

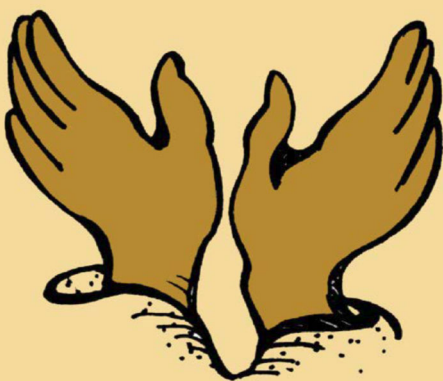
St. Agnes Catholic Community

Many Visions † One People

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

October 20, 2019

Pray Always
Always Pray



© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

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

(Communion Service on Wednesday)

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

PARISH OFFICE

3966 Chestnut Ave. Concord, CA 94519

Tel: (925) 689-0838 Fax: (925) 689-7899

Website: www.stagnesparish.net

E-Mail: stagnesoffice@comcast.net

Instagram: [stagnesparishconcord](https://www.instagram.com/stagnesparishconcord)

Twitter: [@stagnesparish](https://twitter.com/stagnesparish)

OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday 9:00am - Noon & 1:00pm - 4:30pm

STAFF

Rev Fr. Johnson Abraham, Pastor

(925) 689-0838

chemans@gmail.com

Marlene McCann, Business Manager

marlene.stagnesparish@gmail.com

Deacon Tony Reyes

deacontonyr@gmail.com

Linda D'Souza

Religious Ed / Liturgy Coordinator

lindastagnes@gmail.com

Donna Cassianos

Secretary—Religious Education

donna.stagnesparish@gmail.com

Teresa DeFrates, Confirmation Coordinator

st.agnescon1@gmail.com

Pete Frevele, Director of Music Ministry

petefrev@me.com

Donna Roberts, Bulletin Editor and RCIA Coordinator

donnaroberts1956@gmail.com

Linus Farias, Pastoral Council Chair

linusfarias@sbcglobal.net

SCHOOL OFFICE

3886 Chestnut Ave., Concord

Tel: (925) 689-3990

Website: www.stagnesconcord.com

Office Hours: 7:30-4:00 M-F

Jill Lucia, Principal

jlucia@csgdo.org

Ana Kelley, Secretary

akelley@csgdo.org

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Parish Events and Meetings

Saturday, October 19, 2019

5:00 p.m. Hal Baltazor—Repose
 Gil Chavez—Repose
 Carolyn Thompson—Repose

Sunday, October 20, 2019

7:00 a.m. Douglas Baker—Repose
 Jose Tio Sing & Pilar Yu—Repose
 Doug Stephens—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Gil Chavez—Repose
 Maria Oca—Repose
 Ruth Redding—Special Intention

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

5:00 p.m. Teresita Nadres de Villa—Repose
 Maria & Pablo Palomo—Repose

Monday, October 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. Lorraine Markey—Repose
 David Vizcay—Repose
 Phil Garcia—Special Intention

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

8:00 a.m. Edward Nettelmann—Repose
 David Vizcay—Repose
 The Downs Family—In Thanksgiving

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. Beatric Morales Barriendas—Repose
 David Vizcay—Repose
 Jon Downs—Special Intention

Friday, October 25, 2019

8:15 a.m. Gaudencio Aurellano—Repose
 Thomas Legaspi—Repose
 Doug Stephens—Special Intention

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. David Joseph Pimentel—Repose
 Carolyn Thompson—Repose

5:00 p.m. Gil Chavez—Repose
 Carolyn Thompson—Repose

Sunday, October 20, 2019

Hospitality Served after Mass

10:00 a.m.—Families of Faith—Cauchi Hall
 3:00 p.m.—Confirmation, Yr. 2—Cauchi Hall

Monday, October 21, 2019

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
 6:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—Church Hall
 6:00 p.m. Father-daughter Dance Planning—A.R.
 6:00 p.m. PACE Bingo Planning—G.P.
 7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall

Tuesday, October 22, 2019

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
 6:30 p.m. Women's Guild—A.R.
 7:00 p.m. Evening Bible Study—Cauchi Hall

Wednesday, October 23, 2019

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
 7:00 p.m. Youth Band Practice—Church

