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The Ascension of the Lord

May 24, 2020

*He was lifted up,
and a cloud took him from their sight.*
— Acts 1:9



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.

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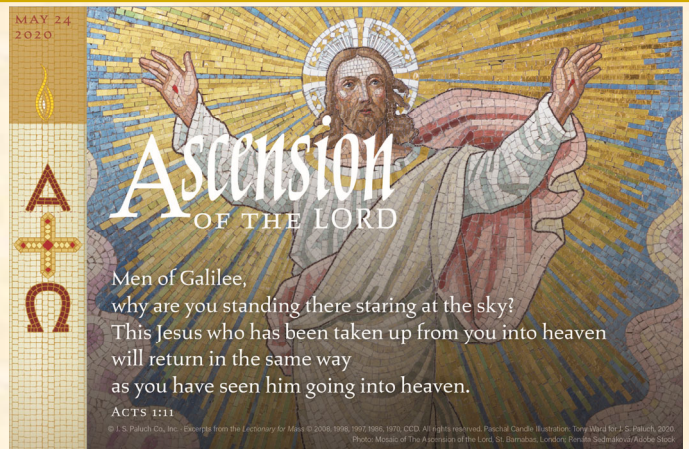
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 23, 2020

5:00 p.m. Teresa Chow—Repose
Mary Veronica & Earl Greenwood—Rep.
Maria Costa & Daniel Rosario—Repose

Sunday, May 24, 2020

7:00 a.m. Gerry Rugani—Repose
In Thanksgiving—The Judilla Family
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
11:00 a.m. Margarito Briseno—Repose
Yvette Farrington—Repose
Kathleen York—Repose
5:00 p.m. Jim Armstrong—Repose

Monday, May 25, 2020

8:00 a.m. Thomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose
Caron & Anthony Bausa—Special Int.
Members of the Schafer Family—
Special Intention

Tuesday, May 26, 2020

8:00 a.m. Francisco Bulseco, Sr.—Repose
Rosie Espinueva-Woo—Repose
Teresa & Les Schafer—Repose

Wednesday, May 27, 2020

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 28, 2020

8:00 a.m. Clere Woo—Special Intention

Friday, May 29, 2020

8:15 a.m. Wally Woo—Special Intention

Saturday, May 30, 2020

5:00 p.m. Chun Kam Jung—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

All events and meetings are canceled.

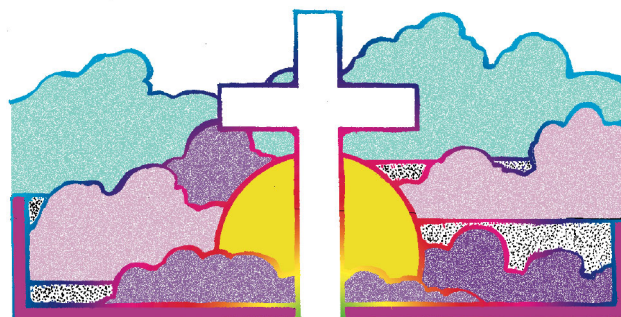
Here at St. Agnes, we are keeping our chapel open daily (6 AM – 9 PM) for personal prayer, and we will have the main church opened Sunday morning (7AM- Noon) for personal prayer with the Blessed Sacrament exposed.

The Ministry Center Office will remain closed until further notice. You can reach the office by telephone (925-689-0838) or email ***marlene.stagnesparish@gmail.com***.

Father Johnson has invited each of us to set aside a brief moment at 7 p.m. each evening, from our own locations, to reach out in prayer and care to surround each other with God's wisdom, healing power and peace. "We remain bound together during this time, which is both challenging and a moment of God's Grace, in our need for mutual support for each other in our lives and ministries...as well as for God's care for the people of our community and the world."

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: The Ascension of the Lord;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Bede the Venerable; St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de' Pazzi;
Memorial Day
Tuesday: St. Philip Neri
Wednesday: St. Augustine of Canterbury;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. Paul VI



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During this difficult time, and while our Parish Office is closed indefinitely, parishioners have the opportunity to send in requests for daily and weekend private Mass intentions. You could mail the request to our parish office or email marlene.stagnesparish@gmail.com and we will confirm your request via phone or email. The suggested stipend is \$10 - please send your donation via mail or drop it through the mail slot in the Ministry Center door.

Pastor's Reflection

St. Agnes Family,

Good News!!! This Sunday our Church will be open from 7AM-Noon for personal prayer and adoration **and we will have an opportunity to receive Holy Communion** (drive through only) from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM.

