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St. Agnes Catholic Church

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MISSION STATEMENT

We the people of Saint Agnes are an inclusive, urban community, rich in diversity of age, ethnicity, gender, orientation, culture, talent, & treasure; a faith community, enlivened and empowered through Baptism to celebrate and proclaim the presence of Jesus Christ among us.

We commit ourselves to:

- grow spiritually as disciples of Christ;
- become people for others;
- build community through hospitality, ecumenism, and social & cultural events;
- understand cultural differences and accept them as sources of enrichment;
- give loving service & outreach to those in need; and
- promote social justice issues in our neighborhood and in the larger community of city, nation, and world.

We pledge ourselves to be a light in the darkness through the love that we share in the name of Christ and through the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Welcome to
St. Agnes

New to St. Agnes?

- **Register as a parishioner** by filling out a registration form in the back of the church or by visiting our website.
- **Text JOINAGNES to 84576** to receive announcements, reflections, events, and to keep in touch with us!



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Parish Staff & Ministries

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Wedding Coordinator	Norm Dito
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Pastoral Council Chair	TBA
Directors of RCIA	Cathy Collins Rodrigo Torres
LGBTQ Ministry	Andrea Wise
Young Adult Community	Justin Sun Noelle Gross
ESL Coordinator	Andrea Amaya

Liturgy Schedule

Saturdays	4:00 PM
Sundays	8:30 AM 10:30 AM* 1:30 PM (Español)* 5:00 PM (Holy Hour) 6:00 PM
Mondays - Thursdays	12:00 Noon
Fridays	12:00 Noon (Lay-led Communion Service)

* live-streamed Masses

Live-Stream Access



<https://www.saintagnessf.org/st-agnes-livestream>

Parish Office Hours

Monday-Friday	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Main Office Phone	415.487.8560

Fr. George's Office Hours by Appointment
george@saintagnessf.org | 415.450.8298

Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by Appointment
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Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM

By Appointment

Please call the Parish Office at 415.487.8560.

Sacraments

Please contact **Franca Gargiulo** in the Parish Office: franca@saintagnessf.org or 415.487.8560 for information about the following:
Baptism | Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word | Communion for the Homebound | Marriage | Funerals | Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) | Anointing of the Sick



December 10 - 11, 2022

Dear St. Agnes Family,

A famous religious figure once wrote:
“It is a sweet and pious belief that in the very infusion of Mary’s soul she was purified from original sin and adorned with God’s gifts. . . thus from the first moment she began to live she was free from all sin.”

You know who wrote that?
Martin Luther!

Martin Luther had a great devotion to Mary. Sadly, over time, his followers forgot that and today if you ask many Christians what they think about Mary, they will probably say, not a whole lot.

But for us Catholics, devotion to Mary is an expression of our devotion to Christ.

From the Catholic point of view, anything we say about Mary must be said in terms of her relationship with her son, Jesus.

From the earliest days of the church, Mary had a special place of honor among Christians.

The Gospels mention Mary on several occasions, and always in the presence of Christ.

She was present at the annunciation, at his birth, at his first public miracle, at his crucifixion and in the

upper room with the earliest believers after the resurrection.

Saint Ignatius always believed that Jesus first appeared to his mother Mary after he rose from the dead...

He knew well that Mary is the model of the Christian life.

Her life was marked by moments of profound joy and grief. She was a poor woman in a poor country with no power, yet God bestowed on her the greatest honor. Mary’s whole life directs our attention to Jesus. We honor Jesus when we honor his mother. We trust she is there praying for us all the time, constantly drawing us closer to her son.

This Third Sunday of Advent is “Gaudete Sunday.” *Gaudete* means “Rejoice” in Latin. The vestments are rose-colored and the theme is the joy of anticipation at the approach of Christmas. We will have a special observance the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe on Monday Evening, December 12. Please come and join the celebration!

