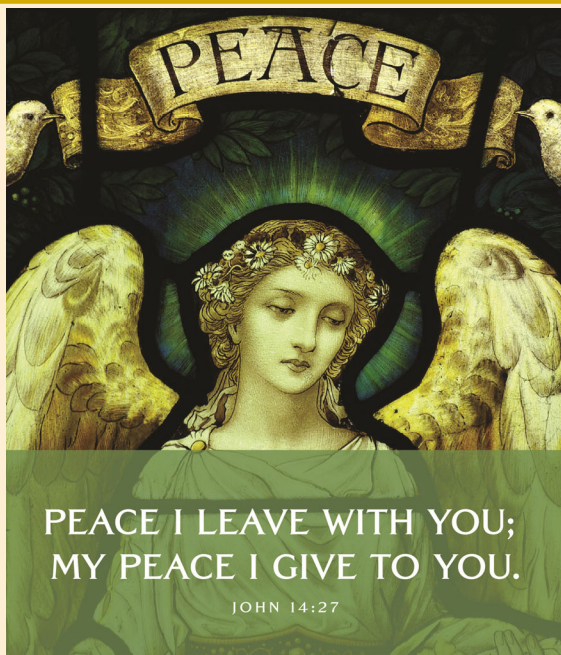


St. Agnes Catholic Community

Many Visions † One People

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022



SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

MAY 22, 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/

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, May 21, 2022

5:00 p.m. Brian Benoit—Repose
Mrs. & Mrs. Earl Greenwood—Repose
Edward Nettelmann—Repose

Sunday, May 22, 2022

7:00 a.m. Mary Daly—Repose
Candee Hammer—Repose
Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

9:00 a.m. Maria Teresa Clamucha—Repose
Simeon Rojo—Repose

11:00 a.m. David Lake—Repose
Rosie Hammond—Special Intention
In Thanksgiving for the Choir Ministry—
Special Intention

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

Monday, May 23, 2022

8:00 a.m. Father Faustino Cruz—Special Intention
Josephine Ling—Special Intention

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Levi Pilkerton—Repose

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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

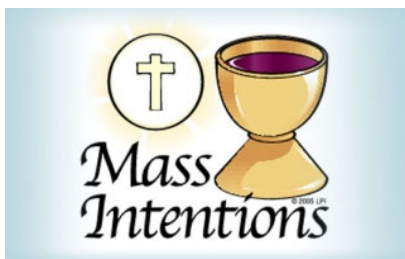
Friday, May 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. Josephine Ling—Special Intention

Saturday, May 28, 2022

8:00 p.m. Peter Dumlao—Repose

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



Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 21, 2022

Hospitality after all morning Masses

9:00 a.m. Girl Scout Blessing



Monday, May 23, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council—A.R.

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

Thursday, May 26, 2022

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

Friday, May 27, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
11:00 a.m. Memorial Mass for Tom & Catherine
Kisak

Saturday, May 21, 2022

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

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.

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.

NIGHTLY PRAYER VIA CONFERENCE CALL:

Daily at 7:00 p.m. The Rosary is prayed Mon-Thurs.
The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed Fri-Sun.
To join, call 425-436-6358, then enter code 418980#

FOR MINISTRY:

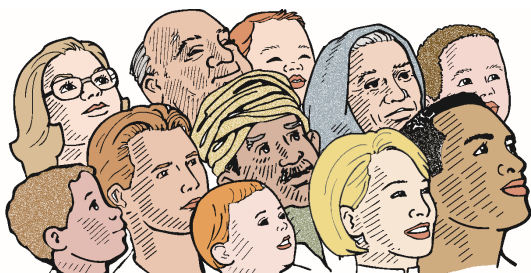
PRAYER TREE: A ministry of people who pray specifically for those who are ill. Please notify the parish office if you or a member of your family are in, or going into, the hospital.

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.



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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

May the peoples praise you, O God;

may all the peoples praise you!

— *Psalm 67:6*

Pastor's Reflection

Today's gospel passage is taken from the section of John's Gospel referred to as the Farewell Discourse, which contains the words that Jesus spoke to his Apostles at the Last Supper.