Thursday, October 24, 2019

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
 9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.
 6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church
 6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting—8th Grade
 7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—G.P.
 7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy—EX
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, October 25, 2019

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
 6:00 p.m. Fall Fest—Cauchi Hall

Saturday, October 26, 2019

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
 8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
 9:30 a.m. First Reconciliation Parent Meeting—
 Cauchi Hall

6:00 p.m. Respect Life Rosary—Church

Fair Trade after Mass

Offertory of Letters Table after Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Mission Sunday
 Tuesday: St. John Paul II
 Wednesday: St. John of Capistrano
 Thursday: St. Anthony Mary Claret
 Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary



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
Veronica Peery at 925-286-6794 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING:

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

Tuesdays from 7-8:30 p.m. in Cauchi Hall.

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: 925-798-1735.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY:

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

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR OCTOBER 13: \$11,000
Includes Faith Direct Giving
We thank you for your Stewardship.

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time **October 20, 2019**

I lift up my eyes toward the mountains;
whence shall help come to me?

My help is from the LORD,
who made heaven and earth.

— *Psalms 121:1-2*

Pastor's Reflection

A pig said to the chicken, "What shall we have for breakfast?"
The chicken suggested, "Let's have ham and eggs!" The pig
responded, "No way! For you, eggs are a donation. The ham is a
commitment for me!"

We at St. Agnes continue our season of Stewardship. We held
Time and Talent enrollments for Reaching Out and Worship
ministries in September. We plan to hold similar enrollments for
Formation and Gathering ministries in November. In October,
we believe it's time to focus on Stewardship of Treasure. Since
Stewardship of Treasure is the whole Parish's responsibility, I am
asking everyone to participate in this year's renewal/enrollment.

Jesus laid down his life for us and became food for us in the
Eucharist. He did not make a donation, but a commitment. It is
important that every year each of us should pause and reflect
on the many blessings God has given to us. Then, we should
determine what we plan to give back to the Lord. This year, your
commitment is between you and God. No commitment card will
be provided or collected.

I can assure you the parish continues to be staunch stewards of
the donations entrusted to us. This year a number of
improvements have been made to our buildings and grounds.
The parking lot was resurfaced, LED lights were installed on the
campus, and a confirmation coordinator was appointed which
will help prepare our young parishioners to receive the
sacrament of confirmation. However, we are experiencing some
challenges. The current plate collections are thirty six thousand
dollars below the budget, and less than what was received this
time last year. In order to continue to provide parishioners with
the same level of support and ministries, we need your ongoing
financial support.

Please review your blessings and prepare to thank God by giving
a commitment back in thanksgiving for what God has given to
you. To do so, I ask that you prayerfully consider increasing your
weekly or monthly gift to the Parish.

If you are not already enrolled in online giving, this may be a
good time to consider joining your fellow parishioners by giving
thanks for your blessings and making your generous gifts
through Faith Direct. E Giving is convenient and secure, and
when families give online, it stabilizes our offertory so that we
are better able to plan our ministries throughout the year.

Enrolling in Faith Direct is simple. Go to the Parish website
"about" and scroll down and click on Faith Direct eGiving, or
stop by the Welcome Table or Ministry Center and pick up an
application.

Thank you for your involvement in the Parish, and also thank
you in advance for your participation in making your
Stewardship of Treasure commitment.

Fr. Johnson

Parish News and Activities

OCTOBER ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please arrive at the weekend Masses at least 5 minutes early to join the congregation in praying a decade of the Holy Rosary before Mass begins.



RESPECT LIFE ROSARY

In celebration of Respect Life Month, please join the Respect Life Committee in prayer for all of the life intentions on **Saturday, October 26**, immediately after the 5 p.m. Vigil Mass. We will meet in front of the statue of our Lady of Fatima in the church.

OFFERING OF LETTERS COMING OCT. 26 & 27

"For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me."

Matthew 25:35-36.

Join us next weekend to write letters to our Senators and Congressman to ask them to form a circle of protection around programs for hungry and poor people.

