

# 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.**

## December 15 & 16, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

I have been reflecting on the connection of this new Liturgical year and the prayer of St. Francis that we all say at the end of each Mass here at St. Agnes. We ask for a very much needed peace, both in the world as a whole and in our nation, and in our local areas. However, we ask for the inspiration to contribute ourselves to this process.

The prayer reminds me of the necessity of our involvement. The first part of the prayer asks for help making life better for others around us by enabling good things where they are needed. "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."

In the next part we ask for help to put those who are in need in first place ahead of ourselves. This is pretty contrary to the way our civil society does things, but that seems to be the frequent message of the Gospel. "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."

However, we do pray for help to understand the Lord's way of doing things. We recognize then that by our generosity God becomes generous to each of us since He will not be outdone in generosity. "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."

St. Francis, after whom this city of San Francisco was named, has come up with a wonderful prayer that each of us should often reflect upon especially during this season when we celebrate that the Lord has done all of this for us.

*Joseph Specht, SJ*

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff & Ministries

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| <b>Pastor</b>  | Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.   |
| <b>Associate Pastor</b>  | Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.   |
| <b>Priest in Residence</b>   | Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.  |
| <b>Priest in Residence</b>   | Fr. Lourdu Mummadi, S.J.   |
| <b>Priest in Residence</b>   | Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, S.J.   |
| <b>Director of Liturgy &amp; Music</b>   | Frank Uranich  |
| <b>Director of Operations &amp; Admin.</b>   | Maureen Beckman  |
| <b>Director of Children's Faith Formation &amp; Ignatian Spiritual Life Center</b> | Grace Salceanu   |
| <b>Administrative Assistant</b>  | Marco Matute   |
| <b>Bookkeeper</b>  | Cathy Collins  |
| <b>Sexton</b>  | Mario Hernandez  |
| <b>Cantor</b>  | Scott Grinthal   |
| <b>Sacristans</b>  | Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw                                |
| <b>Altar Linens &amp; Vessels</b>  | Nita Zarilla   |
| <b>Art &amp; Environment</b>   | Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute   |
| <b>Consolation Ministry</b>  | Naomi Mayer  |
| <b>Finance Committee Chair</b>   | Chris Roman  |
| <b>Food Pantry Director</b>  | Stacey Shaffer   |
| <b>St. Agnes &amp; St. Ignatius Comm. Food Bank</b>                                | Kathy Devine   |
| <b>Funeral Ministry</b>  | Jim Connor   |
| <b>Gabriel Project</b>   | Mary Alba  |
| <b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>  | Barbara Nelson   |
| <b>Wedding Coordinator</b>   | Shannon McMillen Evans   |
| <b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>   | Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski   |
| <b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>   | Marjorie Miles   |
| <b>R.C.I.A.</b>  | Cathy Collins  |
| <b>Rita da Cascia</b>  | Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson   |
| <b>Young Adult</b>   | <a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a> |

## December 15 & 16 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

**Micah 5.2-5a•  
Hebrews 10.5-10 • Luke 1.39-45**

| Date                      | Intention                     | Presider         |
|---------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Dec. 15</b><br>4:00 PM | Kendra & Felipe Fernandez (L) | Fr. Joe Specht   |
| <b>Dec. 16</b><br>8:30 AM | Theresa Meyer (D)             | Fr. Joe Specht   |
| <b>10:30 AM</b>           | Bill Zarilla (D)              | Fr. Ray Allender |
| <b>6:00 PM</b>            | Parishioners of St. Agnes     | Fr. Ray Allender |
| <b>Dec. 17</b><br>8:30 AM | Jean Kelly (D)                | Fr. Ray Allender |
| <b>Dec. 18</b><br>8:30 AM | Walter & Gloria Manchur (L)   | Fr. Joe Specht   |
| <b>Dec. 19</b><br>8:30 AM | Jean Kientz (L)               | Fr. Ray Allender |
| <b>Dec. 20</b><br>8:30 AM | Fr. Paul Belcher (D)          | Fr. Joe Spieler  |
| <b>Dec. 21</b><br>8:30 AM | Robert Kelly (D)              | Fr. Joe Specht   |
| <b>Dec. 22</b><br>4:00 PM | Parishioners of St. Agnes     | Fr. Ray Allender |
| <b>Dec. 23</b><br>8:30 AM | Jean Kelly (D)                | Fr. Joe Specht   |
| <b>10:30 AM</b>           | Jerry Ennis (D)               | Fr. Ray Allender |

D = Deceased; L = Living

## 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. 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. 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. Visit [www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org).

## Archdiocesan Victim's Assistance Coordinator

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

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: \$4,043**

Last year: \$3,572

4pm: \$953; 8:30am: \$939; 10:30am: \$1818; 6pm: \$333

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection – Religious Retirement – \$3063



## COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Grace Salceanu at  
[Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com) or 415-487-8560 x225.

