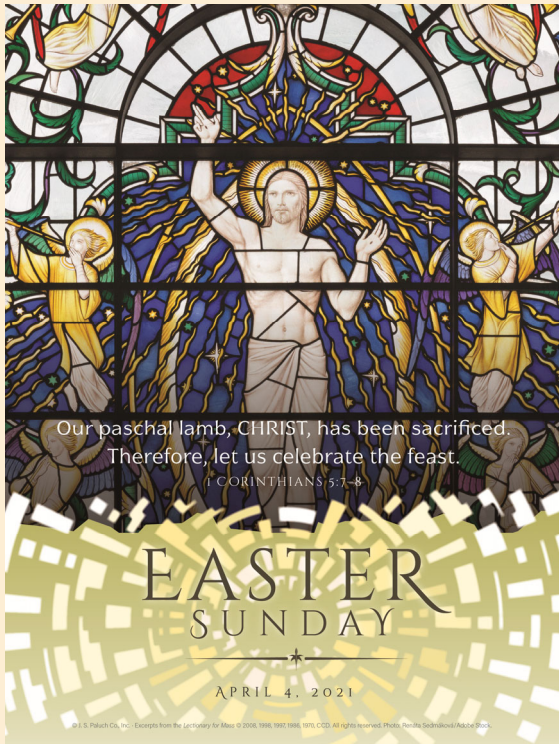


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Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

April 4, 2021



Our paschal lamb, CHRIST, has been sacrificed.
Therefore, let us celebrate the feast.
1 CORINTHIANS 5:7-8

**EASTER
SUNDAY**

APRIL 4, 2021

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

Easter Vigil on Saturday at 8:00 p.m. on the patio.

Sunday at 7:00 a.m. in the church.

Sunday Masses at 9 and 11 a.m. on the patio, weather permitting. Bring your own chair.

Sunday Mass via live-stream.

Daily Mass both indoors and via live-stream at 8:00 a.m.

No Daily Mass on Wednesdays.

Masses are live-streamed on Facebook at facebook.com/stagnesparish/

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Chapel daily 6:00 am—9:00 pm

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Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 3, 2021—Easter Vigil

8:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes
Living and Deceased

Sunday, April 4, 2021—Easter Sunday

7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. All Easter Sunday Masses are offered for the People of St. Agnes, Living and Deceased

Monday, April 5, 2021

8:00 a.m. Roberto Belmonte—Repose
Ramil Antonio Legaspi—Repose
Steve & Joanna Greenwood—Special Intention (50th Wedding Anniversary)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

8:00 a.m. Stella Piazza—Repose
Ramon Santos—Repose

Thursday, April 8, 2021

8:00 a.m. Loreto Santos—Repose
Jennifer Ding Chan—Special Intention

Friday, April 9, 2021

8:00 a.m. Jim Armstrong—Repose
Florencia Alagarmo—Repose
Gloria Schafer—Special Intention

Saturday, April 10, 2021

8:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

5:00 p.m. Marian Comber—Repose
Alma Terese Legaspi—Repose
Austin Lindemuth—Repose
Divine Mercy Cenacle Members—
Special Intention

REGARDING MASS INTENTIONS

Mass Intention requests may be placed in the mail slot in the door of the Ministry Center. Please :

1. On a piece of paper, provide the name of the person for whom a mass is requested. Indicate either "Repose" or "Special Intention." Also: preferred date of mass. Provide the name and address of person to whom the card should be provided.
2. Provide YOUR name and phone # at the bottom of your note. Include \$10 per mass. (Requested by...)
3. Enclose note and cash/check in envelope:
"Mass Request" Attn.: Marlene McCann

Parish Events and Meetings

Enhanced Safety Measures for indoor and outdoor Masses:

We will continue to follow and adhere to diocesan, county, and state COVID-19 guidelines:

1. Face coverings/masks are required at all times during Mass.
2. Six (6) feet of distance must be maintained between non-family members. (Families encouraged to sit closely together.)
3. Sanitize your hands upon entry into the church. (For outdoor Mass, hand sanitizer will be available in the Communion reception line.)
4. In order to maintain social distancing, do not congregate before or after Mass.
5. Ushers may ask you to move if it appears social distancing is not being maintained. Please respond graciously and cooperate with such requests.
6. Refrain from using the church restrooms except in emergency.
7. Only one person is allowed in the restroom at any time, unless a parent is accompanying a child or if you are assisting someone.
8. At the end of Mass please be attentive to social distancing as you exit.

