

# St. Agnes Catholic Community

*Many Visions † One People*

*13th Sunday in Ordinary Time*

*June 28, 2020*

Whoever  
receives  
me  
receives  
the one  
who  
sent  
me



## 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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## OFFICE HOURS

The Office is closed at the current time.

Thirteenth Sunday

*in Ordinary Time*

June 28, 2020

Whoever gives only a cup  
of cold water to one of  
these little ones  
to drink because the  
little one is a disciple —  
amen, I say to you,  
he will surely not  
lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42



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## MASS

Daily on Facebook: [facebook.com/stagneparish/](https://www.facebook.com/stagneparish/)  
Sunday: 8:30 a.m., Mon-Sat: 9:00 a.m.

## COMMUNION

Sunday from 10 am—11 am in the Church

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Chapel daily 6 am—9:00 pm

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## *Mass Intentions*

### **Saturday, June 27, 2020**

5:00 p.m. Ed Lexon—Repose  
Jim Rude, SJ—Repose

### **Sunday, June 28, 2020**

7:00 a.m. Janice Low—Special Intention  
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased  
11:00 a.m. Elizabeth Quade—Repose  
Kathleen York—Repose  
5:00 p.m. Ernesto Esquejo—Repose  
Mary Monroe—Special Intention

### **Monday, June 29, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Greg Jung—Special Intention

### **Tuesday, June 30, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Mary Perez—Repose  
Geoff Jung—Special Intention

### **Wednesday, July 1, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Joaquin Bigon—Special Intention

### **Thursday, June 2, 2020**

8:00 a.m. Josh Belmonte—Repose

### **Friday, June 3, 2020**

8:15 a.m. Ed Lexon—Repose

### **Saturday, June 4, 2020**

5:00 p.m. Daniel Gomes—Repose  
Herbert Honniball—Repose  
Ed Lexon—Repose



## *Parish Events and Meetings*

**All events and meetings are canceled  
until further notice.**

Here at St. Agnes, we are keeping our chapel open daily (6 AM – 9 PM) for personal prayer. 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: Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Monday: Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles  
Tuesday: The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church  
Wednesday: St. Junípero Serra; Canada Day  
Friday: St. Thomas; First Friday  
Saturday: Independence Day; First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



### **FREEDOM**

Those who deny freedom to others deserve it not for themselves and under a just God cannot long retain it.—Abraham Lincoln

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](mailto: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.

## *Faith and Spirituality*

### **FOR SPIRITUALITY:**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** - Chapel daily from 6 am—9 pm. Contact Veronica Peery at 925-286-6794 for scheduling.

### **FOR ADULT LEARNING:**

**SCRIPTURE SHARING:** Thursday Scripture Sharing and Tuesday Evening Bible Study are canceled until further notice.

### **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:** Contact Cecilia Aronson, [cnaronson@gmail.com](mailto:cnaronson@gmail.com).

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**.



### **Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time June 28, 2020**

Think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

— *Romans 6:11*

## *Reflection from Parish and Finance Council*

Fellow St. Agnes Parishioners,

While the last months have been difficult, they have also been a time where the wonderful generosity of our parish has been manifested in new and powerful ways. Many of you have reached out to share your prayers, your time, and your resources. Because of those gifts, we have been able to remain connected to the Eucharist, maintain our facilities and to continue to form ourselves as followers of Jesus.

Your gifts continue to make all this possible. Without them, we would not be able to do any of these things. In a dark time, we want to keep the light of Christ burning brightly so it can be a sign of hope for our entire community. But we need your continued help to do it.

Our greatest need is the kind of ongoing support that our Sunday collections historically provided. Please see below for ways to continue contributing on a regular basis.

Enroll in our Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) program. EFT is a safe and secure way for you to make donations to the church through automatic payment. These automatic payments can be from your checking account or credit card. It is very easy to sign up or increase your donations. Just visit our webpage and sign in at <http://www.faithdirect.net> and using our parish code: CA646. Right now we are receiving 30% of our Sunday collection from EFT, and we would like to have it raised to 50%. For this we need your cooperation. If you need help to enroll, feel free to contact us.

