



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.

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Baptize
them

in the
name
of the
Father,
and
of the
Son,
and
of the
Holy
Spirit



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MASS SCHEDULE

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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The Feast of the Holy Trinity is About Relationships

There is no doubt that, of all the complicated teachings of the Church, the hardest to understand is the Trinity. We have heard it explained through a three-leaf clover, grains of sand, and One God in Three Persons. Ultimately, even with those notions, what always came back to me was, "it is a mystery."

I recently read a reflection that made sense and in my own words, I would like to share it.

We know that God came to earth in the flesh, that Jesus is God, but both human and divine. The human side of Jesus looked to God as His Father, as we look to God as our Father. His title for father was Abba, a term of intimacy like papa or daddy. Somehow, today, we still have an image of God as a punishing God; yet that was not Jesus' image of how He wanted us to be in relationship with God, the first person of the Trinity. He wanted us to see a nurturing, loving, gentle father who would always be with us. A good example is the father in the Parable of the Prodigal Son. No matter what we do, when we seek to come back, God welcomes us with open and loving arms because He will never stop loving us.

So many Old Testament passages speak of God coming to earth in the flesh. Sure enough, that came true when God came to earth in the flesh in the person of Jesus - Emmanuel, God with us. Think about it – GOD WITH US!! He loved us so much He wanted to walk and be one with us, to live like us, but of course, with teachings and to show us a way of life that we were to imitate. God was no longer living in the Heavens, but in us and with us. God came to show us how to live and how to be.

Are we one with Jesus or are we still worshipping the God in Heaven as if He never came to be with us?

Before Jesus ascended into Heaven, He promised us an Advocate, a Helper and Guide; that was, of course, the Holy Spirit, whom we celebrated last week at the Feast of Pentecost. Remember, the Apostles received the Holy Spirit when they were in the Upper Room hiding in fear, after which, they were no longer afraid. St. Paul writes, "The Spirit helps us in our weakness." Jesus himself referred to the Spirit as the "comforter." It is the Holy Spirit who works in the Church today. We, the Church, are empowered to do the work of the person of Jesus.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity is about a relationship God has with us. It Was, Is, and Will Be.

I close with part of a Celtic Prayer that says it all:

"O Father who sought me
O Son who bought me
O Holy Spirit who taught me."

Fr. Jeffrey J. Finley, C.P.P.S.

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MAY 20: \$13,314.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

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Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 26, 2018

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—Repose
Rita Cabral—Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Rosalia Messina—Repose
Marion Perkov—Repose

5:00 p.m. The David Afinowicz Family—Spec. Int.

Monday, May 28, 2018

8:00 a.m. William Gonzalez—Special Intention

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. Rosalia Messina—Repose

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 31, 2018

8:00 a.m. Betty Sullivan—Special Intention

Friday, June 1, 2018

8:15 a.m. Pacita Cobol—Repose
Dustin Davis—Repose

Saturday, June 2, 2018

8:00 a.m. Marie Lucia—Repose

5:00 p.m. Goodie Carino—Repose
Ididro Romero—Repose

Sunday, June 3, 2018

7:00 a.m. Shelley Born—Special Intention
Lisette McCarthy—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. George Finn—Repose
The Smith Family—Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Lot Castro—Repose
Rosalina Messina—Repose
Jack Lake—Special Intention

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

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 27, 2018

Monday, May 28, 2018

Church Office closed for Memorial Day Holiday

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group—EX

Tuesday, May 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Wednesday, May 30, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
10:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul—Preparing kits—
A.R.

Thursday, May 31, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:00 a.m. 8th Grade Graduation Mass—Church
10:15 a.m. Graduation Breakfast—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Parish Council—A.R.

Friday, June 1, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation—Church

Saturday, June 2, 2018

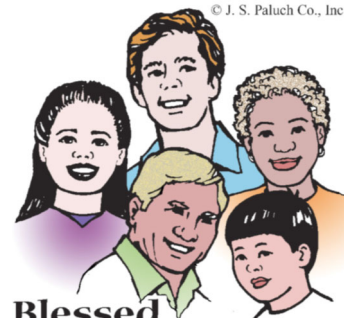
8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday June 2-3 in the church parking lot.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Most Holy Trinity
Monday: Eighth Week in Ordinary Time;
Memorial Day
Thursday: The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Friday: St. Justin; First Friday
Saturday: Ss. Marcellinus and Peter;
Blessed Virgin Mary; First Saturday

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**Blessed
the people the
Lord has chosen**



Parish News and Activities



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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY Next Weekend—June 2-3

Finish your spring cleaning and bring all of your clothing, towels, bedding and household items to the St. Agnes St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday next weekend. There will be a trailer in the parking lot behind the church to collect your donations of clothing before and after Masses.

