

# 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 2 & 3, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

I'd like to ask for your help on two fronts. We have a very good candidate to be Director of our Spiritual Life Center and Children's Faith Formation. She is married and has a young child. They will need housing and are looking for an apartment that would be reasonable rent. If you know of such a place your help would be greatly appreciated.

Secondly, the Archdiocese Annual Appeal concludes December 31 and we are presently \$21,600 short of our goal. Your help would be greatly appreciated.

Continuing Rolheiser's Ten Commandments of Mercy:

### ***5. Remember that only mercy sets us free.***

*Receiving and giving mercy is the only thing that frees from our congenital propensity to self-seek, self-justify and judge others. Nothing frees us more from the tyranny of ego than does the practice of mercy.*

There is a wonderful feeling when you forgive someone from your heart. This does not mean overlooking the fault, but it does mean holding no anger toward the perpetrator. It is with freedom of heart that we can confront someone who has wronged us.

### ***6. Remember that mercy is not opposed to justice, but its fulfillment.***

*Mercy, as Walter Kasper says is not a kind of fabric softener that undermines the dogmas and commandments, but mercy is where justice is meant to terminate.*

Mercy ensures that justice does not end on rejection of the perpetrator or a person.

*Raymond Allender, S.J.*

# Parish Information

## Parish Staff & Ministries

<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>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>	Natalie Terry
<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>Consolation Ministry</b>	Naomi Mayer
<b>Finance Committee Chair</b>	Chris Roman
<b>Food Pantry Director</b>	Stacey Shaffer
<b>Funeral Ministry</b>	Jim Connor
<b>Gabriel Project</b>	Mary Alba
<b>Ignatian Spirituality Ministry</b>	Barbara Nelson
<b>Legion of Mary</b>	Felina Lapuz
<b>Wedding Coordinator</b>	Rita Clunies-Ross
<b>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Marjorie Miles
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Young Adult</b>	<a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a>

## December 2 & 3 – First Sunday of Advent

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

**Isaiah 40.1-5, 9-11 •  
2 Peter 3.8-14 • Mark 1.1-8**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>Dec. 2</b> 4:00 PM	Helen Rosario (L)	Fr. Tom Whelan
<b>Dec. 3</b> 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Phyllis Clausen (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Chris Rodgers (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Dec. 4</b> 8:30 AM	Gene Growney, SJ (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Dec. 5</b> 8:30 AM	Sky Cuhna (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>Dec. 6</b> 8:30 AM	Virginia Snyder (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Dec. 7</b> 8:30 AM	Judy Stranzl (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>Dec. 8</b> 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
5:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Dec. 9</b> 4:00 PM	Zarilla Family (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>Dec. 10</b> 8:30 AM	Julie Malaspina (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Phil Betancourt (D)	Fr. Stephen Pitts
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	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: \$5030.75**

Last year: \$3268

4pm: \$2568; 8:30am: \$588; 10:30am: \$1565.75; 6:00pm: \$309

2<sup>nd</sup> Collection - Campaign for Human Dev. \$1093

## 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](http://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](mailto: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."*

### Advent Day of Preparation

Saturday, December 16, 10:00am – 1:00pm

Give yourself the gift of quiet prayer and companionship to prepare for God's indwelling. Join Christine Rodgers and Rosemary Robinson on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center from 10:00am – 1:00pm.

## Feast of Immaculate Conception

Masses for the Feast Day will be **Friday, December 8 at 8:30am and 5:30pm**. Parking will be **VALET ONLY** at the **8:30am** Mass (Urban School is having an event that day). For the **5:30pm** Mass we will have regular parking in the **green and white spaces** and **green and yellow** on the lower level of the garage.

## Communal Reconciliation Service

In preparation for Christmas, Saint Agnes will host a Reconciliation Service on **Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 11am**. During the service the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated.

## Christmas Sing-Along



**Wednesday December 13<sup>th</sup> 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!

## Peanut Butter Brigade

The PB Brigade is always looking for volunteers to help make PB&J sandwiches and assemble the bags that will be handed out to the hungry in our neighborhood. Sandwich making experience not required, all ages welcome! If you want to help, just show up! We will meet in the St. Francis Room (across from the small chapel) after the 10:30 am Mass on these dates: **Dec. 3, Jan. 7, Feb. 4, and Mar. 4.**

## 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.**



## 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.

## Children's Christmas Choir



Rehearsals for the Children's choir in preparation for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Eucharistic Liturgy will start **now through Dec. 17<sup>th</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.

## AAA 2017

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

**Raised: \$47,923**

**Goal: \$69,583**

**To Our Goal: \$21,660**

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

## Christmas Tea

Join the Loyola and Ignatian Guilds for a festive Christmas Tea on Sunday, **December 10, 2017 at 1:00pm** in the Student Center, **St. Ignatius College Preparatory**, 2001 37<sup>th</sup> Ave., SF. The cost is \$45 per person, tables of 8! All proceeds benefit the Endowed Scholarship Funds of St. Ignatius College Preparatory and the University of San Francisco. For tickets or information, please contact Connie Mack (415) 606-6117 or Caroline Smith at (415) 567-9531.



## Sacred Space



We invite each household to take home a candle and Sacred Space daily prayer book for Advent. Please see the table in the back of Church.

### 2nd Collection Next Week

The annual collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious** will be next week – Dec. 9 & 10. Your gift will help defray the costs needed to care for our elderly religious and relieve the genuine financial crisis in many religious congregations. Please remember also in your prayers the more than 500 women and men religious living and serving in the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Thank you in advance for your generosity.



### ONGOING AT THE



### IGNATIANT 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.

*A Great Reckoning*

By Louis Penny

Friday, January 26, 2018 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](mailto: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