

# St. Agnes Catholic Community

*Many Visions † One People*

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*January 20, 2019*



## OUR PARISH MISSION

To know Christ, and to make Him better known by all, teaching and sharing the Faith, providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities, and serving those in need.

## MASS SCHEDULE

### SUNDAY

7:00 AM | 9:00 AM | 11:00 AM | 5:00 PM

### MONDAY—THURSDAY

8:00 AM in Chapel

### FRIDAY

8:15 AM in Church

### SATURDAY

Daily Mass: 8:00 AM in the Chapel

Reconciliation: 3:30 PM

Sunday Vigil Mass: 5:00 PM

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# Calendar for the Week

## *Mass Intentions*

## *Parish Events and Meetings*

### **Saturday, January 19, 2019**

5:00 p.m. Richard Cotter—Repose  
 Jack Ryan—Repose  
 Jason Dossenbach—Special Intention

### **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Rich Cotter—Repose  
 Edward McCarthy—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
 Living and Deceased

11:00 a.m. Yvette Farrington—Repose  
 Maria Ai Lian—Repose  
 Lake Family—Special Intention

5:00 p.m. Gary Wayne Clement—Repose  
 Roland & Raymonde Hamel—Repose  
 Pat Hersom—Special Intention

### **Monday, January 21, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Fr. Peter Loffredo—Repose

### **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Josefina & Celestino Liao—Repose  
 Veronica Manalang—Repose  
 St. Bernadette—Special Intention

### **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

### **Thursday, January 24, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose  
 Jason Dossenbach—Special Intention

### **Friday, January 25, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Natividad Palicte—Repose

### **Saturday, January 26, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Joanne Adamo—Repose  
 Jose Cordero Manalang—Repose

5:00 p.m. Luela & Dr. Joseph Dykes Manalang—R.

### **Sunday, January 27, 2019**

7:00 a.m. Rich Cotter—Repose

9:00 a.m. Greg Scaletti—Repose

11:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
 Living and Deceased

5:00 p.m. Ernesto Atanacio—Repose  
 Ronil Atanacio—Repose

### **Sunday, January 20, 2019**

#### **Hospitality Weekend**

#### **La Morita Selling Mexican Dinner Tickets after Mass.**

9:00 a.m. RCIA—Assembly Room

11:00 a.m. Friends and Family Mass

12:15 p.m. Baptisms

2:30 p.m. Confirmation Year 2—Cauchi Hall

3:00 p.m. Confirmation Year 1—Ministry Center

### **Monday, January 21, 2019**

#### **Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday—Ministry Center Closed**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

### **Tuesday, January 22, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

### **Wednesday, January 23, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel

7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—A.R.

7:30 p.m. Youth Band Practice—Church

### **Thursday, January 24, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.

6:30 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

### **Friday, January 25, 2019**

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

### **Saturday, January 26, 2019**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

#### **La Morita Selling Mexican Dinner Tickets after Mass.**

#### **Fair Trade after all weekend Masses.**

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 21ST IS THE FEAST OF ST. AGNES**

O St. Agnes, so young, strong and wise by the power of God, protect by your prayers all of us whose goodness and purity are threatened by the evils and impurities of this world. Give us strength in temptation and a true repentance when we fail. Help us to find true Christian friends to accompany us in following the Lamb of God and finding safe pastures in His Church and in her holy sacraments. May you lead us to the wedding banquet of heaven to rejoice with you and all the holy martyrs in Christ who lives and reigns forever and ever. Amen.

## *Faith and Spirituality*

### **FOR SPIRITUALITY:**

**DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL**—Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM.

(Communion Service on Wednesday.)

Friday morning at 8:15 AM in the Church.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Chapel daily from 6 am—9 pm. Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

### **FOR ADULT LEARNING:**

**SCRIPTURE SHARING:** Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

### **FOR MINISTRY:**

**PRAYER TREE:** A ministry of people who pray specifically for those who are ill. Please notify the parish office if you or a member of your family are in, or going into, the hospital.

**HELPING HANDS:** Call Joanne Doorack at 798-1735. Helping Hands provides meals in time of need, such as funeral receptions, illness or births.

**MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS:** Plan a meal for 35 residents. Purchase & prepare food; serve dinner at the shelter. Please contact to volunteer: **Anne Kurylo**, 925-876-7510 or [Anne.kurylo@gmail.com](mailto:Anne.kurylo@gmail.com).

### **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY:**

Please contact the **St. Vincent de Paul Hotline** at (925) 689-0838, Ext. 250.

### **CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:**

Contact **Stacy Appel** by e-mail at [Stacy.Appel@johnmuirhealth.com](mailto:Stacy.Appel@johnmuirhealth.com).

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JANUARY 13: \$11,312**  
**Building Fund: \$2,780**  
**Includes Faith Direct Giving**  
**We thank you for your Stewardship.**

### **Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**January 20, 2019**

Nations shall behold your vindication,

and all the kings your glory.

