

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 23 & 24, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Many years ago, myself and three other young Jesuits spent Christmas at the Indian Reservation in Omak, Washington. It was truly a White Christmas as the land was clothed in snow. We had a “real” midnight Mass and our job was to serve and to make sure that if anyone was inebriated they could be civilly asked to leave the Mass. I will never forget this event in 1967 because a young Native American Indian girl sang “O Holy Night”. It was absolutely beautiful as she hit all the high notes. There was something majestic about that moment - in the midst of poverty and struggle, here was a beautiful testament to faith and love in the birth of this small infant that we call our Saviour. Such a moment of Faith, Hope and Love.

Here we are, my sisters and brothers, at Christmas 2017 and we still need to hear that message. Yes, the world crucifies itself with hate, violence and injustice but let us never forget that there is much Beauty, Truth and Love in the world and the author of those realities will never leave us and is always “Emanuel” (God with Us). So, make sure you bring Beauty, Truth and Love to your family celebrations and make sure you commit yourself to making this world a bit more like the world God intended.

Merry Christmas!

Raymond Allende, 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
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	Mary Lou & Kevin Johnson
Young Adult	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

December 23 & 24 – Fourth Sunday of Advent

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
**Sirach 3.2-6, 12-14 •
Colossians 3.12-21 • Luke 2.22-40**

Date	Intention	Presider
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
Dec. 25 10:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 26 8:30 AM	Robert Parrull (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 27 8:30 AM	Al Woods (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 28 8:30 AM	Elizabeth Shmanske (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Dec. 29 8:30 AM	Phyllis Artavia (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Dec. 30 4:00 PM	Tongson Family (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Dec. 31 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	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: \$4289.88

Last year: \$4209

4pm: \$982; 8:30am: \$494; 10:30am: \$2286; 6:00pm: \$527.88

Please Remember St. Agnes in your year-end giving.



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."

Thank YOU – Natalie Terry

It is time we have to say goodbye to Natalie Terry after two incredible years as Director of the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center and Children's Faith Formation. We thank you for the many gifts you brought to St. Agnes and making all of us more aware of living a life centered in Christ. We wish you well in your new endeavors at *Faith In Action!*

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.

AAA 2017 – Last Chance

Help us Reach our Goal by Dec. 31st!

Raised: \$51,173

Goal: \$69,583

To Our Goal: \$18,410 (as of 12/19/2017)

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

St. Agnes Office Closed

The Parish office and the ISLC will be closed on **December 25, 26 & 27** for the Christmas holiday and **January 1** for the new year!

Merry Christmas

The Staff of St. Agnes would like to wish all our parishioners, friends and benefactors a very Merry Christmas and blessings for the New Year!



Thank You for Your Gifts in 2017

We are overwhelmed by the generosity of the St. Agnes community in your time, talents and monetary donations throughout 2017! Thank you so much for supporting the many programs, events and the general running of this parish. You make St. Agnes the beacon of light and hope for the Church in the Haight and in San Francisco. Thank YOU!

Christmas Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church. You may remember your loved ones by donating 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)

Three Cheers to the Volunteers!

Three cheers to the wonderful St. Agnes crew of cooks, bakers, and delivery people who help each month to prepare meals for the **Rita da Cascia Community!** Rita da Cascia, a program of Catholic Charities, provides case management services to women and their children impacted by chronic illness and homelessness. Thanks also to the food, craft, and photography volunteers at the **5th annual Christmas party** ...with a special appearance, once again, of St. Agnes' own "St. Nick" Scales! Special thanks to Cathy Collins for her creativity and compassion in guiding this ministry over the years. Cathy is passing the torch to Kevin and Mary Lou Johnson to continue this wonderful ministry on behalf of St. Agnes. Thanks to Kevin and Mary for coming forward to take over for Cathy, we owe you a debt of gratitude.



ONGOING AT THE IGNATIANT SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Tuesday Morning Mindfulness 9am - 10am

There will be no Tuesday Morning Mindfulness on December 26 or January 2. See you on Jan. 9th!

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@SaintAgnesSF.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