



St. Agnes Catholic Community

Our Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Him known by welcoming all, teaching and sharing the Faith, and providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities and serving those in need.

PENTECOST SUNDAY



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Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

Adoration in the Chapel Daily

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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"Pray to the Holy Spirit." (spiritual encouragement from a Bishop we know.)

I have been fortunate to have been in a public gathering or dinner where Bishop Barber has given this advice, and by the look on his face, he was hopeful we would take it. Today is the perfect time! It's the Feast of Pentecost.

Pentecost is the Greek word for the Jewish festival that takes place fifty days after Passover. 50 days after Jesus' resurrection, the Holy Spirit descended upon Mary and the Apostles. It's often called the "birthday of the Church."

But how, exactly, do we pray to the Holy Spirit? We have a spiritual guide from Pope Innocent III (13th c.) He composed *Veni Sancte Spiritus*, which is sometimes called the "Golden Sequence." There have been others credited with the composition as well, but consider the richness of the text:

Come, Holy Spirit, come!
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, source of all our store!

You, of comforters the best;
Sweet refreshment here below;
Grateful coolness in the heat;

O most blessed Light divine,
And our inmost being fill!
Nothing good in deed or thought,

Heal our wounds,
our strength renew;
Wash the stains of guilt away;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;

On the faithful, who adore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Alleluia.

The text is alive with grace! On this feast of Pentecost, we might try a self-guided retreat by simply contemplating the sequence text. It reminds us of God's infinite mercy: "*wash the stains of guilt away.*" Consider how soothing the Coming of the Holy Spirit can be as the Comforter and Advocate: "*Bend the stubborn heart and will. Melt the frozen. Warm the chill. Guide the steps that go astray.*"

I think our Bishop is on to something here—let us pray to the Holy Spirit!

Deacon Bill

And from your celestial home
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, within our bosoms shine.

You, the soul's most welcome guest;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Solace in the midst of woe.

Shine within these hearts of yours,
Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing free from taint of ill.

On our dryness pour your dew;
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Guide the steps that go astray.

And confess you, evermore
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MAY 13: \$13,162.00

Building Fund: \$2,725.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 19, 2018

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Greenwood—Repose
Peter Kantz—Repose
Rosalia Messina—Repose

Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Rex Pasibe—Repose
Daniel Rosario—Repose
Fr. Johnson Abraham—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Linda Carter—Repose
Peter Kantz—Repose
Mia Basarich—Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Yvette Farrington—Repose
Richard Gaydowski—Repose
Fr. Johnson Abraham—Special Intention

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, May 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. Matthew Clark—Repose

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. The Smith Family—Special Intention

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. Leo Kavanaugh—Repose

Friday, May 25, 2018

8:15 a.m. Eduardo Joaquin—Repose

Saturday, May 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
5:00 p.m. Nick Adler—Repose
Louis Ferrari—Repose
Marie Lucia—Repose

Sunday, May 27, 2018

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. Alex San Mateo—Repose
Socorro Palma
Rita Cabral—Special Intention
11:00 a.m. Rosalia Messina—Repose
Marion Perkov—Repose
5:00 p.m. The David Afinowicz Family—Spec. Int.

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 20, 2018

Fair Trade after weekend Masses

10:00 a.m. St. Agnes Car Show Opens
11:00 a.m. Friends and Family Mass
12:30 a.m. Blessing of the Cars

Monday, May 21, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5:00 p.m. Catechist Meeting—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Church Hall
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group—EX

Tuesday, May 22, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—Cauchi Hall
6:30 p.m. Kinder Nite—Kindergarten Classroom

Wednesday, May 23, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel

Thursday, May 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
1:30 p.m. School Play—Church
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle—EX
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee—AR
7:00 p.m. School Play—Church

Friday, May 25, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
All Morning—School Field Day—Church Grounds

Saturday, May 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Work Party

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Pentecost Sunday
Monday: St. Christopher Magallanes and Companions
Tuesday: St. Rita of Cascia
Friday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi
Saturday: St. Philip Neri

Mass Intentions  for the Week



Parish News and Activities

CAR SHOW AND BLESSING May 20, 2018 beginning at 10 a.m.

The 6th Annual St. Agnes Car Show and Blessing, presented by The Knights of Columbus St. Agnes Council 15344, is on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the St. Agnes Parish Grounds. The show starts at 10 AM, with the car blessing headed by Fr. Johnson Abraham starting at 12:30 PM.



Free admission. Free-will donations are highly appreciated to offset costs. Concession on site: hamburger, hot dogs, and drinks.

FAIR TRADE SALES THIS WEEKEND May 19-20

All around the country, churches and organizations like ours are making a definite impact, locally and globally, by offering quality **FAIR TRADE** products for sale in support of a "more equitable and alternative trade system for small farmers worldwide." That said, our Sales Table is brimming with **8 varieties of Coffees, 8 kinds of Teas, 11 choices of Chocolate bars, 2 Hot Cocoa Mixes and 1 Baking Cocoa.** Bring the best from Small Farmers to your home and table! Gratitude is an attitude in plentitude at our sales table for your purchases. Thank you!!!