Self-Assessment Before Coming to Mass:

1. Have you or a member of your household tested positive for COVID-19 in the past 14 days (2 weeks)?
2. In the last 48 hours, have you had any of the following NEW symptoms: Fever (100 F or 37.8 C) and Chills | Cough | Trouble breathing or Shortness of Breath | Wheezing | Muscle Aches | Sore Throat | Loss of Smell or Taste | Nausea, Vomiting, or Diarrhea | Headache?
3. If you answered "YES" to any of the above questions and are experiencing any of the listed symptoms, you are strongly encouraged to seek medical help. In a spirit of charity towards others, please do not come for Mass.

To Attend Indoor Mass:

1. No registration is required to attend Masses at this time. As indoor Mass attendance increases, we may add a reservation process for certain popular weekend Masses. We will communicate changes via Flocknote and updates to our webpage (www.stagnesparish.net).
2. Please arrive 10-15 minutes before Mass to allow enough time to take your seat. Please note: the doors will be closed once Mass begins.
3. Mass attendees must enter the church through the back (patio) doors and exit through the side doors.

The indoor Mass experience:

1. No public singing.
2. No kneeling during the Mass.
3. No shaking of hands during the Sign of Peace or holding hands at the Lord's Prayer.
4. Holy Communion will be distributed at the conclusion of Mass.
5. Masks are to be kept on until you receive the Body of Christ and put them back after you consume the Eucharist.

Faith and Spirituality

FOR SPIRITUALITY:

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

RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

Please contact Donna Roberts by email at
donnaroberts1956@gmail.com.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY:

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

HELPING HANDS: Contact **Anne Kurylo**,
925-876-7510, anne.kurylo@gmail.com.

Helping Hands provides meals in time of need, such as funeral receptions, illness or births.

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord; Julian Calendar Palm Sunday
Monday: Monday within the Octave of Easter
Tuesday: Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
Wednesday: Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day)
Thursday: Thursday within the Octave of Easter
Friday: Friday in the Octave of Easter;
Julian Calendar Good Friday
Saturday: Saturday within the Octave of Easter



Easter Sunday—April 4, 2021

I shall not die, but live,
and declare the works of the LORD.
— *Psalm 118:17*

Pastor's Reflection

Dear Families and Friends of St. Agnes,

Greetings of Peace and the Joy of Easter to you and your loved ones! Jesus Christ is Risen! Alleluia! May you have Easter faith – the faith that helps all of us to find hope in the Risen Christ that from the “dark places” or painful experiences of our lives –especially in this time of pandemic, He will transform us.

The Gospel on Easter morning begins with the words: “Early in the morning while it was still dark...” In the darkness of Easter morning some disciples met the Risen Christ. Two thousand years later, as followers of this same Christ, we are called to look for Christ and transformation in “dark places.” Many of these “dark places” are familiar to us—like the death of a loved one, loss of health, loss of love and friendship, loss of a job, loss of meaning, and loss of faith. For many others, the “dark places” might be an aging parent needing continuous care, with little or no support, fighting an addiction of some sort, conflict and stress in the workplace, and so on. I pray that, in the same spirit of Mary, Peter, and John, we visit that “dark tomb” and believe that good can come from it.

For me, the important question is not so much “Do I believe that God raised up Jesus 2,000 years ago?” but rather, “Do I believe that God can raise up someone like you or me?” The existential question is not so much whether God empowered Jesus to come from the dark place of death, but whether you and I can believe that God can empower us to come forth from our dark place of sin and suffering. Hopefully, our answer is a resounding “yes!” If so, we have Easter faith.

Let us place our hand in God’s hand, and trust that God can raise us from our “dead places”, just as Jesus was raised to new life. Amen! Alleluia!

May you and your loved ones have a very blessed Easter!

Fr. Johnson Abraham

Parish News and Activities

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND FEAST DAY

Please join us – all are welcome in person or by phone using the Free Conference Call line:
Call (425) 436-6358, passcode: 418980#
(Same number and passcode as the 7:00 p.m. daily evening Prayer Line.)



Location: St. Agnes Church

April 2 – Good Friday, 3:00 pm
April 3 – Holy Saturday, 7:15 pm
April 4 – Easter Sunday, 6:15 pm
April 5 – Easter Monday, 6:15 pm
April 6 – Easter Tuesday, 6:15 pm
April 7 – Easter Wednesday, 6:15 pm
April 8 – Easter Thursday, 6:15 pm
April 9 – Easter Friday, 6:15 pm
April 10 – Easter Saturday, 6:15 pm