In Christ,

George Williams ST

St. Agnes Stewardship

Collection Last Week: \$4,104

Last Year: \$4,424

4:00pm: \$687; 8:30am: \$232; 10:30am: \$2,599;

1:30pm: \$147; 6:00pm: \$147

Mailed in: \$300

Retired Religious 2nd Collection: \$1,460

Archdiocesan Annual Appeal (AAA) 2022

Assessment: \$ 51,342

Raised: \$ 10,070

Needed: \$ 41,272

Thank you for helping us meet our goal this year!

December 10 - 11, 2022

Date	Intention	Presider
Dec. 10 4:00 PM	Stella Ho (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 11 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Loyola Guild Members (L)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Thomas Jameson (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	Peter Clausen (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 12 12:00 PM	Guadalupe Robbins (D)	Fr. George Williams
7:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 13 12:00 PM	Stan Fitzgerald (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 14 12:00 PM	Christa Sullivan (B)	Fr. Razafimahafaly
Dec. 15 12:00 PM	Donna Altieri (D)	Fr. George Williams
Dec. 16 12:00 PM	Communion Service	Lay Presiders
Dec. 17 4:00 PM	Pia Reyes (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Dec. 18 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
10:30 AM	Peggy Poole (L)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Patricia Branco (D)	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
6:00 PM	David Egigian (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez

D = Deceased; L = Living; B = Birthday

Pope Francis Prayer Intention December 2022

“Volunteer Not-for-Profit Organizations”

We pray that volunteer non-profit organizations committed to human development find people dedicated to the common good and ceaselessly seek out new paths to international cooperation.

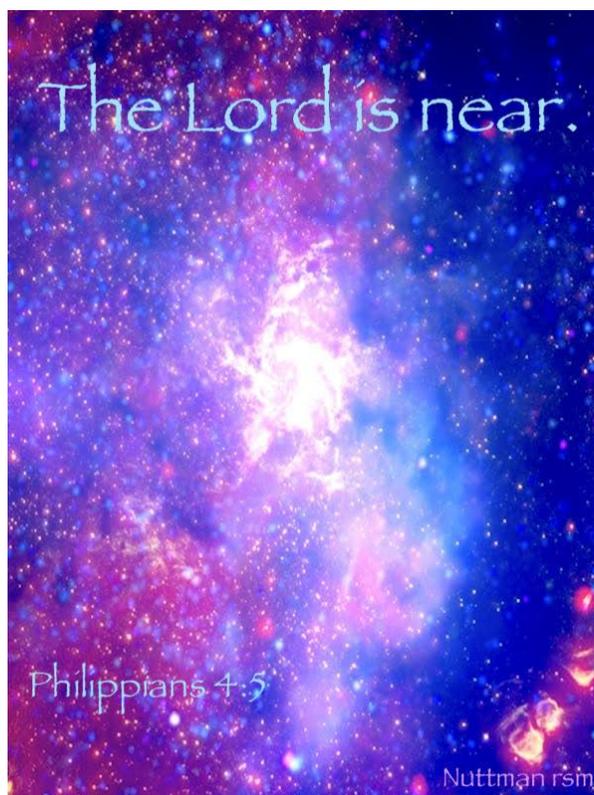
Photos in the Church

Thank you for being a part of our celebration of All Souls in the month of November by bringing in your family photos. All the photos that were in the windows are now by the side entrance. We would appreciate it if you could please pick them up at your earliest convenience, so we have room to decorate for Advent. Thank you.

Calling All Altar Servers

More altar servers would be warmly welcomed, and we especially need women and girls to consider this vital ministry. Please contact Frank Uranich for more information: frank@saintagnessf.org

3rd Sunday of Advent



Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe



Celebration of Mass in Spanish Monday, December 12, 7:00 PM

St. Agnes Parish and our Spanish community invite you to participate in our celebration in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, Monday, December 12th at 7pm. Come and join us for Mañanitas starting at 6pm, followed by Mass with a Mariachi band.

La parroquia Santa Inès te invita a ti y a tu familia, a participar en La celebración eucarística en honor a Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe el Lunes 12 de Diciembre a las 7pm. Ven y acompáñanos a las Mañanitas con el Mariachi a las 6pm.

Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Advent Retreat
Saturday, Dec. 10th
9am – 1:30pm, ISLC

Join us for a very special Advent Retreat in the Yoga tradition and journaling with Darren Main (www.darrenmain.com). Embodying the hope, breath, and peace that we are anticipating and remembering in Christmas. Everyone is welcome, no prior yoga experience needed. RSVP to Julia@SaintAgnesSF.org. A \$20 donation is appreciated.

Advent Evening Prayer
with Frank Uranich and Julia Prinz, VDMF
Wednesday, Dec. 14th

6:30 – 7:30pm, St. Agnes Church

Join us for an hour of inspiring music, prayer, silence and ritual, welcoming the Advent that lies deep in each of us. Refreshments served afterwards.

Children's Christmas Choir

Rehearsals for the Children's choir in preparation for the 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Liturgy is underway **now through Dec. 18**. Rehearsals are on Sundays after 10:30am Mass. **All children are welcome** to participate, and they don't need to be able to read music. Parents are asked to be in the Church while rehearsal is going on.

End of the Year Giving

None of the wonderful programs we have would be possible without the generous support of our parishioners along with the support of the friends of St. Agnes. As we move toward the end of the year, **please consider a tax-deductible "unrestricted" gift to the parish or the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center**. We are deeply grateful for your help and all that you give and do for St. Agnes as we strive to live the gospel of Jesus in the Haight-Ashbury.

We Need Your Help to Decorate!



Christmas is coming...the work will fly by fast... when we have enough folks to help. Here's what we need and when we need your help:

Friday, 12/16 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm (**this is a change of day and time**)

Strong men and women to "build the creche". Join in fetching creche pieces and building it in the hospitality area. Bring your favorite tools....or just come and follow directions. Wear gloves and help spread the hay...or sing along to "Away in the manger". Help design and arrange some greens for the altar and chapel. Try out our brooms and help clean up.

Tues. 12/20 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Trim the trees with lights. Help light up our living Christmas trees. Help prep decorations for Thursday. Be tall...or step up on a stepstool to place lights on the tree-tops. Be small....or flexible enough to crawl under the trees and wrap the containers.

Thurs. 12/22 at 6:00pm - 9:00pm

It's almost Christmas...time to decorate! Bring your Christmas spirit, a happy heart and lots of goodwill. We have banners, stars, wreaths, garlands, candles to arrange and brighten our St. Agnes home. We'll have music and cookies and a quiet moment for prayer and thanksgiving.

Call Franca at 415 450 8560 or email her at franca@saintagnessf.org to let us know when you're coming. All are welcome....you'll find something that's just right for you.

Many thanks.

Christmas Flowers

You are invited to make a special gift for the beauty of the church. You may remember your loved ones by donating for flowers in their names. There are special envelopes in the pews for this purpose. Your petitions will remain on the altar through the Christmas season.



Lay Reflection of the Word

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 17 and 18, 2022

Isaiah 7:10-16, Romans 1:1-17,
and Matthew 1:18-25

Sister Diane Clyne

Sister of Mercy, Spiritual Direction and Support
of Mercy Sisters in Central and South America

December 17 – 4:00pm

December 18 – 8:30am & 10:30am

Children's Liturgy of the Word Every 1st and 3rd Weekend at 10:30am Mass

The next Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on **Dec. 18th**! Children are welcome to participate, and parents are welcome to stay with their children during the session. It's a wonderful opportunity in which the Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades pre-K (4 yo) – 4th. No registration is necessary.

St. Agnes & ISLC have New Websites

Please check out our new websites for St. Agnes Church – www.SaintAgnesSF.org and the ISLC – www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org. We would love any feedback you might have, please email Aline, our communications assistant at Aline@SaintAgnesSF.org.

Advent Giving Tree

Monday, December 12th Deadline

This Advent season, we continue our Giving Tree custom. This year our recipients are:

Epiphany House – Deadline is Monday, Dec. 12
Restorative Justice Ministry Christmas Angels
(deadline past)

Hamilton House (deadline passed).

Please take an ornament and bring your unwrapped gift cards, baby clothes, diapers, books, etc. to the parish offices by **MONDAY, DEC 12th**, during business hours, as well.