BOOK OF REMEMBRANCE

The **Book of Remembrance** will be in the church during the month of October. Parishioners are invited to enter the names of their loved ones to be remembered on All Souls Day and the **Mass of Remembrance**, which is scheduled for **Saturday, November 2, at 10:00 a.m.**



MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 2, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

Any Parishioner who has experienced the death of a family member, loved one or friend whose service WAS NOT held at St. Agnes Church AND would like their name added to our **Mass of Remembrance Scroll**, please contact Sharon Ouimet at 925-685-1361. Deadline to submit names is 10/20/2019.

PEW SEATING FOR THE DISABLED

Weekend mass attendees in wheelchairs, with walkers, or elderly who have trouble walking toward the altar to receive communion are invited to be seated in the **first two pews** on the **side** sections of the church. Eucharistic ministers will make every effort to deliver communion to them directly in their pew.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

Jim Adams

Ron Artale

Paul Boback

Cara Carmody

Ramon Chang

Fr. Ricardo Chavez

Tony Harpouche

Todd Hurst

Janine Judge

Chris Klyse

Tom McEachran

Wilma Myers

Annamae Pareja

Ruth Redding

Nancy Rivera

Robert Rivera

Nena Rofon

Gerry Rugani

Heather Solari

Bill van Hattem

Lougene Simisim

George Villanueva

Tony Wilcockson

Parish News and Activities

WOMEN'S GUILD TEA

November 9, 2019

Come and enjoy sipping tea with your friends at St. Agnes Women's Guild "Autumn Tea" on Saturday, November 9th.



The forms to request tickets are available at the Welcome Table in the back of the church. Please contact Sandi Rigor at 925-682-0387 if you have any questions.

Tickets cost \$30 and must be purchased no later than Tuesday, October 29th. No tickets will be sold at the door.

If you would like to donate a gift basket or gift card to the Raffle, please contact Dianna Struheck at 925-998-6398.



THUNDER VALLEY CASINO

Tuesday, November 12

It's not too late to sign up for the StARS casino bus trip. The bus leaves St. Agnes Church at 9:00 a.m. and arrives back at 5:00 p.m. The cost is only \$30 per person and includes \$15 of free play and a \$5 food credit which is good at all of the casino restaurants. All passengers must have a players club card and a valid government ID. Get your reservations in soon to: Bob Rigor at 925-202-6239.

NEW TO ST. AGNES? WANT TO JOIN A MINISTRY? JUST NEED SOME INFO?

Please stop by the Welcome Table after Mass at the back of the church. Our friendly Welcoming Committee members can help you register with the Parish, give you information/sign you up for ministries and help you with your questions.

FAIR TRADE SALES OCT 26 & 27

"When you bring fairly traded coffee, chocolate, tea and foods to your table, you are supporting a more equitable alternative trade system that empowers small-scale farmers worldwide....The actions you take locally make a difference for people around the globe."

(Equal Exchange, Fair Trade products agent).



Check out our Fair Trade table loaded with Fair Trade delicious Coffee, Tea, Chocolate Bars, Hot Cocoa, Baking Cocoa, and our tasty California grown Almonds. We are grateful for your continuing interest in helping provide small farmers a market for their high quality products. Thank you, St. Agnes!

SHARE: please bring your food donations to the baskets at church. All nourishing food donations are appreciated.



October's focus is: canned or dried beans, refried, pinto, black, kidney, pork & beans. Your support makes the difference.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

OCTOBER

- 19 Knights of Columbus Crab Dinner, 7:00 p.m.
- 19/20 Stewardship of Treasure Weekend
- 20 Hospitality after all Masses
 - Families of Faith, 10:00 a.m.
 - Baptisms, 12:15 p.m.
 - Confirmation—Yr. 2, 3:00 p.m.
- 26 Respect Life Rosary after 5 p.m. Mass
- 26/27—Fair Trade after all Masses
 - Offering of Letters after Masses
- 27 Enrollment 1st Communion at 11:00 a.m. Mass
 - Friends & Family Mass 9:00 a.m.

School News

FALL FEST

St. Agnes School would like to invite all parishioners to come join us for this year's Fall Fest, **Friday, October 25th, at Cauchi Hall from 6-9 p.m.** Gather your children or grandchildren and come join in the festivities. Flyers are available at the Welcome Table or on the school website.

