

# St. Agnes Catholic Community

*Many Visions † One People*

*First Sunday of Lent*

*March 6, 2022*

## First Sunday of LENT

Filled with the Holy Spirit,  
Jesus returned from the Jordan  
and was led by the Spirit into  
the desert for forty days,  
to be tempted by the devil.

Luke 4:1-2



March 6, 2022

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### 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

Saturday Vigil at 5:00 pm,  
Sunday at 7:00, 9:00 and 11:00 am and 5:00 pm.  
Daily at 8:00 am. No Daily Mass on Wednesdays.

### MASS (via livestream)

8:00 am Mon-Tues and Thurs-Sat.  
Masses are livestreamed on Facebook  
at [facebook.com/stagnesparish/](https://facebook.com/stagnesparish/)

### CONFESSION

Saturday at 3:30 pm in the church

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Chapel daily 6:00 am—9:00 pm

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## *Mass Intentions*

### **Saturday, March 5, 2022**

5:00 p.m. Caleb Pelletier—Repose  
Marion Armstrong—Special Intention  
Jung Family—Special Intention

### **Sunday, March 6, 2022**

7:00 a.m. Mariya Kutty Chacko—Repose  
Grace Jimenez—Repose  
Alfred Rugiero—Repose

9:00 a.m. Sarina Albanese—Repose  
Simeon Rojo—Repose  
Anita Salamony—Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Merv Hammond—Repose  
Marc Pascual—Repose  
Dayes Alagarmo—Special Intention

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

### **Monday, March 7, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Mercedes F. Cristobal—Repose  
George Eleopoulos—Special Intention  
Howard “Bud” Van Lente—Special Int.

### **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Pia Belmonte—Repose  
Michael Cordova—Repose  
Marco Michelato—Repose

### **Thursday, March 10, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Franco Spagnoli—Repose  
Christy Agda—Special Intention  
Josephine Ling—Special Intention

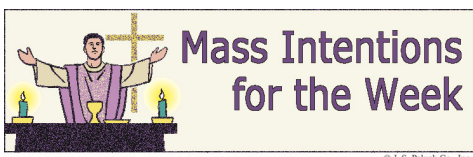
### **Friday, March 11, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Denis Bouvier—Repose  
Donna Farley—Repose  
Peter Ling—Repose

### **Saturday, March 12, 2022**

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

5:00 p.m. Gilbert Chavez—Repose  
Pablo R. Miran—Repose  
Alfred Ruggiero—Repose



## *Parish Events and Meetings*

### **Sunday, March 6, 2022**

10:00 a.m. Families of Faith Session—Cauchi Hall  
11:00 a.m. RCIA Call to Continuing Conversion

### **Monday, March 7, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
10:30 a.m. Just Faith—A.R.

### **Tuesday, March 8, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
3:00 p.m. Liturgy Meeting

### **Wednesday, March 9, 2022**

7:00 p.m. Catholic Daughters—Cauchi Hall

### **Thursday, March 10, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.

### **Friday, March 11, 2022**

**REMINDER:** All Fridays during Lent are days of Abstinence from meat.

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
5:00 p.m. Fish Fry—Church Hall/Patio  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Church

### **Saturday, March 12, 2022**

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church  
3:30 p.m. Confession—Church



### **SACRAMENTAL NEEDS**

For any of your sacramental needs, please contact the parish office at 925-689-0838.

The office is open from Monday through Thursday from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.

## Faith and Spirituality

### FOR SPIRITUALITY:

#### RITE OF CATHOLIC INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA):

Please contact Donna Roberts by email at [donnaroberts1956@gmail.com](mailto:donnaroberts1956@gmail.com).

#### SCRIPTURE SHARING:

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

For questions or information, contact:

Christine McDermott, 925-676-2384 or email [cemcdermott@pacbell.net](mailto:cemcdermott@pacbell.net).

### 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](mailto:anne.kurylo@gmail.com).

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



#### First Sunday of Lent

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*The word is near you,  
in your mouth and in your heart.*

— Romans 10:8

## Deacon's Reflection

The first Sunday of Lent starts out with Jesus returning from the Jordan and being led by the Spirit to the desert for forty days to be tempted by the devil. Returning from the Jordan is a reminder of the Baptism of our Lord, and the 40 days in the desert is a reminder of the Israelites wandering in the desert for 40 years. We, also, are on our Lenten journey for 40 days to resist temptations, pray, fast and give alms.

Throughout history, the devil has tempted many close to God, especially Saints. When the devil fears that someone is doing great damage to his hellish kingdom, he goes after that person.

I recently watched Padre Pio Miracle Man movie about Saint Padre Pio of Pietrelcina, Italy, who was tormented and tempted by the devil often. The devil would cause him mental and physical violence that included accusations, doubts, provocations and enticements. Seventeen Saints battled the devil, including St. Anthony of Padua and St. Benedict. St. Benedict was tempted to lust when the devil brought to his memory an attractive woman he once knew, and St. Benedict was almost overcome with passion until he threw himself into a briar patch and rolled around in the thorns until the temptation was gone. As a reference, a good book is "Saints Who Battled Satan" by Dr. Paul Thigpen.