Christmas Sing-Along

Wednesday, December 21st at 7:00pm

Join us for our annual Advent/Christmas Sing-Along. Wonderful goodies will be provided. The Children's choir (and all other children who wish to participate) will be welcomed to sing some special songs. We will sing both religious and seasonal carols, so bring the family, a friend, and your singing voices! It's always a fun time. All are welcome!



Christmas Mass Times

December 24 –
5pm (Children's
Mass) and 10pm

December 25 –
8:30am, 10:30am,
1:30pm, 6pm

Christmas Volunteer Opportunity

Restorative Justice Ministry

Christmas Angels – Family Event

On **December 22, from 12pm – 4pm**, families of the incarcerated will be able to visit with Santa, receive Christmas Gifts, enjoy face painting, food and drinks, all for free. If you would like to volunteer or donate to this family event, go to www.SFarch.org/ChristmasAngels, or call Julio at 415-614-5572 for more information.

ADVENT



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EVENTS & SERVICES

Thursday, December 8

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

- 12:00 PM Mass

Saturday, December 10

Advent Half-Day Retreat, ISLC

- 9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Monday, December 12

Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe

Fiesta de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe

- 12:00 PM Mass (English)
- 7:00 PM Mass (Spanish)

Wednesday, December 14

Advent Evening Prayer Service

- 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Saturday, December 17

Reconciliation Service

- 11:00 AM

Wednesday, December 21

Christmas Sing-A-Long

- 7:00 PM

Saturday, December 31

New Year's Eve

- 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, January 1

New Year's Day

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM Mass
- 1:30 PM Mass (Spanish)
- 6:00 PM Mass

CHRISTMAS MASSES

Saturday, December 24

Christmas Eve

- 5:00 PM Children's Mass
- 10:00 PM Mass

Sunday, December 25

Christmas Day

- 8:30 AM
- 10:30 AM
- 1:30 PM (Spanish)
- 6:00 PM

GIVING TREE

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This year our recipients will be:

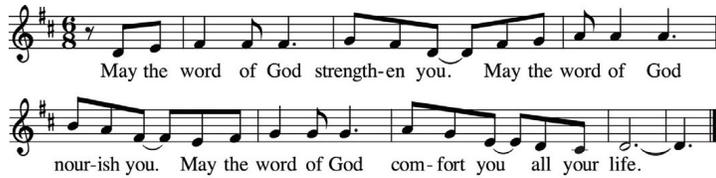
- **Restorative Justice Christmas Angels** (Dec. 7*)
- **Epiphany House** (Dec. 12*)
- **Hamilton Families** (Nov. 30*)

**Please deliver gifts to St. Agnes no later than the date specified.*

Please take an ornament from the Giving Tree and bring your unwrapped gift to place under the tree. Gift cards can be placed in the box located beside the tree (please include a receipt or write the value on the card).

Thank you for your generosity!

Children's Blessing for Liturgy of the Word



May the word of God strength-en you. May the word of God
nour-ish you. May the word of God com-fort you all your life.

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Gloria Ricky Manalo, CSP



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth
peace to peo-ple of good will. We praise you, we
bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,
we give you thanks for your great glo-ry,
Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, O God, Al-might-y
Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-ten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;
you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our pray'r,
you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther, have
mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone
are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the glo-ry of God the
Fa-ther. A-men.

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Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, Our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead; And
ascended into heaven,
And is seated at the right hand of God,
the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the
living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Stewardship Prayer

Lord and source of all gifts,
I rejoice in the fullness of your generosity.
I thank you for those whose lives are visible signs
of your love and blessing to others.
Give me the courage to do the same.
Make me a good steward of all I have received,
generously sharing my time, abilities and
material resources to build up your kingdom of love and justice.
We ask this through Jesus Christ,
in whom we begin and end all things.
Amen.

Prayer of St. Francis

(Prayer for Peace)
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek
to be consoled as to console;
to be understood, as to understand;
to be loved, as to love;
for it is in giving that we receive,
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and
it is in dying that we are born to Eternal Life.
Amen.