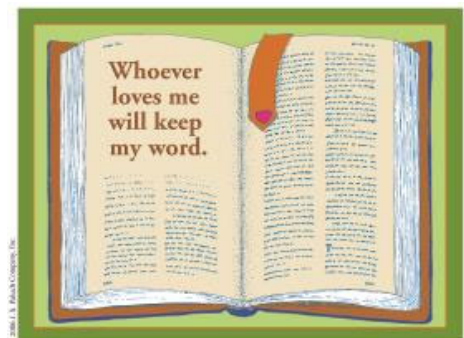
In this section, Jesus speaks about loving him and keeping his commandments. Jesus speaks about his relationship with the Father, the coming of the Holy Spirit, and how he will not abandon his disciples.

Jesus said to his disciples, "*Whoever loves me will keep my word*". Keeping the commandments and mandates of the Lord's Word is the fruit of His love, not the cause of it. No one can give what he does not have, and no one can possess what he has not received. God is the author and initiator of love. Love always starts with Him. The Lord is not setting up some sort of loyalty test here, as if He was saying, "If you love me, prove it by keeping my commandments." That is not the Gospel! The Gospel is that God loved us before we were even born, before we could do anything to merit His love. He loved us when we were dead in our sins. And He took the initiative and loved us, even when we hated Him and crucified Him by our sins.

And if we accept his love, it will enable us to love God with the same love with which He loves us. And with His love in us, we will begin to love what He loves and whom He loves. We will love holiness, forgiveness, mercy, justice, compassion, chastity, and generosity. We will love our brethren—even our enemies. Why? Because God loves them.

Love enables us to keep His Word, to live it and to love it. When you love someone, you love what he/she loves as well. If we let love have its way, it changes our heart and our desires. So if you let love have its way you will keep the commandments. The keeping of the commandments is the fruit of love, not its cause. Love is the power of grace at work in us to love what and whom God loves.

Father Johnson



Parish News and Activities

BRING YOUR MARRIAGE INTO THE CHURCH

If you are civilly married or your vows were exchanged in the presence of ministers from other religious traditions, we invite you to bring new meaning to your relationship by embracing the vocation of marriage. Kindly contact Deacon Tony at 925-212-0575 or email deacontonyr@gmail.com if you wish to celebrate this sacrament.

EMERGENCY REQUEST FROM ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

There is a family in our parish that is losing their housing soon. The family consists of two senior disabled parents, a single mom and seven-year-old twins, one of whom is severely handicapped. They are being evicted because of non-payment of the April rent, which St. Vincent de Paul offered to pay before the end of April; however, the landlord refused to accept it. They do have income to pay rent going forward. Please contact Donna Walton at 925-212-7679 or email djtcwalton@gmail.com if you know of any property for rent.

RETURNING TO ORDINARY LIFE

Six weeks into our Easter rejoicing, the Church gives us readings today that start preparing us for a return to ordinary life. The Acts of the Apostles and the Gospel both dwell on proper daily behavior for followers of Jesus, while the reading from Revelation reminds us why we bother with laws at all. In Acts, leaders of the church meet to discuss which essential elements of the Mosaic Law converts must obey if they wish to be disciples of Jesus Christ. John's Gospel reflects back to the Last Supper discourse when Jesus himself emphasizes the importance of obeying God's commandments. Observing God's law, says Jesus, shows a desire to be intimate with the Lord. We follow rules not for their own sake, but to love God and neighbor better. This more excellent love brings us closer to Revelation's vision of paradise, gleaming with "the splendor of God."

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WISDOM'S ROOT

Wisdom has its roots in goodness, and not
goodness its roots in wisdom.

—Ralph Waldo Emerson

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

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Dianna Andrews	Sandra Debrichy	Joel Manalang	Jenna Rogalinski
Norm Andrews	Zane Drolick	Mike Marshall, Jr.	Robert Rogalinski
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Aurora Asprer	Michael Dunbar	Hugh McManus	Sophia Senh
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King Bunyi	Monica Garcia	Jeff Null	Margarita Torres
Cara Carmody	Tony Harpouche	Lisa O'Brien	Josephina van Hattem
Leslie Chahin	Todd Hurst	Gerardo Palomo	Jeorge Villanueva
Patrick & Angela Chan	Brian Ignacio	Bonnie Paulson	Troy Whitehurst
Becky Chargulaf	Jon Ignacio	Antoinette Piazza	Betty Wilson
Kandy Chhi	Suzanne Klassen	Rafael Preciado	
George Conlow, Jr.	Chris Klyse	Digno Reyes	
Eileen Conti	Todd Long	Robert Rivera	

Parish News and Activities

STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE REPORT APRIL UPDATE

	<u>Year to Date 2022</u>
Plate	\$176,993
EFT	<u>\$ 74,645</u>
Total	\$251,638
Target	<u>\$263,450</u>
Variance	(\$11,812)

Thank you for your weekly contributions.