— *Isaiah 62:2*

## *Pastor's Reflection*

Today we hear about the first miracle of Jesus. The occasion of the miracle was a village wedding feast to which Mary, the mother of Jesus, had been invited. I find it fascinating that the earthly ministry of Jesus began at a wedding, and all of human history will culminate with a wedding (Rev 19:9).

Weddings are always special, but Eastern weddings are far different from what we in the West are used to! In Western weddings, the bride is the star of the show; the groom just shows up and tries not to get in the way. When she enters, dressed in bridal white, the whole congregation stands as the organ plays, "Here comes the Bride." But in Eastern weddings, it is the groom who is the featured one. Not only is the groom the featured person, but he also pays for the entire wedding.

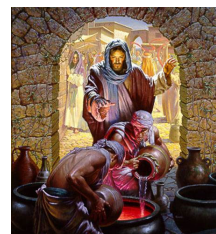
The Reason for the Miracle is the request of Mary, "And when they ran out of wine, the mother of Jesus said to Him, 'They have no wine.'" She informs Him with the hope that He might do something about the situation. And he does. He saves the groom and his family from humiliation.

This Miracle assures us that Jesus is even concerned about the Little Things in Life. This Miracle assures us that when God takes something that is Ordinary, He makes it into something Wonderful. This Miracle assures us that with God the Best comes Last! This miracle assures us that God's Provision is always Abundant.

In verse eleven, John says "This beginning of signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory; and His disciples believed in Him." The disciples had only recently begun to follow Jesus. What the miracle in Cana did for them was to deepen their existing faith rather than to bring them to faith. They already believed in Jesus, but their faith grew and was strengthened.

Every day miracles do take place in our lives. May we be open to God's intervention in our lives and may it strengthen our faith.

Fr. Johnson



## *Parish News and Activities*

### **THANK YOU'S FROM CONTRA COSTA INTERFAITH HOUSING, MONUMENT CRISIS CENTER and LOAVES AND FISHES OF CONTRA COSTA**

St. Agnes Parish tithes 5% of its plate collections to non-profit organizations in our local community. Recently we received Thank You letters from three of those organizations for which we sent checks for \$350 each.

Contra Costa Interfaith Housing detailed how they have been helping a 60-year old senior from Pittsburg whose life spiraled out of control and he became homeless after being diagnosed with HIV. With the help of one of their housing advocates, this senior's life is back on track, and he is now living in an apartment in Martinez. "St. Agnes Catholic Church's recent gift of \$350 is what makes Gabriel's story, and so many like it, possible every day. Thank you for your partnership in this important work."



From Monument Crisis Center: "Thank you so much for your support and generous donation made to Monument Crisis Center. We continue to forge pathways with our clients for stability and success to build towards a brighter future. Thank you for helping to make this happen. This contribution provides wonderful and immediate assistance to our families. We are so thankful for the kindness and enthusiasm you have for MCC! We wish you a happy and healthy 2019!"

From Loaves and Fishes of Contra Costa: "Loaves and Fishes serves 650-700 meals every day and has a food pantry at each of our five dining rooms. We have become a reliable source of food for people in the county. People know that our doors are always open Monday through Friday, and that a hot nutritious meal will be served. Your donation will help support our operating costs, including food, supplies, the transportation cost of food/meals, and support our wonderful staff who works hard for our program." Loaves and Fishes have served nearly 137,000 meals and distributed more than 252 tons of groceries through their food pantries and five dining rooms.

Thank you to all of our parishioners whose Sunday donations have contributed to helping the needy in our local community.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:**

Norm Andrews  
Anna Cochran-Morris  
Anneke Cronander-Ford  
William Cummins  
Jack DeRieux  
Steve Dixon  
Jason Dossenbach  
Richard Hennessy Family  
Ken Klovee

Agnes McWalters  
Marco Michelato  
Brenda Moise  
Aisling Morgan  
Aldeen Phipps  
Jim Phipps  
Simeon Rojo  
Maureen Ryan  
Jack Shatara

Petty Thall  
Richard Thall  
Carolyn Thompson  
Carol Urban  
Bill van Hattem  
David Vizcay  
Tony Wilcockson



## Parish News and Activities

### A VISIBLE GOD

We find it difficult to convey ideas to people unless we can actually show them something, demonstrate what we mean. God, who is invisible and truly beyond human understanding, apparently faces the same difficulty. People want to *see*, not just listen to an idea. So God gave us Jesus Christ, God made visible in the world.

During these past weeks we have seen how Jesus was revealed as an infant to the shepherds and the magi, and then began his adult “public life” at his baptism by John. Today’s Gospel reading tells us of his “first sign,” providing wine for the wedding guests at Cana.

Of course, even Jesus, God made visible, was not always easily understood in his own day, nor is he even now. So we have to ponder what we see: the poverty and simplicity of his birth, his humility and openness before John the Baptist, his kindness and compassion toward people in their ordinary problems, such as running short of wine at a wedding. Yet it is in coming to know Jesus that we come to know God.