ROSARIES FOR PEACE

"Tis the month of Our Mother, the blessed and beautiful days...."

The Rosary Makers are displaying their Rosary table on May 19-20 alongside the Fair Trade sales table. In honor of Our Blessed Lady, we invite you to take a rosary and pray for peace. Our Group makes rosaries and donates them free of charge to Missions and Ministries in need of them. Come visit our table and pray for peace. God bless.



THANK YOU FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

Thank all our generous parishioners for the excellent Fifth Sunday Collection in April. We really appreciate the \$3,000 donation and look forward to putting it to good use in our community.



Join the St. Agnes Retired Seniors (StARS) at their **"Indoor Picnic" Luncheon on Tuesday, June 5, 2018**, prior to their summer break.

The picnic luncheon will be provided through Chez Costco and includes a variety of Croissant Sandwiches and Wraps, Potato Salad, Chips and Dessert, all for only **\$9 each**. Please mail your payment to: Duane Essex, 1381 Babel Lane, Concord, CA 94518. For more information, contact Duane or Joan Essex at 925-822-3008 or e-mail dwessex@pacbell.net. Please RSVP by Wednesday, May 31, 2018.

StARS invites all retired seniors to join in. No dues and no fees. Guests are always welcome. Gathering time is 11:00 a.m., with lunch at 11:30 a.m.

The Italian Catholic Federation #214 Invites you to our WINE TASTING EVENT "SIP INTO SUMMER"

Viano Winery, Martinez
Sunday, June 10, 2018
1:00—3:30 p.m.

- 5 Selections of Wines
- Souvenir Wineglass
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Desserts
- Raffle Prizes
- Olive Oil Tastings



\$30 per person

For ticket information, contact: M.J. Murray at 925-705-3513 or Chris Artale at 925-827-3713.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 20 Fair Trade after all Weekend Masses
Friends and Family Mass, 11:00 a.m.
Car Show, begins at 10:00 a.m.,
Blessing at 12:30 p.m., Church and
School Grounds
- 24 School Spring Play, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m., Church

RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our annual Respect Life *Baby Shower* donation collection will take place during May. Please place donations in the cradle in the back of the church. Thank you on behalf of the moms and babies for your generosity!

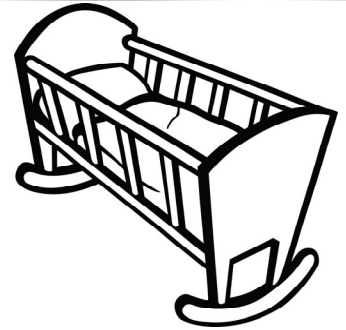
If you have an item that is too large for the cradle, please contact Diana for pick-up at: sairafL@yahoo.com.

These are current needs at Concord Birthright, however, any baby-related donations are appreciated, new or gently used:

Crib Sheets
Diapers (size 3-6)

Burp Pads
Diaper Wipes
Maternity clothes (new & gently used)

Baby Clothes (size 12-18 mos.)
Baby Swaddler clothes (Swaddle Me blankets)



Community Activities

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS

Court of St. John Baptist #1934

Luncheon—Saturday, June 9, 2018—11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Join us for an Americana Luncheon and have fun with members and friends. The event will be held at **St. Bonaventure Church Hall**, 5562 Clayton Road, Concord, CA. Entertainment: Mystic Ballroom Dancers and Barbershop Quartet. Music by: Sandra Debrichy. Fantastic Raffle Baskets. **Cost: \$25 per person.**

For tickets and information, contact: Sandra Blanco, 925-864-5280 or e-mail Sandra.blanco@ucsf.edu. **RVFP/Purchase tickets by June 1, 2018.**

FREE DACA RENEWAL WORKSHOP

Friday, May 25, 2018

One Justice will be conducting a free DACA Renewal Workshop in Contra Costa County (location to be determined) on Friday, May 25. If your DACA expired on or after September 5, 2016, or if it will expire within 150 days of May 25, 2018, please call 415-534-5878 to schedule an appointment. Leave a detailed message with your full name, number, date and services you are interested in, and what time is best to call you back.

At the meeting, you will need 2 passport-sized photos, your prior work permit and/or DACA approval notice and a copy of previous applications, if possible. During the clinic you will receive free advice from licensed attorneys regarding your DACA renewal eligibility and, when possible, help filling out your application. **BEWARE**—do not accept immigration advice from unlicensed attorneys or unlicensed representatives.

SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

Bible Camp at St. Bonaventure Church

July 16-20, 2018

St. Bonaventure Parish plans a fantastic Bible Camp that will take your children on an amazing adventure with God where they will share great Bible Stories, have delicious snacks, make awesome crafts, join in fun games...and so much more.

The Bible Camp offers a preschool program for 3 and 4-year olds, which meet from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. each day, while Kindergarten through 6th Grade meet each day from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Registration fees are \$70 for preschoolers and \$85 for elementary-aged students.

Registration forms are available at www.stbonaventure.net.



Thank you to our St. Agnes School Grade 7 Class (and their teachers and aides) who prepared and presented the May Crowning Service on May 1st.