Mail checks payable to "St. Agnes Church" to 3966 Chestnut Ave, Concord, CA, 94519.

You can also donate through the Office for Mission Advancement in the Diocese of Oakland by visiting <https://www.oakdiocese.org/parish-support>. You can donate using credit or debit card through this secure website. 100% of the donation amount will be returned to our parish. In the month of May, we received over \$5,000 through this portal, and we wish to thank everyone who donated through this platform, and we encourage you to continue to do the same.

Enroll with Amazon Smile at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com). Our name is St. Agnes Church Concord. With every purchase you make on Amazon, the parish receives a 0.5% donation. That may not seem like much but it adds up and doesn't cost the purchaser.

On behalf of the Parish Council, Finance Council and Father Johnson THANK YOU for all you have given in prayer, financial support, and encouragement.

Mike McDermott  
Pastoral Council Chair

Ed Lee  
Finance Council Chair

## Parish News and Activities

### SAINT JUNÍPERO SERRA (1713-1784) - July 1

No one who has stood before the quiet majesty of Mission San Juan Capistrano, or the altogether different but no less lovely Mission Dolores in San Francisco, or any of the missions from San Diego to Sonoma can fail to bless the Franciscan *padre* who, while not founder of each, was inspiration for them all, Saint Junípero Serra. Abandoning the comfortable academic life to which his doctorate in theology entitled him, Serra journeyed to the New World where his tireless traveling, dramatic preaching, and penitential austerity converted thousands of native peoples. Saving souls and celebrating the sacraments were Padre Serra's primary mission but not his only one. Education in letters and crafts, trades and agriculture transformed the people, while roads and irrigation systems transfigured the landscape. His more than thirty years of ministry were not free from conflict with authorities or without controversy in the retrospectively critical eye of history. But when John Paul II beatified him in 1988, he praised Padre Serra for assisting his converts to use their new faith to advance their true human development.

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### 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:

Jim Adams  
Dianna Andrews  
Ron Artale  
Joaquin Bigol  
Paul Boback  
Cara Carmody  
Fr. Ricardo Chavez  
Kandy Chhi  
Marian Comber  
Eileen Conti  
Carmen Crisafulli

Zane Drobick  
Marie Frisbee  
Maria Luisa Garcia  
Monica Garcia  
Merv Hammond  
Tony Harpouche  
Todd Hurst  
Janine Judge  
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Chris Klyse  
Todd Long

Lorna Macadaeg  
Joel Manalang  
Tom McEachran  
Sarah Meyer  
Lisa O'Brien  
Robert Rivera  
Kayle Robinson  
Nena Rofon  
Ellie Rowe  
Connie Schulte  
Marsha Selhorn

Sophia Senh  
Heather Solari  
Shirley Spahl  
Bill van Hattem  
Lougene Simisim  
George Villanueva  
Mike Wehrle  
Betty Wilson

## Parish News and Activities

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.

**St. Agnes will live-stream Mass at 8:30 a.m. on Sundays on Facebook. Daily Mass is offered at 9:00 a.m. and can also be viewed on**

**Facebook.** If you do not have access to Facebook, you can call in via Conference Call. The call-in number is **(425) 436-6358**. When prompted enter the access code **418980** followed by the pound (#) sign.



### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — Elisha promises a baby son to the hospitable woman (2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a).