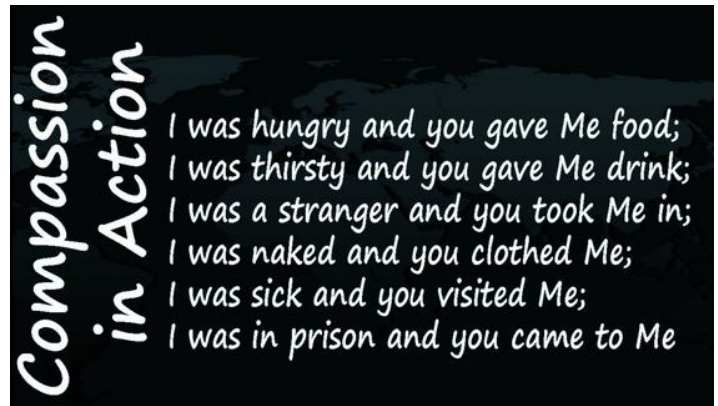
April 11—DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

2:00 p.m.—Divine Mercy Reflection and Talk
“Neither Do I Condemn You” by Fr. Michael Olawuni.

- Benediction—Fr. Johnson Abraham
- Divine Mercy Chaplet by all participants

Update on the Collection of Feminine Hygiene Products—No collection in April or May

As you know the Reaching Out Committee have been coordinating the parish’s efforts to help underserved women by collecting Feminine Hygiene Products. St. Agnes Parishioners have been so generous that the needs at our county agencies and Blue Star Moms have been filled for the coming months. Through your generosity St. Agnes has provided agencies with over 100 packages and many were Costco--sized boxes. We will collect again when needed. Thanks you so much for your very generous support.



PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

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Norm Andrews	Zane Drobick	Hugh McManus	Marsha Selhorn
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Aurora Asprer	Maria Luisa Garcia	Lisa O'Brien	Jean Simutis
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Amber Carpenter	Todd Hurst	Sharon Risling	Josephina van Hattem
Becky Chargulaf	Suzanne Klassen	Robert Rivera	Lougene Simisim
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Kandy Chhi	Todd Long	Kayle Robinson	Betty Wilson
George Conlow, Jr.	Lorna Macadaeg	Nena Rofon	Dan Wormald

Parish News and Activities

LA MORITA YOUTH MISSION

Fundraising: *La Morita Mexico Youth Mission-finishing up three homes for Tijuana families before the end of April!*

Panda Express Fundraiser - April 6 - 10am-9pm
community.pandaexpress.com/fundraiser/events/promotions/74c289de-61f9-0aa9-3b80-391b0e535d97/en/landing

MOD Pizza Fundraiser - May 6 - 10am-10:30pm
www.groupraise.com/events/183638

RICE BOWL DONATIONS

A big **Thank You** to everyone who is saving your coins and bills to our Rice Bowl. Your gift will go a long way toward helping feed those around the world as well as in our community. You can turn your donation through April 11-10. Be sure to put it in an envelope marked CRS Rice Bowl.

If possible, it would be much better if you could keep any cash and write a check to CRS Rice Bowl. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Walton at 925-212-7679 or email djtcwalton@gmail.com.



MASS TIMES UPDATES

This weekend, the Easter Vigil will be celebrated at 8 p.m. on Saturday on the Church patio. Bring your chair and candle. **For Easter Sunday, Mass will be offered at 7 a.m. inside the church, and on the back patio at 9 and 11 a.m.** Please wear a mask and socially distance yourself from other families. Bring a chair for outdoor Mass. Daily Mass is offered at 8:00 a.m. in the Church each day except Wednesday.

MASS VIA MEDIA—St. Agnes will live-stream daily and Sunday Masses on Facebook:
facebook.com/stagnesparish/



"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat" Matthew 25:35

Thank you to everyone in the parish and school who supported the Knights of Columbus' **40 Cans for Lent** program this year. As of March 28, they had collected 2,600 pounds of food (1,576 pounds from the parish, and 1,024 from the school which was donated to the Share Food Pantry. We will keep you apprised of the final totals. We encourage you to continue to make donations to our Share basket throughout the year. And a special thank you to Cheng-Feng Tsai and his helpers, Yo-Lin and Yo-Si, who collected the donations.



SACRAMENTAL NEEDS

For any of your sacramental needs, please contact Father Johnson directly at chemans@gmail.com.

FAITH FORMATION/CONFIRMATION

We have not received any information/direction from the Diocese so far. And so we will have to wait patiently for the community health situation to improve, and the diocese to give us direction.

Parish News and Activities

THE NEW "NORMAL"

It has been quite some time since we have been able to meet as a full community and worship in our "normal" ways, giving each other a handshake for the sign of peace, singing praise inside the church building, receiving Communion at the appropriate time, and receiving Jesus' Most Precious Blood from the cup. There are some positive changes coming, however, and we will keep you apprised as they occur.