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### LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Our Annual Mexican Dinner will be on Saturday, February 2, at 6 pm at St. Bonaventure’s Church Hall. You may buy your tickets after all Masses this weekend or next or order them at [jdwalton@astound.net](mailto:jdwalton@astound.net) or 925-212-7679. The cost will be \$20 a person and \$65 for a family. Come have fun and support local youth and their sponsors as they raise funds again to build homes in Tijuana during Easter week. This is our fourth year under the sponsorship of our non-profit corporation, the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission, but the wonderful food and our mission of helping poor families in Tijuana remain unchanged!



### FAIR TRADE SALES JANUARY 26 & 27!

We’re ready for another busy year supporting small independent farmers around the world with sales of **Fair Trade Coffees, Teas, Chocolates & Savory Almonds (new item; CA grown)!**



But first: GOOD NEWS!

Through sales purchases by St Agnes Parishioners, the small profits we have attained in the past few months enabled us to make DONATIONS to:

- *The Paradise Fire Victims through the local Saint Vincent de Paul;*
- *The Knights of Columbus Wheelchair Drive;*
- *For Food Maxx and McDonald Gift Cards to Families in need and the Day Laborers of the Monument Chavez Center; and,*
- *St Agnes Faith Formation classes.*

Together we make miracles happen. Thank You! Happy New Year!!!

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

#### JANUARY

- 20 Friends and Family Mass, 11:00 a.m.  
Hospitality after all Sunday Masses
- 26-27 Fair Trade after all Weekend Masses
- 27 Catholic Schools Week Mass, 9:00 a.m.  
School Open House, 10:00 a.m.—12 noon

#### FEBRUARY

- 1 First Friday Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 2 First Communion Parent Retreat, 9:30 a.m.
- 7 School Science Fair
- 10 Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
- 16 Marriage Encounter Retreat, Cauchi Hall  
Catholic Daughter’s Luncheon, 11 a.m.
- 16-17 Hospitality Weekend/Fair Trade
- 23-24 Stewardship Gratitude Weekend

## School News

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK/ST. AGNES SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—1/27/19



All parishioners are welcome to come join us for St. Agnes School's Open House on **January 27th from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon**. We will be celebrating the start of Catholic Schools Week at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Also, the St. Agnes School Book Fair will be in the school Library from 10 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

For more information, please contact the school at 925-689-3990 or visit the website at [www.stagnesconcord.com](http://www.stagnesconcord.com).

## Community Events

### 15th Annual WALK FOR LIFE WEST COAST in San Francisco

For more info, buses and associated events, go to: <http://www.walkforlifewc.com>.



Join tens of thousands of pro-lifers of all ages, races, religions, and of no religion at all, as we walk together in loving, but uncompromising, solidarity with the littlest and most defenseless among us! Speakers include: Pro-Life and Pro-Chastity speaker Patricia Sandoval; Rev. Walter Hoye, founder and president of Issues4Life Foundation; and Fr. Shenan Boquet, President of Human Life International (HLI). Walk for God, Family, Love and LIFE on Saturday, January 26, 2019!

### DAY OF THE SICK—FEBRUARY 9

The annual World Day of the Sick Mass will be held on February 9th at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland. Those who are sick or ill and their families, caregivers and health care providers and friends are invited to observe this day with the religious and lay people from the Diocese of Oakland. Events include Mass, Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick, blessing of caregivers and health care providers, distribution of holy water from Lourdes, France, and a reception. The World Day of the Sick was initiated by Pope John Paul II in 1992 and is held annually worldwide on the date nearest the feast day of Our Lady of Lourdes, February 11th. It is a ministry of the Diocese of Oakland and supported by the Order of Malta.

### FREE FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR 2018

AARP's Tax-Aide program offers **free** Federal and State income tax preparation for all taxpayers who need help filing a tax return, with special attention to seniors over 50. All of AARP's Tax-Aide counselors are IRS and State trained, tested and certified. For appointments at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord, call **925-405-5234** (leave your name and phone number, and an appointment scheduler will return your call). Appointments are available **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays** starting February 1, 2019, between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Bring all your **2018** tax information, photo ID, Social Security cards, medical insurance, deductions, broker statements and education expenses for everyone on your tax return. It is also **important** that you bring a copy of your **2017** Federal and State return.

For other Tax-Aide locations, call 925-726-3199.

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Parishioners join Father Johnson after daily Mass on January 7th in celebrating the 31st anniversary of his ordination.

## PILGRIMAGE TO MEXICO AND OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Join Father Johnson as he hosts a six-day trip to Mexico and Our Lady of Guadalupe **April 29 through May 4, 2019**. Sites to be visited include Mexico City, Our Lady of Guadalupe, Teotihuacan, Puebla Tlaxcala (the Lourdes of Mexico), Ocotlan and Taxco. The price is \$1,629 per person from San Francisco and includes roundtrip airfare, first-class select hotel, most meals, services of the finest English-speaking guides, comprehensive sightseeing, all local taxes and entrance fees.

Fliers are on the Welcome Table and in the Ministry Center.

For questions, contact Father Johnson via email: [\*\*chemans@gmail.com\*\*](mailto:chemans@gmail.com).