PRAYER OF THE WEEK Sixth Sunday of Easter

Grant, almighty God,
that we may celebrate with heartfelt devotion
these days of joy,
which we keep in honor of the risen Lord,
and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever and ever.

Reflection question:

How can I participate more fully at Mass?



SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Sixth Sunday of Easter
Monday: Victoria Day (Canada)
Wednesday: St. Bede the Venerable;
St. Gregory VII;
St. Mary Magdalene de'Pazzi
Thursday: The Ascension of the Lord
(transferred to Sunday);
St. Philip Neri
Friday: St. Augustine of Canterbury

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — The question of whether
circumcision is necessary for salvation (Acts 15:1-2,
22-29).

Psalm — O God, let all the nations praise you!
(Psalm 67).

Second Reading — John envisions the holy city, the
new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23) *or*
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20.

Gospel — The Holy Spirit, sent by the Father in
Jesus' name, will teach us everything (John 14:23-29)
or John 17:20-26.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b;
Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8;
Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1;
Ps 148:1-2, 11-14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23
or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53
(for Ascension); otherwise

Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10;
Jn 16:23b-28

Sunday: (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11;
Ps 47:2-3, 6-9; Eph 1:17-23 *or*
Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23; Lk 24:46-53

Parish News and Activities

MONUMENTAL CELEBRATING GOD'S GREATNESS

ST. BONAVENTURE VACATION BIBLE CAMP June 13-27, 2022

Get ready for a Howlin' Good Time! Don't get left in the dust! Register early for the most fun your children will have this summer! Join us as we celebrate God's greatness. We will share bible stories, have delicious snacks, make creative crafts, join in team-building games...and have so much more FUN!

Pre-School Registration:

This 2-hour camp is for 3 and 4 year olds.

(Children must be potty-trained.)

Each day the preschoolers will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Pre-school Registration Fee is \$90 per student.

Registration for Kinders through 6th Grade:

This 3-hour camp is for those who are entering Kindergarten through the 6th Grade in the 2022/2023 school year. This camper will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. The 6th Grade camper will be in the C2B program—"Counselors 2 Be" and will attend their Bible Study class as well as participate in some Counselor activities.

Registration Fee for Kinders through 6th Grade is \$110.00 per student.

Camper registration deadline is June 5 (or when grades fill). A waiting list will begin when classes are full.

Forms can be found online at:

<https://www.stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp>

Bring your completed registration forms to the St. Bonaventure office.

For questions: call Eileen Limberg at 925-672-5800, Ext. 2207 or email elimberg@stbonaventure.net or Debbie Schnick at 925-672-5800, Ext. 2207 or email dschnick@stbonaventure.net

THANK YOU TO OUR PARISHIONERS

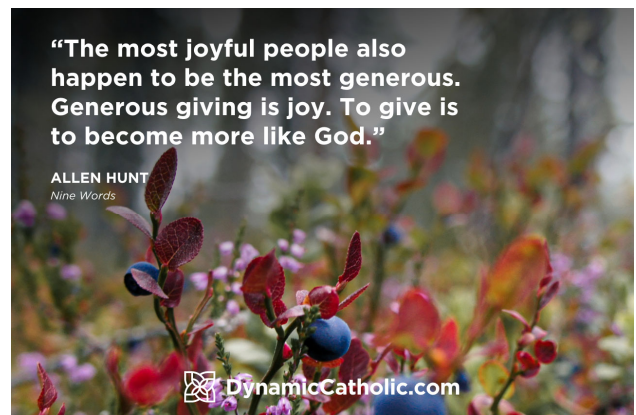
Thank you to all of our parishioners who have come to the help of others in these often precarious times. Many of you have very generously supported others with donations for Hygiene Kits, our Annual Baby Shower, Share Food Basket, the Mexico Mission, the Bishop's Annual Appeal, and our regular Sunday collections which cover the expenses of our parish. And once again, next weekend we will be coming to you for a second collection for St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday Collection.

All of us are dealing with rising interest rates, gas and food prices, but some of us are able to cope with that more easily than others. When your income is limited (or non-existent), you are often living on the edge or living in fear. It is our duty as Christians to help others in their time of need.

"Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done." (Proverbs 19:17)

"Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." (Luke 12:33-34)

Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity. And if you are unable to support others at this time, please offer your prayers for those in need.



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If you would like to join our choir, contact Pete Frevele at petefrev@me.com