

# 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 4 & 5, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

In a recent Gospel reading a rich young man, desiring to live a more deeply committed spiritual life, asks Jesus, "What must I do to gain eternal life?" Jesus tells him to keep the commandments and the young man insists that he already does that, "What more can I do?" he asks. Jesus tells him give all and follow him. That is asking too much. He walks away from Jesus saddened.

This is a good scripture passage to reflect upon as we begin Lent. What is God asking of us? "Riches" can be many different things, i.e. to use our talents to help others. In the scripture passage Jesus looks at the young man with love. He probably sees in his heart a great desire to please God. Jesus too, looks in our hearts and sees our goodness. He only wants to give us more love, to make us happier. Yet, is there something in the way of the opening of ourselves to Jesus? Is what he asks too exorbitant?

Later in the passage the Lord tells his followers how difficult it is to let go of our personal riches. For us it may be impossible but with God's grace all things are possible. To place in God's hands what keeps us from living a more deeply committed Christian life and to trust that God's grace will be there to assist us is what our call is all about. Maybe this Lent we can move a bit closer to the Lord.

*Raymond Allen de, 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>Deacon</b>	Stephen Pitts, 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 Asst.</b>	Marco Matute
<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>Art &amp; Environment</b>	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
<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>Marriage Prep Classes</b>	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
<b>Peanut Butter Brigade</b>	Nancy Stretch
<b>R.C.I.A.</b>	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
<b>Rita da Cascia</b>	Cathy Collins
<b>Young Adult Contact</b>	<a href="mailto:YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com">YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com</a>

## March 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent

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

**Genesis 12.1-4 •  
2 Timothy 1.8b-10 • Matthew 17.1-9**

Date	Intention	Presider
<b>March 4</b> 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Donal Godfrey
<b>March 5</b> 8:30 AM	Genie Allender (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
10:30 AM	Fr. Harry Carlin, S.J. (D)	Fr. Donal Godfrey
6:00 PM	Immigrants and Refugees	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>March 6</b> 8:30 AM	Gloria Paolini (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>March 7</b> 8:30 AM	Genie Allender (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
<b>March 8</b> 8:30 AM	Diane Raggio (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
<b>March 9</b> 8:30 AM	Don Walton (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>March 10</b> 8:30 AM	The Banas Family (D)	Fr. Stephen Nduati
<b>March 11</b> 4:00 PM	Margit Battha Ritchie (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
<b>March 12</b> 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes (D)	Fr. Joe Spieler
10:30 AM	Maria Rodriguez (D)	Fr. Ray Allender
6:00 PM	Patricia Fleshman (D)	Fr. Ray Allender

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

**Desired Goal for the week: \$4,500**

**Last Sunday Collection: \$3,897**

**Last year: \$3,843**

4pm: **\$1214**; 8:30am: **\$808**; 10:30am: **\$1,610**; 6:00pm: **\$265**

## 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](http://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](mailto:Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com) or 415-487-8560 x228.

SLC 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 9, 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 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, we will discuss Chapters 1-8. To RSVP contact: [Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto: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](mailto: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.



*Monastic Day of Prayer:*

*A Lenten Retreat for Young Adults*

*With the Sisters of Redwoods Monastery at the ISLC*

*Saturday, March 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 am – 6pm*

Join the Cistercian Sisters of Our Lady of the Redwoods Monastery for a monastic day of prayer. This is an opportunity to deepen your Lenten experience with a guided introduction into Liturgy of the Hours, the Practice of Silence, and Lectio Divina. The day also includes light manual labor, silent contemplative prayer, sharing on Monastic Life, and talks with the Sisters.

*Retreat Day for Mothers*

*Sunday, March 26, 2017*

*10 am – 4 pm, Jesuit Retreat Center*

*A non-silent Retreat for Women*

This day is for mothers of all ages and in all stages of life. Motherhood is a special calling. We'll reflect on how God blesses, sustains, and consoles us as we live our unique vocation. Breakfast begins at 9:30am, lunch included, celebration of Eucharist concludes the day. The retreat will be directed by Mary da Silva Abinante and Fr. Andrew Rodriguez, S.J. For more information go to [www.jrclosaltos.org](http://www.jrclosaltos.org) or phone (650) 917-4000.



*Celebrating the Dignity of Immigrants*

*Saturday, March 11, 2017, at 11am, St. Peter's Church, SF*

A special Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone at St. Peter's Church, 1200 Florida St. at 24<sup>th</sup>. After Mass, there will be a Bilingual Forum about Immigrant Rights and Resources. All are welcome.

## *Altar Servers Needed – Young and Old*

To all the adults, young adults and children of the parish, if you have completed your First Communion this is your opportunity to become an Altar Server! We are in need of people to fulfill this wonderful ministry at St. Agnes, especially at the 4pm Mass! It's a great opportunity to give back to the St. Agnes community, no experience necessary, we provide the one-day training. If you are interested in this ministry, please contact Marco in the Parish office at [Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com](mailto:Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com).



### 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](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