I look forward to seeing many of you this Sunday to share Our Lord for the first time in over two months! We will be taking every precaution to assure your safety. Please read the instructions below carefully before participating Sunday morning.

For those who are not yet able to come to church, please know I am keeping you in my prayers and you are always remembered when I celebrate Mass privately each day. Your Sunday obligation remains suspended by our Bishop as we continue to pray for the virus to be defeated.

Communion Preparation Instructions:

- 1. If you are sick or feel you are at risk of illness, please stay home.*
- 2. Before coming to receive Holy Communion, prepare yourself spiritually by watching a live or recorded Sunday Mass with your family.*
- 3. Remember to bring a mask for anyone in the car receiving Holy Communion.*

Upon arriving at St. Agnes:

- 4. Enter only through the entrance closest to West St. (the one with the stop sign).*
- 5. Knights of Columbus volunteers will direct you to the correct location.*
- 6. Drive very slowly and have your mask on before you reach the tent where Holy Communion will be distributed. Everyone must remain inside their vehicles.*
- 7. When it is your turn to pull in front of the tent, make sure your windows are rolled down and put your car in park.*
- 8. A priest or Eucharistic Minister (with mask on) will approach your vehicle. If there are multiple people in the vehicle, two ministers may approach your vehicle, one on each side.*
- 9. The minister will then administer Holy Communion by saying "The Body of Christ." The Communicant(s) should then reverently receive the Body of Christ in the hand and respond "Amen" while still wearing the face mask. Please hold your hand steady so the Communion minister can avoid touching your hand. (Reception on the tongue is not an option in this situation).*
- 10. At this point, the Communion minister will step away from the vehicle. The communicant(s) should then pull down their face mask and consume the Body of Christ in the presence of the Communion minister.*
- 11. As you leave, non-contact stations will be available for your Sunday envelope offering and any food donations to Share. This Sunday we also will have a small gift bag for each family, and an extra one for those families with children in the car.*

On the way home, please reflect on the goodness of our Lord, the beauty of His creation, and say a prayer for me and our entire St. Agnes Family.

*Blessings,
Fr. Johnson*

Parish News and Activities

VACATION BIBLE CAMP

St. Bonaventure is hosting a Virtual Vacation Bible Camp live on YouTube June 22-26 for children Pre-K (4 years old) to Grade 6. It features live-streamed opening and closing programs each day at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m., take home crafts (supplies are included with registration), music and skits, bible lessons, and do-at-home games. The theme this year is Rocky Railway: Jesus' power pulls us through! May his love pull us through even these unprecedented times.

Registration began on May 18. The cost is \$40 per child. Please contact either Eileen Limberg, Director of Children's Faith Formation at 925-672-5800 x2204 or Jacob Perry, Director of Youth Ministry at 925-672-5800 x2229. More information can be found at stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp.



JOIN OUR CHURCH AS WE CONTINUE TO PRAY NIGHTLY TO END CORONA VIRUS!

Fr. Johnson invites everyone to join our parish to pray for the End of Corona Virus. Please join by calling in nightly between 6:50 and 6:55pm. Here are the directions to join by calling Free Conference Call:

1. Call: (425) 436-6358.
2. When prompted, enter: 418980#
3. Once connected, and prompted, announce your name. However, if you call after we begin at 7, please enter silently.
4. Now place your phone on MUTE so everyone will only hear the hosts.

The Corona Virus is still prevalent throughout our state. Through your prayers and "sheltering-in-place" orders, plus the hard work of the front line workers, we are seeing an improvement and fewer new cases. But, we should not let up our prayers. Instead, we need your help to stop this virus from infecting any more people. Please join us in this mission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

<i>Jim Adams</i>	<i>Marie Frisbee</i>	<i>Todd Long</i>	<i>Marsha Selhorn</i>
<i>Dianna Andrews</i>	<i>Maria Luisa Garcia</i>	<i>Lorna Macadaeg</i>	<i>Sophia Senh</i>
<i>Ron Artale</i>	<i>Monica Garcia</i>	<i>Joel Manalang</i>	<i>Heather Solari</i>
<i>Paul Boback</i>	<i>Merv Hammond</i>	<i>Tom McEachran</i>	<i>Shirley Spahl</i>
<i>Cara Carmody</i>	<i>Tony Harpouche</i>	<i>Sarah Meyer</i>	<i>Bill van Hattem</i>
<i>Fr. Ricardo Chavez</i>	<i>Peggy Hepa-Lobato</i>	<i>Lisa O'Brien</i>	<i>Lougene Simisim</i>
<i>Kandy Chhi</i>	<i>Todd Hurst</i>	<i>Robert Rivera</i>	<i>George Villanueva</i>
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<i>Carmen Crisafulli</i>	<i>Chris Klyse</i>	<i>Ellie Rowe</i>	
<i>Zane Drobick</i>	<i>Ed Lexon</i>	<i>Connie Schulte</i>	

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Dear Parishioners,

I would like to thank all of you who have mailed your envelopes to the parish. I appreciate your support and generosity.