If you wish to donate large items such as furniture or automobiles, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 925-439-5060 and arrange for a pickup. Your continued generosity in assisting our mission of helping those in need is very much appreciated.

If you or anyone you know could use help, call the St. Agnes office at 925 689 0838 and leave a message for “St. Vincent de Paul,” Ext. 250.

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER SERVICE

A Memorial Day Service will be held on Monday, May 28th at 10:00 a.m. at historic St. Stephens Cemetery, 2701 Monument Court (off Monument Blvd.), Concord. All are welcome.

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.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the great treasures of the Eastern tradition is the icon of the Holy Trinity created by the Russian iconographer Andrei Rublev in the 1400s. The Trinity is symbolized by the three travelers to the tent of Abraham and Sarah. They are seated at a table blessing a cup of wine, under the oak of Mamre. If you look closely, you will see a sacrificed calf in the chalice, reminding the viewer of the cross. The table, prepared for eating and tilted toward the viewer, is an invitation to the Eucharist. From left to right, each figure is keyed to a person of the Trinity. Like all icons, this image is theology in art. The persons are equal in proportion and dignity, they all carry staffs to symbolize their power, and are shown with golden wings and halos. Today, the best place to see Rublev’s work is the Holy Trinity Cathedral, at the heart of the vast Holy Trinity monastery about an hour from Moscow. After decades of persecution, it is now once again a living monastery, a world heritage site, and the spiritual home of Russian Orthodoxy. A Google visit is highly recommended today!

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 1 8th Grade Graduation, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 2-3 St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday
- 10 Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
- 12 Round Table Conference, 7:00 p.m., Church
- 16-17 Hospitality Weekend, Fair Trade

Lenten Soup Supper Donations

The Lenten Soup Suppers, sponsored by the St. Agnes JustFaith group, pleased many diners with homemade soups and weekly presentations in February and March. This year's theme, "The Face of Homelessness," featured social services for homeless residents of Contra Costa County. In addition, the La Morita Mexico Youth group brought enthusiasm for their planned home-building mission to Mexico over the spring break.

During the five Soup Supper evening talks, a basket was passed and monies were collected and accumulated until after Easter. Recently, through the generosity of the people attending the suppers, the following recipients each received a check for \$277.00 at the conclusion of the Soup Supper series.

- La Morita Mexico Youth Mission: the youth of local parishes built homes for three families in Mexico.
- Home Share Contra Costa: homeowners, who have an extra room in their home, are paired with home seekers who live, work and study in Contra Costa County.
- ANKA Care Center, the official title of the Central County Multi-Service Center, is a non-profit that provides and coordinates support services for homeless families/individuals, and also has resources for the mentally ill. Clients can take showers, do laundry, and enjoy a meal at the Center on a drop-in basis.
- Housing Security Fund, part of Contra Costa Health Services, is a county-wide community fund that covers costs that could otherwise prevent many people, including seniors, veterans, and families, from getting back into housing.

Each organization has tremendous daily needs. Funds frequently run short and are close to non-existent. Thank you for caring, and thank you for your donations to help fund local services.

We look forward to seeing you, with your bowl and spoon, at the Lenten Soup Suppers next year.

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.**

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women

invite all to join them at their Prayer Breakfast

June 30, 2018 9:30 -12:30, Crowne Plaza, 45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA



Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration by from our speaker Susan Potvin! Susan has been a worship leader and inspirational speaker for over 30 years. She is passionate about adoption and she and her husband have raised 4 children. In her testimony Susan shares her oldest son's battle with drug addiction and how the power of the Lord's forgiveness can heal broken families. Susan is the leader of Living Praise and Worship team which travels nationally and internationally. She has also produced six worship CD's. Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after February 17th.

For more information go to: <https://magnificat-ministry.net/chapters/chapter-states-a-d/ca-walnut-creek/>
Go to Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations or call Jennifer Rogers (503)709-8449.



**A Flowers of May Celebration was held on May 12
Following a 9-day Novena in honor of the Blessed Mother.**