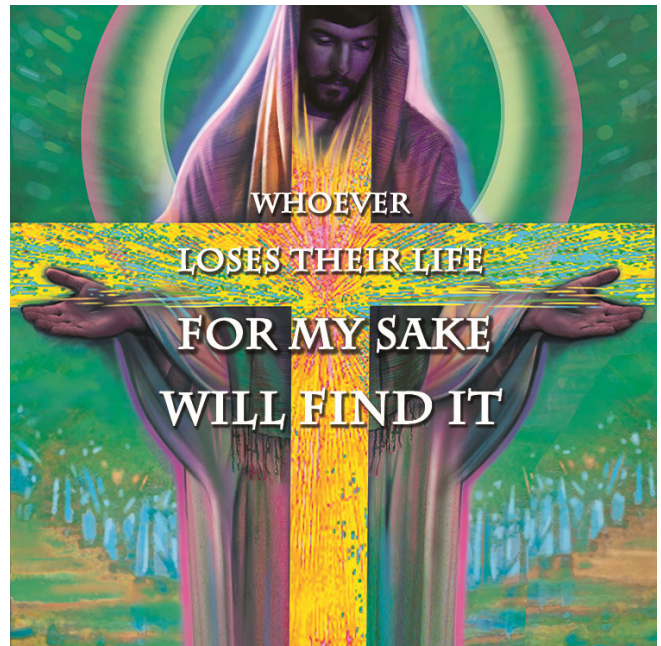
**Psalm** — For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord (Psalm 89).

**Second Reading** — We shall live in newness of life as Christ was raised from the dead (Romans 6:3-4, 8-11).

**Gospel** — Whoever gives but a cup of cold water to another will surely be rewarded (Matthew 10:37-42).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 12:1-11; Ps 34:2-9;  
2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18; Mt 16:13-19  
Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12; Ps 5:4b-8; Mt 8:23-27  
Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24; Ps 50:7-13, 16bc-17;  
Mt 8:28-34  
Thursday: Am 7:10-17; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 9:1-8  
Friday: Eph 2:19-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 20:24-29  
Saturday: Am 9:11-15; Ps 85:9ab, 10-14; Mt 9:14-17  
or, for Independence Day, any readings  
from the Mass "For the Country," nos. 882-  
886, or "For Peace and Justice," nos. 887-891  
Sunday: Zec 9:9-10; Ps 145:1-2, 8-11, 13-14;  
Rom 8:9, 11-13; Mt 11:25-30



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## Parish News and Activities

### CHRISTIAN HOSPITALITY

Day in and day out, we are required to make judgment calls informed by tough, durable, serviceable Christian love. We do what we can do, and God takes notice. God is in charge of rewards, and a glass of water will do when that is what we have to offer with a glad and open heart.

Paul gives us a clear theology for the missionary work we do whenever anybody is close at hand. He reminds us that our work, our ministry, is carried on in concert with Christ. We have been baptized into his death and life. In any given moment both life and death are there, a kind of play of shadow and light. Sometimes it's difficult to tell where shadow leaves off and light begins. God will take care of that, too.

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### Letters from Heaven



Start with the letter in the shaded square. Draw a path from letter to letter to complete the Biblical statement. Move one square at a time, up, down, right, left and diagonally until all letters are used once. Ignore any black squares.

Jesus said, "Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me ...

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Answer: *one of me is not worthy of*

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### THE CROSS AND HOPE

The cross of Christ is the true ground and chief cause of Christian hope.

—Pope St. Leo I



### KEEP CALM AND EAT BARBEQUE

#### St. Agnes Knights of Columbus 4th of July Drive-Thru BBQ



What's a Knight of Columbus without his grill on the 4th of July? Sad, hungry, and aimless. That's why the Knights are having their traditional 4th of July BBQ, even if we can't all sit down together and enjoy hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. The Knights will cook and pack it up for you. All you will have to do is drive up, grab it, and go!

#### Details:

- Drive-through service from **12 noon to 1:30 p.m.**
- Stay in your car for ordering and delivery outside the church kitchen
- Price per plate: **\$7 (includes chips, soft drink, and condiments)**
- Choices: **Hamburger, Cheeseburger, Hot Dog, or 2 Fish Tacos (new item)**

Father Johnson said he would be there to greet everyone and offer a blessing for you, your car, your dog, your kids...you can't get that kind of service at other drive-throughs!!!

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**Memories—Photos from the St. Agnes 4th of July Barbeque 2018.**  
**While we cannot share a table on Saturday, see page 6 for this year's plans.**  
**Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for helping us celebrate once again!**