It seemed to me that the closer one is to God, the more the devil tries to lead one into temptation and then the battle begins. We should not be fearful of this, but know from 1 John 4:4-6, "Little children, you are of God, and have overcome them; for he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world. They are of the world, therefore what they say is of the world, and the world listens to them. We are of God. Whoever knows God listens to us, and he who is not of God does not listen to us. By this we know the spirit of truth and the spirit of error." They took the devil seriously, but they knew he is ultimately defeated.

Some ways to fight back at temptation is daily praying the Lord's Prayer, the Rosary, the St. Michael's Prayer, and frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Eucharist. A tradition in the church is to ask a priest or deacon for a home blessing that blesses all the members of your household and surround them with protection, that they may find peace in Jesus Christ.

During this Lent instead of just giving up chocolate or soda, let us add humility, fervent prayer, fasting and almsgiving.

Deacon Sumner Peery

## Parish News and Activities

### THANK YOU!!!

A big thank you to all who took part in the listening session on the Synod on Synodality on February 24. We had a very animated discussion. Thank you for your input, and thank you to Mike McDermott and Diana Pascual for their leadership in making this event happen. They planned everything meticulously, and we appreciate it. We also take this opportunity to thank our discussion facilitators: Mary McCarthy, Terryann Sturiale, Jim Gill, Deacon Sumner and David Wood. May God continue to bless you all for your time and talents you share in service of our community.



### ST. AGNES LENTEN ZOOM SUPPER “Loved, Known and Not Alone”

Every year the St. Agnes Just Faith Committee sponsors a social and spiritual gathering. In the past we have all enjoyed the Lenten Soup Suppers, where we learned about people and activities that help others. Last year, we held two zoom suppers, and discussed Pope Francis’ encyclical Fratelli Tutti.

This year as part of our corporal works of mercy, we would like to share what we have learned by ministering to the unhoused residents in our city. We would like to introduce you to some of the folks who are reaching out to our fellow residents and offering them food, clothing, and most of all love and hope. St. Agnes parishioners are a part of this ministry.

So, save **Thursday, March 24 from 6 to 7 pm** to learn about opportunities to help our neighbors in need. If you would like to participate before this zoom meeting, please contact Donna Walton at 925-212-7679 or [djtcwalton@gmail.com](mailto:djtcwalton@gmail.com).

### PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

|                       |                    |                    |                      |
|-----------------------|--------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Jim Adams             | Sandra Debrichy    | Joel Manalang      | Robert Rogalinski    |
| Dianna Andrews        | Zane Drobick       | Mike Marshall, Jr. | Connie Schulte       |
| Norm Andrews          | Joy Dixon          | Joey McClure       | Sophia Senh          |
| Ron Artale            | Michael Dunbar     | Hugh McManus       | Heather Solari       |
| Aurora Asprer         | Nancy French       | Lily Melendrez     | Lougene Simisim      |
| Joaquin Bigol         | Marie Frisbee      | Ilia Minder        | Adenia Sullivan      |
| Paul Boback           | Maria Luisa Garcia | Susan Noard        | Margarita Torres     |
| King Bunyi            | Monica Garcia      | Jeff Null          | Josephina van Hattem |
| Cara Carmody          | Tony Harpouche     | Lisa O’Brien       | Jeorge Villanueva    |
| Leslie Chahin         | Todd Hurst         | Gerardo Palomo     | Troy Whitehurst      |
| Patrick & Angela Chan | Jon Ignacio        | Rafael Preciado    | Betty Wilson         |
| Becky Chargulaf       | Suzanne Klassen    | Ricky Quintana     |                      |
| Kandy Chhi            | Chris Klyse        | Robert Rivera      |                      |
| George Conlow, Jr.    | Todd Long          | Nena Rofon         |                      |
| Eileen Conti          | Lorna Macadaeg     | Jenna Rogalinski   |                      |

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### STEWARDSHIP TREASURE REPORT

|            | January Update<br>Year to date 2022 |
|------------|-------------------------------------|
| Plate      | \$37,430                            |
| EFT        | <u>\$19,145</u>                     |
| Total      | \$56,575                            |
| Target     | <u>\$65,600</u>                     |
| Difference | (\$9,025)                           |

### SHARE STATISTICS FOR JANUARY 2022

|             |     |
|-------------|-----|
| Households  | 251 |
| Individuals | 519 |
| Children    | 52  |
| Homeless    | 47  |
| Total       | 618 |

Thank you for your continued support in helping to feed the hungry in our community.

### PILGRIMAGE TO MISSION SAN JOSE Wednesday, March 16, at 10:00 a.m.

St. Agnes Church is offering you the opportunity to make a pilgrimage of a local nature during this Lenten season. We have scheduled a group pilgrimage to Mission San Jose on Wednesday, March 16. We will have a private Mass with Father Johnson as the Celebrant at 10:00 a.m., followed by a tour of the mission (\$10 per person entrance fee). A boxed luncheon is currently being negotiated with a nearby coffee shop. If you are interested, let Pat Jung know when you sign up and she can fill you in on the details.