FROM THE INTERNET:

A mother was preparing pancakes for her sons, Kevin, 5, and Ryan, 3. The boys began to argue over who would get the first pancake. Their mother saw the opportunity for a moral lesson. "If Jesus were sitting here, He would say, 'Let my brother have the first pancake, I can wait.'" Kevin turned to his younger brother and said, "Ryan, you be Jesus!"

PERSISTENCE

Today's readings are about persistence, passionate persistence. Exodus tells of a battle won despite weariness because Moses, with help from Aaron and Hur, held his hands raised. Timothy asks that same persistence of his community and us. Luke tells of a court case won by a widow, despite the dishonesty of the judge, because she will not leave him alone. The psalm reminds us that God is everywhere, guarding us from harm day and night, coming and going, now and forever. The readings are about persistence, the relentless, unwavering pursuit of what must not be lost. The readings are about God's passionate persistence in pursuing us, seeking to win our hearts. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

FRAGRANT FORGIVENESS

Forgiveness is the fragrance a violet sheds on the heel that has crushed it. —Mark Twain

Community Events

CARONDELET HIGH SCHOOL

INFORMATION NIGHT—October 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Learn how to prepare your daughter for the competitive high school admissions process. Get more information about Carondelet's unique curriculum, tuition assistance, acclaimed athletics, and personalized college counseling.

OPEN HOUSE—Carondelet High School's Open House for interested 6th, 7th and 8th grade girls and their parents/ guardians will be held on **Sunday, November 17th, from 1-3 p.m.** at 1133 Winton Drive (corner of Treat Blvd.) in Concord. We also have shadow visits, tours, and HSPT Test-Prep courses available. To register and find out more about these events, please visit [**carondeleths.org/admissions**](http://carondeleths.org/admissions).

SHADOW VISITS—Tuesdays in October/November 8th grade girls accompany a current student to classes and school events for the day. RSVP now.

QUEEN OF HEAVEN VIGIL OF LIGHT All Souls Remembrance Day

Friday, November 1, 6:30 p.m.— Three-day candlelight vigil begins at Queen of Heaven Cemetery. The cemetery will be open late, allowing families the opportunity to place candles on graves and enjoy a cemetery full of light at night. Call 925-932-0900 to reserve your free candle.

FREE IMMIGRATION WORKSHOP November 14, 3-7 p.m., Pleasant Hill

OneJustice is sponsoring a free Immigration Workshop for general immigration screenings, citizenship assistance and DACA renewals. Please call 415-534-5878 to schedule your appointment and to find out the documentation you will need to bring with you.

catholicmatch®
California



CatholicMatch.com/myCA



Get this weekly bulletin delivered by email - for FREE!

Sign up here:

<https://www.jspaluch.com/BulletinSubscribe.aspx>

Courtesy of J.S. Paluch Company, Inc.



Saint Margaret Sunday Missal

An ideal companion for personal prayer.



**In Stock & Ready to Order Today.
CALL OR ORDER ONLINE. \$39.95**



800-566-6150 • www.wlpmusic.com

Rex Lock & Safe
925-777-0707

Commercial • Residential • Automotive
Serving Northern California
CA LIC#691700 • www.RexLock.com



PARMA DELICATESSEN

DINE IN • TAKE OUT • CATERING FOR ALL OCCASIONS

Mary & Sam - Parishioners

3521 CLAYTON RD. 925-685-5705

Catholic Cruises and Tours

Come Sail Away on a 7-night Catholic Exotic Cruise starting as low as \$1045 per couple

Brian or Sally, coordinators
860.399.1785

www.CatholicCruisesAndTours.com



WINDOWS
Andersen, Milgard, Marvin

**DOORS
LUMBER**

www.dolanlumber.com

Pinole (510) 724-8753
Walnut Creek (925) 927-4662
Concord (925) 686-1734

990 San Pablo Ave.
2450 Camino Diablo
2231 Monument Blvd.

FINDaPARISH.com

Check It Out Today!

**The Most Complete
Online National
Directory of
Catholic Parishes**

OUIMET BROS.
FD1006

CONCORD FUNERAL CHAPEL

Serving Concord and the surrounding area since 1958

Cremation and Burial Services

Se habla español

4125 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521

925-682-4242 • www.ouimethbrothers.com

John and Sharon Ouimet, Parishioners

ONE PARISH

Grow in your faith, find a Mass, and connect with your Catholic Community with OneParish!

