

St. Agnes Catholic Community

Many Visions † One People

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 24, 2022

"AND I TELL YOU,
ASK AND YOU WILL RECEIVE;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND;
KNOCK AND THE DOOR
WILL BE OPENED TO YOU."

LUKE 11:9



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JULY
24
2022

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, July 23, 2022

5:00 p.m. Gilbert Chavez—Repose
William Lee—Repose

Sunday, July 24, 2022

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. Julie & Eric Mulhern—Special Intention
11:00 a.m. Jorge Pobre, Sr.—Repose
Jan Anthony Sarte—Repose
5:00 p.m. Brad Van Scyoc—Repose

Monday, July 25, 2022

8:00 a.m. Robin Wibeto—Repose

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

8:00 a.m. Jorge Pobre, Sr.—Repose

Thursday, July 28, 2022

8:00 a.m. Darren Blattler—Repose
Juanita Cuenco—Repose
Luz & Chris Espejo—Special Intention

Friday, July 29, 2022

8:00 a.m. Carolyn Thompson—Repose

Saturday, July 30, 2022

8:00 a.m. Stan Wood—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. William Lee—Repose



Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Hospitality after Morning Masses

St. Vincent de Paul Ticket Sales for August 13 BBQ after all Masses

9:00 a.m. Children's Mass

Monday, July 25, 2022

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

Tuesday, July 26, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

Thursday, July 28, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

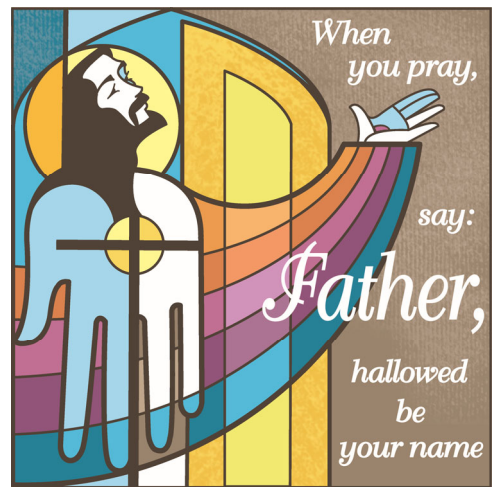
Friday, July 29, 2022

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

Saturday, July 30, 2022

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

St. Vincent de Paul Ticket Sales for August 13 BBQ After 5:00 p.m. Mass



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CONSTRUCTION ZONE—Please be aware that there will be construction around the church and Ministry Center over the next few weeks as the trellises are being repaired. Therefore, entrances will be changing as needed, and part of the parking lot will be blocked in order to make room for materials. We apologize for this inconvenience.

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 (on summer break):

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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You were buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the power of God, who raised him from the dead.

— *Colossians 2:12*

Pastor's Reflection

Most often we are used to identifying ourselves by what we do and not by who we are. For example, how do people describe you? They might identify you by your occupation: priest, nurse, lawyer, teacher... If we think of our worth in terms of what we do and our performance, then we can easily fall into a performance approach with God - as if we have to somehow earn the privilege of being the children of God.

When Jesus teaches the disciples to pray, he begins by telling them to address God as their Father. Think about how amazing this must have been for the disciples to hear. God was the Father of Israel, and now Jesus is encouraging them to approach God as their own very Father - Abba.

This is the greatest gift Jesus gave us that we are able to call God our Father and we can be secure in knowing that we are His beloved sons and daughters. This is the core of our identity, the foundation of our existence. And it is through prayer and reading of the Bible we come to know who He is and who we are. We may fall short of what He is expecting of us, but it does not affect our identity. God is still our Father and we are His children.

As children of a loving God, we are able to share the mission He has entrusted to us *from* a relationship with Him, and not *for* a relationship with Him. We do His work because of His love for us and not to get His love.



Everyday let us pray this prayer slowly and several times, lingering over every word in this prayer.

Father Johnson



Parish News and Activities



Please plan on staying after Mass a few minutes this Sunday morning to join your fellow parishioners in sharing some morning treats, coffee or juice.

There is a spiritual purpose behind hospitality. God asks it of us—indeed, it is mentioned many times throughout the Bible, beginning with Hebrews, “Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares.” Sharing coffee with others helps to build community and make newcomers feel welcomed. And it helps many of our older parishioners who are dealing with isolation during the week.

SYNOD REPORT OF OAKLAND DIOCESE

Thank you to all of our parishioners who participated in the Diocesan Synod on Synodality. The diocesan team is grateful for our involvement in this process. A total of 11,624 people participated throughout the diocese. The final Synod Report is available and can be viewed at: <https://oakdiocese.org/synod>.

“We don’t fly solo in the Christian adventure; we have brothers and sisters, and our personal story forms part of a much bigger story of salvation.”

