

St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse

Inclusive

Jesuit



Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am

10:30am

6:00pm

Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm

Weekdays: 8:30am

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 1 & 2, 2018

Dear Parishioners,

We now begin a new liturgical year with the First Sunday of Advent. This is a season of expectation as we prepare for Christmas. We try to make ourselves ready for Christ's coming, not only at Christmas, but in our everyday life and also for that day when He will come again.

How do we prepare? Certainly, with open, generous hearts! One of my favorite scripture passages is "the Widow's Coins." Jesus points her out as generously giving not from her abundance but from her poverty. What trust she must have had that God would take care of her. How much she loved God that she gave from the little that she had. God wants to form such a relationship with us, that we love God so much we open our hearts and our lives to God. To have this kind of foundation in our life is so important: "God First, My Friends Second, and I am Third (Gayle Sayers)".

Our Advent Faith is also expectant. We believe that God will get us through whatever we face. With the recent horrendous fires in California, I cannot help but be impressed with the courageous, hopeful spirit of the victims. To also see how many have come to help them is also uplifting. There are the kind of hearts God wants to create in us, hearts like Jesus'.

So, my sisters and brothers let us allow God to mold our hearts this Advent so that we become "Alter Christus (other Christ)".

Raymond Allender, 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.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Admin.	Maureen Beckman
Director of Children's Faith Formation & Ignatian Spiritual Life Center	Grace Salceanu
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
Art & Environment	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
Consolation Ministry	Naomi Mayer
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Food Pantry Director	Stacey Shaffer
St. Agnes & St. Ignatius Comm. Food Bank	Kathy Devine
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Wedding Coordinator	Shannon McMillen Evans
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Marjorie Miles
R.C.I.A.	Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
Young Adult	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

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: \$3,892

Last year: \$5,030

4pm: \$1224; 8:30am: \$597; 10:30am: \$1679; 6pm: \$392

Please Consider a gift to Arch. Ann. Appeal!

December 1 & 2 – First Sunday of Advent

For your prayerful consideration,

readings for next week:

Baruch 5:1-9 •

Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11 • Luke 3:1-6

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 1 4:00 PM	Martin McHale (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
Dec. 2 8:30 AM	Helen Allen (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Donal Godfrey
6:00 PM	Camryn Tripp (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 3 8:30 AM	Phyllis Clausen (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 4 8:30 AM	Fr. Gene Grawny, SJ (D)	Fr. Lourdu Mummadi
Dec. 5 8:30 AM	Felina Lapuz (L)	Fr. Vincent Pereppadan
Dec. 6 10:00 AM	Jean Kelly (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Dec. 7 8:30 AM	Judy Stranzl (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 8 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
4:00 PM	Bruce Samson (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Dec. 9 8:30 AM	Joseph and Maria Moon (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
10:30 AM	Victor Cagliari (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht

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.

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.



COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Grace Salceanu at
Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com or 415-487-8560 x225.
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."

Table of Remembrance

December 2 marks the 38th Anniversary of the 4 women martyrs of El Salvador. Check out the ISLC table after Mass to learn about their lives and witness and how to remember them with our own commitments to justice. We will have information packets on how to comment on the proposed public charge regulations for immigrants as well as an Advent Sanctuary book of prayer.

Solidarity On Tap

Sunday, Dec. 9, 7:00 pm, ISLC

Save the date to explore Holy Times in the Christian and Jewish traditions, Advent & Hanukkah – times of waiting in and for the light. This dynamic event on faith and social justice is co-sponsored by the Ignatian Solidarity Network and is open to young Jesuit school alumni (21+) for fellowship, drinks and engaging guest speakers. RSVP to Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Entering the Poverty of Christ: An Advent Day of Preparation

Saturday, Dec. 15 @ 10:00 am to 1:00 pm, ISLC

Give yourself the gift of quiet prayer and companionship to prepare for the coming of our Incarnate God. Join Rosemary Robinson and Christine Rodgers for scripture, poetry, music, contemplation and silence to make space for the birth of our Lord. Liturgy and lunch will be included. Suggested donation: \$20. RSVP to Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mass for the Solemnity will be **Saturday, December 8th at 8:30 am**. Parking will be available at the Urban School garage. According to the Archdiocese of San Francisco, this Mass does not count as an anticipated Mass for the Second Sunday of Advent.

Communal Reconciliation Service

In preparation for Christmas, Saint Agnes will host a Reconciliation Service on **Saturday, December 8th at 10:00 am**. During the service, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated. Parking will be available at the Urban School garage.

Advent Giving Tree

This Advent season, we continue our Giving Tree custom to benefit three local organizations: **Hamilton Family Shelter, Rita da Cascia Program, Safe and Sound**. The Advent Tree is located near the Choir area. It is filled with ornaments with gift suggestions. Please take an ornament and bring your unwrapped gifts and place them by the tree in the church or the parish offices **by the date indicated on the ornaments**.



Children's Christmas Choir

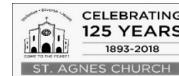
Rehearsals for the Children's choir in preparation for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic Liturgy will be on **Sundays through Dec. 16th**. Rehearsals are on Sundays after 10:30am Mass. **All children are welcome** to participate, and they don't need to be able to read music. Parents are asked to be in the Church while rehearsal is going on.



Christmas Sing-Along

Wednesday December 12th at 6:00pm will be our annual Sing-Along. Goodies will be provided. We will sing both religious and seasonal carols and songs, so bring a friend and bring your singing voices. **All are welcome!**

125th Anniversary Events



Anniversary Dinner Gala and Rededication Mass of St. Agnes Church Save the Dates:

Dinner Gala - **Saturday, April 6, 2019**
 Church Rededication Mass – **Sunday, April 7, 2019**

Interfaith Vigil outside of ICE

December 14, 11:30 am – 12:30pm at 630 Samsome St.

After the detention center in Richmond ended its contract with Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), transferring many immigrants to other states away from legal aid and family support, the Interfaith Movement discerned its next steps. They had held interfaith prayer vigils outside the detention center each month for the last 7 years. This new location in San Francisco is the fruit of their discernment. This is a prayerful and powerful way to stand with immigrants and refugees. Contact Grace@SaintAgnesSF.com for more information.



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Monday, Holy Yoga, 7pm – 8pm

(Please note: NO YOGA on 12/10, 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

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