As we are not having our Sunday celebrations, we have already experienced decreased giving. If this continues, it will put the parish in an increasingly difficult financial position. Without your help, we will not be able to maintain our facilities and ministries and hire staff.

During this time, we ask that you consider enrolling in our Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program. Or mail checks payable to "St. Agnes Church" to 3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA, 94519.

Fr Johnson



MASS VIA MEDIA

EWTN offers mass on television. Bishop Robert Barron offers Mass daily online at <https://www.wordonfire.org/daily-mass>. St. Bonaventure (9 am English and 10 am Spanish) and other local parishes livestream Sunday Mass on their Facebook pages. **Formed.org** has Masses, as well as movies, documentaries and bible studies. And St. Agnes Church is open on Sunday from 7 am till noon for Eucharistic Adoration. Don't forget to spend time with God!



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Jesus tells the disciples that they will be witnesses to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:1-11).

Psalm — God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord (Psalm 47).

Second Reading — May the Father of glory give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation (Ephesians 1:17-23).

Gospel — Jesus instructs the Eleven to baptize and teach people of all nations (Matthew 28:16-20).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a

Wednesday: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25

Sunday: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29-30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39
Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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GIVING CHARITABLY

During this pandemic and shelter-at-home, many are feeling stressed or at loose ends. So many who live paycheck –to-paycheck haven’t had an income in several weeks and are feeling the stress of trying to pay their rent or utilities or even put food on their tables.

Giving of ourselves has multiple benefits. Multiple studies have shown that giving of yourself and to charitable organizations has amazing mental and physical benefits. It offers an immediate surge in happiness and boosts overall life satisfaction. It decreases depression, lowers blood pressure, lowers stress levels and helps us to live longer. It improves our heart health and boosts our quality of life. It can also help with aging and may prevent cognitive issues in later life.

Even if you are sheltering at home, St. Agnes has two opportunities for you to immediately help those in our community.

SHARE FOOD PANTRY—Being an essential business, SHARE is operational Monday-Wednesday and on Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Donations of food continue to be accepted along with monetary ones. Also, we accept home-grown fruit and vegetables. Our Post Office box is **P.O. Box 399, Concord, CA 94522**, and food donations can be dropped off at the church on Sunday from 7 a.m. to noon. For non-perishable donations, call Lynda Conlow at 925-899-1911 for pick up or drop-off locations. Since many of our volunteers are now staying at home, SHARE is looking for more volunteers to help us through this difficult time. Please contact Lynda Conlow at the above phone number or by email at LCONL@valent.com.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL—Next weekend (May 31) is the fifth Sunday where we normally have a special 2nd collection for St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent de Paul helps those in our community with rent, utilities, gas, furnishings or other needed items. You may make a contribution through EFT or, if you receive church donation envelopes, there will be a special envelope for St. Vincent de Paul. If neither of these apply, just write a check to St. Agnes Church and write “St. Vincent de Paul” in the memo line and place in a separate envelope. You can mail it to the church, drop it off in the mail slot in the Ministry Center door or drop it off at church on Sunday mornings. If you wish to offer your assistance or have other questions, please contact Denise Dal Colletto via email at [**denisedalcolletto@gmail.com**](mailto:denisedalcolletto@gmail.com).



Don't deny yourself the opportunity to feel good about yourself by helping others.

RECEIVING CHARITY

If you are one of those who is in serious financial need right now, don't hesitate to ask for help. If you have financial needs, contact the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 925-689-0838, extension 250. Leave your name and number and what you need help with on the voicemail, and one of our Vincentians will call you back. Don't deny others the opportunity to feel good about themselves by helping you!

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FOOD DISTRIBUTION AT ST. AGNES

St. Agnes has been working with the Contra Costa Food Bank and the leadership of our Concord City officials to help feed those in need in our community. Every other Wednesday for the last six weeks, boxes of canned goods sufficient to feed a family of four a balanced diet for 1-2 weeks (about 21 pounds of food) have been distributed from 9 to 11 a.m. (or until supplies last) at St. Agnes. No need for reservations or forms. Distributions have also been coordinated at Queen of All Saints and St. Francis Parish. Thank you to all those who have helped with directing traffic, lifting boxes and have made food and monetary contributions to help others during these challenging times.