If you would like more information or to sign up to join in this pilgrimage, please contact **Pat or Norman Jung at 925-825-7390**.

**Carpooling:** If you would like to join our Pilgrimage to Mission San Jose, but are unable to drive or find transportation, we are organizing an informal carpool, and there are still a few seats available. Please contact Norman or Pat Jung at 925-825-7390.

### SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

|            |                                                           |
|------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|
| Sunday:    | First Sunday of Lent;<br>Girl Scouting Sunday             |
| Monday:    | Ss. Perpetua and Felicity;<br>Julian calendar Lent begins |
| Tuesday:   | St. John of God                                           |
| Wednesday: | St. Frances of Rome                                       |
| Friday:    | Abstinence                                                |

### TODAY'S READINGS

**First Reading** — The Israelites show their faith by offering the LORD first fruits of the products of their new land (Deuteronomy 26:4-10).

**Psalm** — Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble (Psalm 91).

**Second Reading** — All who express faith in the risen Christ and confess that he is Lord will be saved (Romans 10:8-13).

**Gospel** — Jesus was led into the desert by the Spirit and was tempted (Luke 4:1-13).

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

|            |                                                                                      |
|------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Monday:    | Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15;<br>Mt 25:31-46                                     |
| Tuesday:   | Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-7, 16-19; Mt 6:7-15                                             |
| Wednesday: | Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19;<br>Lk 11:29-32                                  |
| Thursday:  | Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;<br>Mt 7:7-12                               |
| Friday:    | Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-8; Mt 5:20-26                                                  |
| Saturday:  | Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8;<br>Mt 5:43-48                                     |
| Sunday:    | Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Ps 27:1, 7-9, 13-14;<br>Phil 3:17 — 4:1 [3:20 — 4:1]; Lk 9:28b-36 |



## Parish News and Activities

### RICE BOWL

If you haven't picked up your Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl yet, please do so at the Welcome Table. This is our prayer for Lent: "O God, Your creation nourishes us, and we are called to care for it. When we don't, our global family suffers. This Lent, teach us to share what we have so that, like the day Jesus fed the 5,000, all our children have enough food to build their dreams—and a brighter future. Amen."

### LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

If you didn't pick up your Little Black Book last weekend, extra copies will be available on the Welcome Table. These little booklets contain six-minute meditations on the parables of Jesus, one for each day until Easter Sunday.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

The **40 Days for Life** prayer vigil begins Wednesday, March 2 through Saturday, April 9. The vigil consists of peaceful prayer in front of Planned Parenthood in Concord and Walnut Creek, Monday through Saturday, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Please register the hours that you pray at <https://www.40daysforlife.com/concordca>, by telephone at 925-405-6286, or by email at [friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com](mailto:friendsforlifeconcord@gmail.com).

Bring your rosaries, and let's pray together for the end of abortion, and let's remind the world of who we are in Christ: LOVED, VALUABLE, and NEVER ALONE.

### LENTEN FISH FRY

Let our Knights of Columbus do the cooking for you each Friday during Lent through April 8.



Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m.—6:30 p.m. with the option for take-out or patio seating.

**Cost:** \$10

**Menu:** 2 pieces of Fish, French Fries, & Coleslaw

### SCHOOL DINE-IN

#### March 9 at Parma Delicatessen

Celebrate our March Dine Out and help fundraise for St. Agnes School on Wednesday, March 9, between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. at Parma Deli, located at 3521 Clayton Rd., Concord.

You and your family can enjoy a variety of sandwiches, salads, and pasta OR you can pre-order a family-style dinner. Family Style dinner includes either spaghetti and meatballs, salad and bread or a small lasagna, salad and bread. Dinner for 4 people is \$50, and an order for 8 people is \$100. Call and pre-order dinners by Monday, March 7 (telephone number 925-685-5705) and then pick up on the 9th.

Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table at the back of the church to present at the time of purchase. Twenty percent of all sales goes to benefit St. Agnes School.

### PRAYER OPPORTUNITIES FOR LENT AND ALL THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

As part of our Lenten sacrifice, we are asked to offer up prayers, fasting and almsgiving. St. Agnes offers several prayer opportunities. There is a list of **names on page 4** of people for whom we are asked to pray for healing. We have a Ministry of volunteers who are part of a **Prayer Tree** who pray every day for special intentions that are requested. Contact Patricia Vizcay if you wish to be part of our Prayer Tree or have a prayer need. And we have a prayer group that meets via **free Conference Call at 7 p.m. every night**. They pray the Rosary each Monday through Thursday, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet Friday through Sunday. To join, just call 425-436-6358 before 7 p.m., enter the code 418980#, then announce yourself when you are connected. Also, remember that our Chapel is open every day for **Eucharistic Adoration from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.** If you are a parent, you know how much you enjoy hearing from your children. God loves to hear from you too!

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**We welcome into our family of faith:  
Jaxon and Rudolph Brookler (above),  
Evan Aquino (left), and  
Isaac Beck (below)  
who were baptized on February 12.  
May God bless each of these children  
and their families.**

