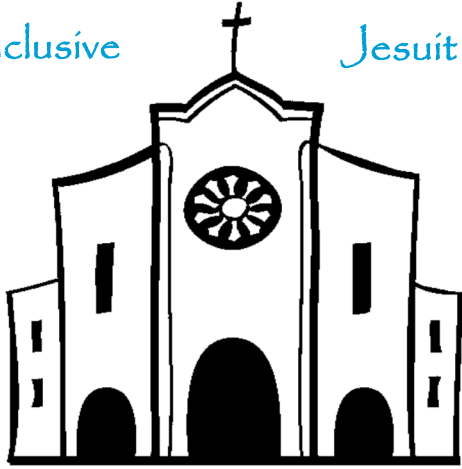


St. Agnes Catholic Community

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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.**

March 18 & 19, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for your response to our survey on weekend liturgies at St. Agnes. There was a good return and the overall consensus was that the liturgical life at St. Agnes is exceptional. Good music, solid preaching and a welcoming community were continually mentioned. There did not appear to be any patterns of how we can improve our liturgies, but there were singular suggestions that were helpful.

It was suggested that at the Sunday 8:30am Mass we have donuts and coffee once a month after Mass. It was also recommended that at the 4pm Saturday Mass and 6pm Sunday evening Masses we have cheese and crackers once a month after Mass. These are good suggestions which we hope to implement. It is good fellowship. We will be looking for volunteers to assist us.

We also want to have our teenage youth members more involved in ministry at the 10:30am Mass as either acolytes, lectors, and/or Eucharistic ministers. It is a good idea to get our youth more involved in our liturgical life.

It was suggested by a few people that we try to shorten the 10:30am Mass by either starting on-time and/or shortening the communion time by having more stations. We realize that most people really enjoy the extra communion songs so we are weighing the advantages and disadvantages.

Finally, it was suggested we look into a better sound system. We are weighing that proposal with ideas of how to pay for it. We will keep you posted.

Thank you for your suggestions. The Parish Council is also working on an advertising program that would let the wider community know of how we pray and worship at St. Agnes. We want people to know who we are.

I also want you to know that I will be away for a brief vacation in Scottsdale, Arizona. Giants Manager Bruce Bochy wants my advice on next year's starting line-up!

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.
Deacon	Stephen Pitts, 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 Asst.	Marco Matute
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
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Legion of Mary	Felina Lapuz
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Nancy Stretch
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Cathy Collins
Young Adult Contact	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

March 18th & 19th – 3rd Sunday of Lent

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

**1 Samuel 16.1b, 6-7, 10-13 •
Ephesians 5.8-14 • John 9.1-41**

Date	Intention	Presider
March 18 4:00 PM	Mary Jane Willers (D)	Fr. Tom Whelan
March 19 8:30 AM	Wanda McCormac (D)	Fr. Specht (Pitts)
10:30 AM	Tom McCormack (D)	Fr. Kevin O'Brien
6:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Specht (Pitts)
March 20 8:30 AM	Diana Raggio (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
March 21 8:30 AM	David Wang (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
March 22 8:30 AM	Deogracias & Myna Belarde (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
March 23 8:30 AM	Geralda & Ken Carter (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
March 24 8:30 AM	Kate Sedgwick (L)	Fr. Stephen Nduati
March 25 4:00 PM	James Pokorny (D)	Fr. Tom Whelan
March 26 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Jack Bredemeier(D)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Silene Russo (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler

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

Goal for the week: \$4,500

Last Sunday Collection: \$4,424

Last year: \$2,806

4pm: \$982; 8:30am: \$704; 10:30am: \$2476; 6:00pm: \$262

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.SaintAgnesSF.com/slc.html.



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 x228.

ISLC Office Hours: please call for appointment

Pope Francis' March Prayer Intention
"Support for Persecuted Christians"

"That persecuted Christians may be supported by the prayers and material help of the whole Church."