First, many people are starting to return to Mass on the weekends, and we are getting very close to the maximum number we are allowed to have inside. Therefore, beginning next Sunday, April 11, we will have three Masses on Sunday mornings. Two will be inside (at 7:00 and 8:30 a.m.), and one Mass outside on the patio at 10:00 a.m. We will continue with the Saturday Mass at 5:00 p.m. inside.

Next, Father Johnson will continue to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Saturday evenings at 3:30 p.m. Please enter the church from the back and remain in the vestibule until Father Johnson has no penitents before you meet him at the front of the church. Father Johnson will leave when the line has dissipated.

And lastly, **our Ministry Center will re-open on Monday, April 5!** The office will be open **Monday through Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.** As always, when you are at the church, the chapel or the Ministry Center, please wear your mask and keep an appropriate distance from each other. Thank you.



EASTER COLLECTION- The Parish Finance Council has budgeted \$30,000 for this year's Easter Collection. We ask that each household be generous in making your Easter gift to the Parish. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity.

If you were blessed to receive a recent stimulus payment from the Government, please consider sharing a portion of it with St. Agnes Parish or with the Diocese for the 2021 Bishop's Appeal.

FAITH & RACIAL HEALING

Just Faith Ministries' "Faith and Racial Healing," is coming to St. Agnes parishioners. Do you want to address racism in your community but you don't know where to begin? Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, Just Faith Ministries' "Faith and Racial Healing" is an eight-session program that guides participants in telling the truth about the history of racism in the United States, that we might work toward true reconciliation with God and restoration with one another. The series will be held on Zoom, with an opening session on **Saturday, April 10**, and a choice of times for the remaining sessions: **Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. or Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** We are joining with St. Bonaventure parish to present this program.

Please contact Donna Walton at 925-212-7679 or email djtcwalton@gmail.com if you have questions or want more information.

NEW BORN

For I remember it is Easter morn,
And life and love and peace are all new born.

—Alice Freeman Palmer

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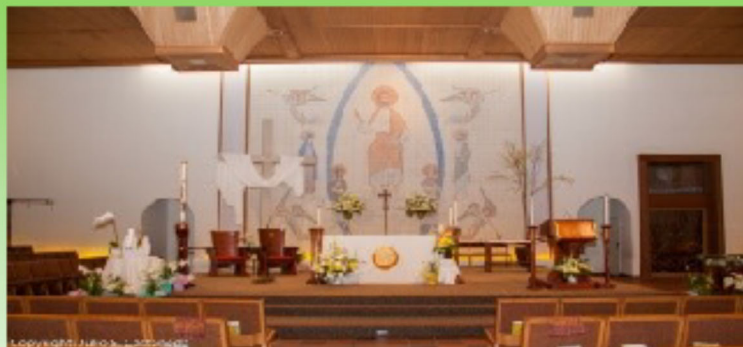
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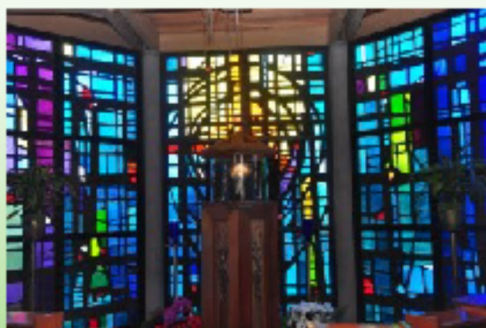
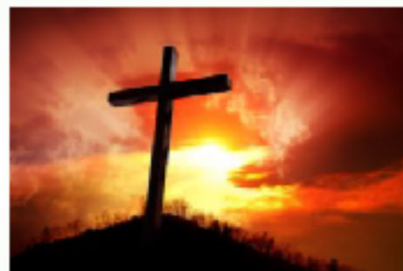
† Experience the Last Supper with Jesus and His followers
Holy Thursday Mass 7:00pm (Outdoor)

† Reflect and Pray at the foot of the Cross
Stations of the Cross 12:00pm (Outdoor)
Taize Prayer Service 2:00pm (Indoor)
Divine Mercy Prayer Service 3:00pm (Indoor)
Good Friday Liturgy 7:00pm (Outdoor)

† Celebrate Easter !!! Jesus is Risen !!!

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil: 8:00 pm (Outdoor: bring your own candle)

Easter Sunday Mass Times: 7:00am (Indoor) 9:00am (Outdoor) & 11:00am (Outdoor)



Our Adoration Chapel is open
6AM—9PM every day. Drop in for
a few quiet minutes with Jesus.



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Note: For Outdoor Masses, please bring your own folding chair. For all services, masks and social distancing are required. In the event indoor capacity is exceeded, you may watch the service streaming live on Facebook from your car and then come in for Eucharist at the end of Mass.

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