

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 16 & 17, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

*Love
increases and multiplies
as you divide it
and share it with others.*

Quoted from a tea towel my sister gave me when I was first married. How true!

Originally Rita da Cascia House was a hospice for mothers who were dying from HIV. As new drugs were developed to control the virus, Rita da Cascia changed its program. Today more than 150 women receive intensive medical case management, counseling, child care and recreation for the women and their families.

Last week St. Agnes provided a Christmas party. Santa Claus made a spectacular entrance, and everyone had their picture taken with Santa. We served a buffet lunch. The women made some Christmas ornaments, and everyone went home with a present.

Throughout the year, we provide 12 dinners. The women meet, share a meal and receive counseling. But this dinner speaks volumes in words unspoken-- kindness, understanding, caring, generosity. When we receive a gift of love in the midst of struggle it brings a sense of peace and joy. Such gifts cannot be contained, they can only be shared and multiply exponentially.

I have coordinated the Rita da Cascia meals for four years and now Kevin and Mary Lou Johnson, parishioners at St. Agnes, have graciously offered to continue the tradition. If you would like to be part of this special ministry by helping to cook an entree or make a dessert, please email Mary Lou Johnson: marylou797@aol.com.

Cathy Collins

(Bookkeeper, RCIA Co-Director)

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
Wedding Coordinator	Rita Clunies-Ross
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Marjorie Miles
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Cathy Collins
Young Adult	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

December 16 & 17 – Third Sunday of Advent

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

**2 Samuel 7.1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 •
Romans 16.25-27 • Luke 1.26-38**

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 16 4:00 PM	Frances "Sky" Cunha (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 17 8:30 AM	Joseph & Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
10:30 AM	Jerry Ennis (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 18 8:30 AM	Al Woods (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 19 8:30 AM	Margaret Walsh (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 20 8:30 AM	Paul Belcher, SJ (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 21 8:30 AM	Madie Baptiste (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Dec. 22 8:30 AM	Bob & Troyann Nilsen (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 23 4:00 PM	Moyra Trigueiro (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 24 8:30 AM	Genie Allender (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
5:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	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. 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.

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: \$3,572

Last year: \$4,106

4pm: \$876; 8:30am: \$578; 10:30am: \$1957; 6:00pm: \$161

2nd Collection – Retired Religious: \$3,598



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' December Prayer Intention "The Elderly"

"That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations."

Holy Yoga Advent Series Mondays, 7:00 – 8:00pm

Holy Yoga will spend the seven weeks leading up to Christmas meditating on the seven names of God used in the O Antiphons (a set of prayers the church has been using since the 6th century!) These are the prayers that inspired the verses of the song *O Come O Come Emanuel* and they each represent our deepest needs and longings as people. Join us at the ISLC each week for a heart, soul, mind, body meditation.

AAA 2017 - Update

Help us Reach our Goal by Dec. 31st!

Raised: \$49,098

Goal: \$69,583

To Our Goal: \$20,485 (as of 12/13/2017)

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

Help is Needed!

Our long-time Parishioner Madie Baptiste passed away last week; her "Amen's" after the homilies will be missed. We have had a request from her daughter for help in clearing out her home, especially they would like to donate her clothes. If you would like to assist Madie's family, please contact Michelle at (415) 261-5812. Thank you in advance for your help.

St. Agnes Office Closed

The office will be closed on **Monday, Dec. 25, 26 & 27th** for the Christmas holiday!

FilmRaiser for St. Agnes Families Group

St. Agnes is participating in FilmRaiser. If you buy tickets to see the new film *WONDER* in December anywhere in the United States, \$1/ticket will be donated to St. Agnes Families Group. Please share this link with family and friends to purchase tickets: <https://www.fandango.com/wonder-199146/movie-overview?a=13034&cmp=13034:wonder12770>.

Thanks for your support!

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.

Christmas Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church. You may remember your loved ones by making a donation for flowers in their names. There are special envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Your petitions will remain on the altar through the Christmas season.



Christmas & New Years'

Mass Times & Parking

4th Sunday of Advent:

4:00pm, Saturday, Dec. 23 and

8:30am, Sunday, Dec. 24 (No 10:30 or 6pm)

Christmas Eve:

5:00pm & 10:00pm

(Parking in the garage and John Adams Lot –
Masonic at Hayes)

Christmas Day:

10:30am (Parking in the garage only)

New Year's Eve Weekend:

4:00pm, Saturday, Dec. 30, **8:30am and 10:30am**,
Dec. 31. (Parking in the garage and John Adams Lot –
Masonic at Hayes. No 6pm)

New Year's Day:

10:00am (Parking in garage only)

Children's Christmas Choir



The final rehearsal for the Children's choir in preparation for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic Liturgy is this Sunday **Dec. 17th**, 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.



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.

Glass Houses (this is a change)

By Louise Penny

Friday, January 26, 2018 at 7pm

Dorothy Day - The World Will be Saved by Beauty

By Kate Hennessey

Friday, February 23, 2018 at 7pm

Young Adult Ministry

The young adult group meets once a month in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. To receive Our emails, contact: YoungAdults@SaintAgneseSF.com.

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