[www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org](http://www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org)

### Pope Francis' December Prayer Intention

*"Evangelization - In the Service of the Transmission of Faith"*

"That people, who are involved in the service and transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language suited to the conditions of the present time."

### AAA 2018 - Update

Help us Reach our Goal by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>!

**Goal: \$69,751**

**Raised: \$45,686**

**To Our Goal: \$24,065** (as of 12/11/2018)

Thanks to all those who have already donated and to those who will donate to help us reach our goal!

We need YOU!

### Children's Christmas Choir



Rehearsals for the Children's choir in preparation for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic Liturgy will on **Sundays through Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>**. Rehearsals are on Sundays after 10:30am Mass. **All children are welcome** to participate, and they don't need to be able to read music. Parents are asked to be in the Church while rehearsal is going on. **Please make sure that the children are at St. Agnes on Christmas Eve by 4:15pm** for the 5pm Mass. Thank you.

### End of the Year Giving

None of the wonderful programs we have would be possible without the generous support of our parishioners along with the support of the friends of St. Agnes. As we move toward the end of the year please consider a tax-deductible "unrestricted" gift to the parish or the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. We are deeply grateful for your help as we strive to live the gospel of Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury.

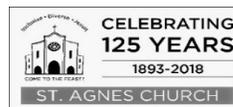
### No 6:00pm Mass, Sunday, Dec. 23

There will be no 6:00pm Mass on Sunday December 23<sup>rd</sup> because of the Christmas holiday week.

### Hospitality Volunteers Needed

Please consider volunteering for hospitality after the 10:30 am Mass. If you are interested and available to volunteer for this ministry, please call the parish office (415-487-8560) or email [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com).

## 125th Anniversary Events & Happenings



### Save the Dates: Dinner Gala and

### Rededication Mass of St. Agnes Church

Dinner Gala - **Saturday, April 6, 2019**

Church Rededication Mass - **Sunday, April 7, 2019**

### History Committee

Do you like to write? As part of the St. Agnes 125th anniversary celebration, a small History committee is working on showcasing our parish history through activities and articles. We need help with writing articles about various topics for different outlets - displays, blog posts and a parish book. Please contact Shannon Kastner at [shannonkastner@gmail.com](mailto:shannonkastner@gmail.com) or by phone, (415) 813-0551 for more information and to help out!

### Dinner Gala Auction

During our gala event, we will hold an auction to raise funds for a new church sound system, and we need your help. We are looking for fun, interesting donated items to be auctioned off such as vacation home stays, airline miles, sports tickets and other unique goods. We will also be collecting gift cards for baskets, so if you find that a more appealing way to give, or you just have that one card you don't know what to do with, please consider donating it to our auction! **Starting the second weekend in January**, auction committee members will have a table in the hospitality area after Mass. You will be able to **drop-off items and also sign-up** to provide an item for the event. For more information or to arrange a donation please contact **Ruth Mitchell** at [rfmitch@pacbell.net](mailto:rfmitch@pacbell.net) or 415.923.4485. Thank you!

### New Parish Photo Directory

In honor of the 125th Anniversary of Saint Agnes Parish, a new photo directory will be produced in spring 2019 with households' photo-taking sessions to be scheduled in **late Feb**. If you want your entire family included but have children who will be away at school at that time but who are home for the holidays, Matthew Tominaga will be available on Sunday, **Dec 30 after the 10:30 Mass** to take a photo of your family that will be included in the directory. Look for sign-ups coming soon for the Feb/March dates!



## Christmas & New Years'

### Mass Times



#### **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent:**

**4:00pm**, Saturday, Dec. 22 and  
**8:30am & 10:30 am** Sunday, Dec. 23 (No 6pm)

#### **Christmas Eve:**

**5:00pm & 10:00pm**  
(Parking in the garage & street)

#### **Christmas Day**

**10:30am** (Parking in the garage & street)

#### **New Years' Day**

**10:00am** (Parking in garage & street)



## ONGOING AT THE



## IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

### Monday, Holy Yoga, 7pm – 8pm

(Please note: No YOGA on 12/17, 12/24 and 12/31)

Join us Mondays for 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. We'll practice showing up as simply and honestly as we can manage so that our focus can shift from us to God, and we can begin to sense His grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10 min early.

### Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am – 10am

(Please note: No TMM on 12/25 or 1/1)

Join us for an opportunity to use music, poetry & spiritual reading to 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 at 7:00pm  
*(There will be no Book Club Meeting in Dec.)*

*Winter Soldier*

By Daniel Mason

January 25, 2019

## 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