Community Reading:

Mercy in the City

Thursdays – March 23 and April 6

7 – 8:30pm, ISLC

This Lent join St. Agnes & the ISLC for a community reading of *Mercy in the City: How to Feed the Hungry, Give Drink to the Thirsty, Visit the Imprisoned & Keep Your Day Job* by Kerry Weber, Associate Editor at *America* Magazine. We'll gather for a book group at the ISLC to discuss the book and explore how God is calling us to live as people of mercy and compassion. For the March 9th meeting, we will discuss Chapters 1-8. To RSVP contact: Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Lenten Retreat: Spirituality in Relationships

Saturday, March 25, 10am – 3pm

Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Co-hosted by The Healing Well

Join us for a Lenten Retreat with spiritual writer, psychotherapist and teacher, Dave Richo for a day of prayer, reflection and mindfulness about cultivating conscious relationships in our daily lives.

On the theme of the retreat, Dave says: Relationships survive best when partners are committed to personal adult integrity and a spiritually conscious love. This means presence with unconditional attention, acceptance, appreciation, affection, and allowing others to be as they are. Love is also presence without the conditioned overlays of ego, such as judgment, fear, control—just what we let go of in spiritual practices like mindfulness and loving-kindness. To RSVP, contact: Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com

Holy Yoga

Monday Night Slow Flow Yoga with Emily Moss

7-8pm at the ISLC, every Monday during Lent

Join us every Monday of Lent (3/6-4/17) at 7:00 pm for one hour of **free** Lent Slow Flow. 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 God's grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in. **All are welcome**, regardless of age, body type, religion, gender, or experience with yoga. RSVP to Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com



Nine Days of Prayer for Refugees & Immigrants

thru March 24th (started March 16th)

There will be a nine-day Novena for Refugees and Exiles who need our prayers and support at St. Agnes. The Novena will be a part of our daily Masses at 8:30am (started on March 16th and continuing until March 24th). Over this weekend, you are encouraged to pray on your own or make the Novena a part of your Sunday worship. Here's a prayer you might use:

*O Lord, to whom no one is stranger
and from whose help no one is ever distant,
Look with compassion on refugees and exiles,
On Segregated persons and on lost children;
Restore them, we pray, to a homeland,
and give us a kind heart for the needy and for strangers.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit
one God, for ever and ever.*

St. Francis Walk

New Date! Saturday, April 1 @ 1:00pm

Dave Olson will lead a tour of sites in San Francisco dedicated to St. Francis on Saturday, **April 1**. We begin in the **Ignatian Spiritual Life Center at 1:00 pm**, where you may park in the garage (for parking information, please RSVP). The walk will last 3 to 4 hours, depending on our pace. You may leave the walk at anytime if you cannot do the whole thing. We will travel by bus, BART, and walking. The walking will be about 3 miles, all downhill or flat except for 2 uphill blocks. We end at Fisherman's Wharf where you can make bus connections back to the ISLC. If you would like to go by car, please name a driver and let Dave know at dave.olson55@gmail.com. You can also meet us at the Old Mission, 16th & Dolores streets, at 1:30 pm. There is a \$5 entrance fee to visit the mission. RSVP to Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Help Jesus in Disguise – 2nd Collection



Next week, our parish will take up a second collection for **Catholic Relief Services**. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Please give as generously as you are able to CRS and **help Jesus in disguise**. For more info: www.usccb.org/catholic-relief. Thank you.



ONGOING AT THE



IGNATIAN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER

Tuesday Morning Mindfulness

Tuesdays at 9:00 am – 10:00 am

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 and poetry we will meditate together. Led by Rev. Pat Kleinberg, Interfaith minister and spiritual director.

Monthly Peace Vigil

Fourth Thursday of the Month

March 23, 6-8pm

Each month we gather to pray for God's peace to be poured out upon the world. Carve out some time to pray in community and find your center. The chapel will be reserved for meditation, the library will be open and tea will be served.

Book Club

Diary of a Country Priest by George Bernanos

Friday, March 31 at 7pm

The Sympathizer by Viet Nguyen

Friday, April 28 at 7pm

The Book Club meets monthly (Sept.-June) all are welcome!

Faith Sharing

Thursdays 9:00 – 10:00 am

Join with others on Thursday mornings in a journey of faith and discovering God's action in our lives. All are welcome.

Young Adult Ministry

The St. Agnes Young Adult Group will meet on the **last Sunday of each month after the 6pm Mass** at the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for prayer and fellowship. Stay tuned for the line-up of theologians, activists and faith leaders who will join us at the YA gatherings throughout the year! 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