JOHN BARTUNEK
A Quiet Place



Our Healing List has become quite long, and we are unsure if all of the names need to remain. Therefore, we will begin amending the list below August 1. If your loved one still needs our prayers or needs or be added to the prayer list for the bulletin, please contact Donna Roberts at donnaroberts1956@gmail.com or leave a message at the Church Office Thank you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

Jim Adams	Don DeWitt	MaryAnn Liebschutz	Digno Reyes
Ernest Ameral, Sr.	Zane Drobick	Todd Long	Jacob Rivera
Dianna Andrews	Joy Dixon	Lorna Macadaeg	Jaxson Rivera
Norm Andrews	Michael Dunbar	Joel Manalang	Robert Rivera
Ron Artale	Caroline Fisher	Mike Marshall, Jr.	Nena Rofon
Aurora Asprer	Nancy French	Joey McClure	Jenna Rogalinski
Joaquin Bigol	Marie Frisbee	Hugh McManus	Robert Rogalinski
Paul Boback	Joe Gamez	Lily Melendrez	Connie Schulte
Cara Carmody	Maria Luisa Garcia	Ilia Minder	Sophia Senh
Patrick & Angela Chan	Monica Garcia	Susan Noard	Heather Solari
Becky Chargulaf	Tony Harpouche	Jeff Null	Lougene Simisim
Kandy Chhi	Todd Hurst	Lisa O'Brien	Adenia Sullivan
Ivonne Chow	Brian Ignacio	Gerardo Palomo	Margarita Torres
Eileen Conti	Jon Ignacio	Bonnie Paulson	George Villanueva
Jamie Crowley	Suzanne Klassen	Antoinette Piazza	Troy Whitehurst
Sandra Debrichy	Chris Klyse	Rafael Preciado	Betty Wilson

Parish News and Activities

CONVERSATION WITH GOD

Prayer is our focus this weekend. In the Gospel, Jesus gives his disciples, and us, the Lord's Prayer, which we have cherished through the centuries. The first two words encompass much about our faith—unity among all Christians (Our), and a sense that we are in a deeply bonded relationship with God (Father).

In Genesis, we see Abraham in conversational prayer, in his creaturely humility before his Creator, seeking mercy and compassion for the innocent. The psalm is a lyrical prayer of thanksgiving and praise for the God who answered the sincere prayers of a people who had called out for help, showing them mercy. In Luke's Gospel, the disciples want to pray like Jesus, with the same intimacy—to experience God as Abba in the depths of their being.

Do we try to talk to God? Do we listen for answers? This relationship is always a work in progress.

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PRAYER OF THE WEEK

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O God, protector of those who hope in you,
without whom nothing has firm foundation,
nothing is holy,
bestow in abundance your mercy upon us
and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide,
we may use the good things that pass
in such a way as to hold fast even now
to those that ever endure.
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:

In what ways can I use the good things of this world without clinging to them?

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time;
World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
Monday: St. James
Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne
Friday: Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus
Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus; Blessed Virgin Mary



TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Abraham bargains with God to spare the city (Genesis 18:20-32).

Psalm — Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me (Psalm 138).

Second Reading — Buried with Christ in baptism, we were also raised with him; all our transgressions are forgiven (Colossians 2:12-14).

Gospel — Jesus speaks of God's sure response to those who pray (Luke 11:1-13).

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 126:1bc-6; Mt 20:20-28
Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Mt 13:36-43
Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21; Ps 59:2-4, 10-11, 17-18; Mt 13:44-46
Thursday: Jer 18:1-6; Ps 146:1b-6ab; Mt 13:47-53
Friday: Jer 26:1-9; Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14; Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24; Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34; Mt 14:1-12
Sunday: Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23; Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17; Col 3:1-5, 9-11; Lk 12:13-21

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ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BBQ & DANCE

Saturday, August 13, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.
On the St. Agnes Church Patio

DELICIOUS BBQ

Hamburgers, hot dogs, veggie burgers
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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 to his disciples, "And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek ...

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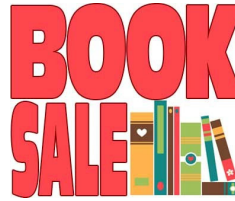
A _ _ _ _ _ "

Answer: *and you will find*

ST. ANNE'S BOOK SALE

August 6 & 13, 2022

10:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.



St. Anne's Parish in Walnut Creek will be holding a book sale the first two Saturdays in August from 10 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at their Church Parish Hall at 100 Rossmoor Parkway, Walnut Creek. They will have books of all types: fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks, auto repair, travel, medical, etc.



FATIMA, LOURDES AND SHRINES OF SPAIN

Take your faith on a journey to Fatima, Lourdes and the Shrines of Spain (Portugal, Spain and France) on a 12-day experience, October 7-18, 2022. Mass and Rosary will be offered throughout the journey. Land prices begin at \$2,099 per person, based on double occupancy. Deposit of only \$500 per person will reserve your space. Space is VERY LIMITED.

For information or to register, contact Brian at 860-399-1785 or email

Brian@CatholicCruisesandTours.com.

REGISTRATION FOR ST. AGNES BASKETBALL Opened July 10th for the 2022-2023 Season

Signups for this fall's basketball season began Sunday, July 10. To register online, visit our website at <http://www.stagnescyo.com>.



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