Download Our Free App or Visit
MY.ONEPARISH.COM



Mt. Diablo Recycling
reduce • reuse • recycle • respect • recover
A Garavito Company

Help us reduce waste by recycling.
Proud to be part of your community.

**Grow Your Business, Advertise Here.
Support Your Church & Bulletin.**

Free professional ad design & my help!

email: kwiatkowskim@jspaluch.com



www.jspaluch.com

Call Marcy Kwiatkowski

925.239.1401

FITZPATRICK LANDSCAPE FENCING & MAINTENANCE

Complete Landscaping Service Etc.
Installs • Lawns • Sprinklers • Drainage
Bricks • Pavers • All types of Concrete
Fencing • Retaining Walls • Clean Up & Hauling

Commercial / Residential
Monthly / Weekly Service
Contractor Lic. #688120

(925) 685-5981 (925) 765-4313
John Fitzpatrick Owner, Parishioner (St. Agnes)

Life Matters

For more information go to www.usccb.org/respectlife

O'SULLIVAN & ASSOCIATES

TOM O'SULLIVAN, Certified Public Accountant

Accounting and Tax for Individuals and Small Businesses

2487 Salvio Street, Concord, CA 94520

925.691.6520

tom@osucpa.com / www.osucpa.com

Parishioner

Protecting Seniors Nationwide



Medical Alert System

\$29.95/Mo. billed quarterly

- One Free Month
- No Long-Term Contract
- Price Guarantee
- Easy Self Installation

Call Today! Toll Free 1.877.801.8608



QUEEN OF HEAVEN

CEMETERY & FUNERAL CENTER FD1959

Start planning today:

Funeral | Cremation | Cemetery | Family Estates

(855) 894-6540 | cfcsoakland.org

cfc

Living Our Mission
CATHOLIC FUNERAL & CEMETERY SERVICES
A MINISTRY OF THE DIOCESE OF OAKLAND

See Your Ad in COLOR

Call J.S. Paluch Today!

1.800.231.0805

If You Live Alone You Need MDMedAlert!

✓Ambulance 24 Hour Protection at HOME and AWAY!

✓Police ✓Fire

FREE Shipping

Solutions as Low as

✓Friends/Family FREE Activation

\$19.95

a month

NO Long Term Contracts



"I have peace of mind... Mom remains independent."

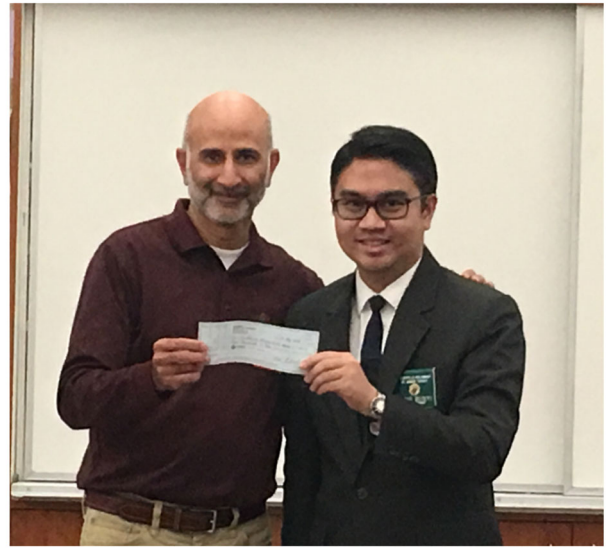
CALL NOW! 800.809.3352

MDMedAlert
Safe-Guarding America's Seniors Nationwide!

GPS Tracking w/Fall Detection Nationwide, No Land Line Needed EASY Set-up, NO Contract 24/7 365 Monitoring in the USA



The Knights of Columbus presented a \$3,000 check to the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission group at their first meeting on October 2. The group will use the funds to help build homes in Tijuana, Mexico, during Easter week 2020.



Many of our parishioners have special challenges in life and need to make an extra effort to come to Mass. Thank you to all of the caregivers, parents of small children, and children of elderly parents who make sure the people entrusted to their care are able to attend the Eucharistic Celebration.

