upon compassion, mercy. Deepest inside of every religion is the invitation: Be compassionate, merciful as God is compassionate.

Raymond Allen, S.J.

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Admin.	Maureen Beckman
Director of Children's Faith Formation & Ignatian Spiritual Life Center	Natalie Terry
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Bookkeeper	Cathy Collins
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Altar Linens & Vessels	Nita Zarilla
Consolation Ministry	Naomi Mayer
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Food Pantry Director	Stacey Shaffer
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Legion of Mary	Felina Lapuz
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Nancy Stretch
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Cathy Collins
Young Adult	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

Nov. 4 & 5 ~ 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

**Wisdom 6.12-16 •
1 Thessalonians 4.13-18 • Matthew 25.1-13**

Date	Intention	Presider
Nov. 4 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Tom Whelan
Nov. 5 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Christine Rodgers (L) Philip and Peter Smith (D) Stacey Shaffer (L)	Fr. Joe Specht Fr. Ray Allender Fr. Ray Allender
Nov. 6 8:30 AM	Gabriel Kenny Austria (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Nov. 7 8:30 AM	Margaret Burke (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 8 8:30 AM	Victims of NYC Terrorism	Fr. Ray Allender
Nov. 9 8:30 AM	Virginia Snyder (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Nov. 10 8:30 AM	Pete Clausen (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Nov. 11 4:00 PM	Members of the Legion of Mary (D)	Fr. Stephen Pitts
Nov. 12 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes Gladys Clary (D) Pope Francis (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler Fr. Joe Specht Fr. Joe Specht

D = Deceased; L = Living

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays • 3pm – 3:45pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am to 4:30pm
(Closed Noon-1pm for lunch)

Phone: 415-487-8560

Fax: 415-487-8575

St. Agnes Stewardship

Last Sunday Collection: \$5,817

Last year: \$3,987

4pm: **\$3146**; 8:30am: **\$598**; 10:30am: **\$1773**; 6:00pm: **\$300**

Please consider donating using PayPal or EFT!

New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form found at the entrances to the church or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. We invite you to support Saint Agnes generously and to participate in the various programs that are offered here and through the Spiritual Life Center. All are welcome!

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.

Children's Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our Daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel and is open for all Masses. Parents with children under 18 months are welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

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. It houses a library, book center, garden, and chapel. Visit www.ignatianspirituallifecenter.org.



COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Natalie Terry at Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com or 415-487-8560 x225.

ISLC Office Hours: please call for an appointment

Pope Francis' November Prayer Intention "Christians in Asia"

"That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions."

A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sr. Maura Book Series

Thursdays, Nov. 9 & 16 from 6-8pm

Do you remember where you were in December of 1980 when you heard the news that four Catholic Church women were killed in the midst of the political unrest in El Salvador? Even if you were still only a twinkle in your mother's eye, this story is one that is worth remembering... Please join us the **first three Thursdays in November** at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for prayer, reflection, and dialogue, about the new book by Eileen Markey, *A Radical Faith: The Assassination of Sister Maura*.

The program will continue as follows:

Nov. 9 Gathering and light soup supper
6:00 – 6:30, Discussion of Chapters 4 - 7

Nov. 16 (Anniversary of UCA Martyrs)
Gathering and light soup supper 6:00 – 6:30
Discussion of Chapter 8 – Epilogue

Please order your book and read the Introduction through Chapter 3 by Nov. 2nd if possible.

Conscious Aging Workshop

Thursdays, Nov. 9, 30; Dec. 14; Jan. 11, 25; Feb. 1

1:00 – 3:00pm at the ISLC

Sign up for this new workshop at the ISLC facilitated by Rev. Pat Kleinberg. Registration for the program is \$100. To register, call or e-mail Natalie.

November Remembrances

In November, we commemorate All Saints and All Souls. You are invited to bring photographs of your deceased loved ones and place them in the windows of the Church. Also, you may write the names of your deceased beloved on paper leaves and attach to a banner that will be carried in Liturgical processions through November.



Veterans Day Service

Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery invites you to a Veterans Day Prayer Service down in Colma, Saturday, November 11 at 11am. The service includes the Military Honor Guard from Travis Air Force Base and the Military Chaplains of the Archdiocese, led by Chaplain Michael Padazinski, COL, USAF. Please join us in prayer for all those who have served our country, especially those in our own St. Agnes community.

Parking in the Garage – We need every space!

Please **pull all the way forward** so we can utilize **every space** in the garage. If you need to leave early from Mass, or you are coming for CFF and not staying for Mass afterwards, try parking in the neighborhood, parishioners seem to be able to find parking if they need it. **Please remember:** If you are parked behind another car, remember to move it right away after Mass, so others can leave. Thank you for your cooperation.

ICA Cristo Rey Academy

ICA (an all-girl high school) is committed to serving specifically students from low-income households. Students participate in a work-study program that drastically offsets the cost of her tuition. ICA is currently looking for new students for the next academic year and they need your help! If you know of a family that could benefit from the Cristo Rey experience, please contact Angelica Granea, Director of Admissions at (415) 963-3202 or visit their website at www.icacademy.org for more information. They can always use monetary donations as well! Whatever you can do to help would be greatly appreciated.

Grief Support Group

Pathways Hospice will be offering a free grief support group for those suffering a loss of a family member or loved one, which will take place on Tuesday evenings at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. The group is intended to provide a safe place for sharing and support, along with discussions about the grieving process, loneliness, longing, anger, coping skills, lifestyle transitions and much more. For registration and further information please contact Dave Rutchman at 650-808-4603.

Catholic Charities Needs Your Help for Thanksgiving!

Help Catholic Charities provide a memorable Thanksgiving meal; provide food baskets, turkeys, or pumpkin pies to families in need. Volunteer at one of their programs by helping with food preparation, set-up, carving a turkey, leading activities, and helping to clean-up after the Thanksgiving luncheon or dinner. Visit: CatholicCharitiesSF.org/All-Opportunities, (415)972-1246. Help spread holiday cheer by volunteering or donating food.

UPDATE: 2017 AAA Campaign

We are getting closer to our goal thanks to your help:

Goal: \$69,583

Raised: \$45,459 (65% of our goal)

Need: \$24,124

We want to thank those who have contributed already either through the AAA or as an unrestricted gift to St. Agnes.

THANK YOU for helping us meet our goal!



ONGOING AT THE



IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am - 10am

Are you feeling worried and stressed out? You will experience a peaceful start to your day as you join us at the ISLC for 9 AM Tuesday Morning Mindfulness where using music, poetry & spiritual reading we will meditate together, hold the prayers of our community and enjoy the gift of our presence to one another.

Thursday Morning Faith Sharing 9am - 10am

Each week, participants have the opportunity to reflect on how and where God has been working in their lives and the world and to share their insights with others in a safe and respected space. The morning begins with prayer, and then moves into silence and then into discussion.

Book Club

If you enjoy lively discussion over a glass of wine and tasty snacks, come join us! The Book Club meets monthly (Sept. - June) the last Friday of the month from 7:00 - 9:00pm. (please note there is no meeting of the book club in November)

Working Stiff

By Judy Melinek

Friday, December 1st at 7pm

Young Adult Ministry

The young adult group meets once a month in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. Check back next week for information on our next meeting. To receive Our emails, contact:

YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Holy Yoga - Mondays, 7pm - 8pm

Join us every Monday at 7:00 pm for one hour of Slow Flow yoga. This will be a sacred time of using a slow flow yoga postures and breath work to ground into truth and set our focus for the week. All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in.

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