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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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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

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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



January 7 – 8, 2023

Dear St. Agnes Family,

We're coming up on the annual feast of St. Agnes, the patroness of our parish. We will be celebrating it on Sunday, January 22nd this year with a party after the 10:30 AM Mass at the ISLC. Our celebration will continue with our Spanish speaking community at the ISLC following the 1:30 Mass.

There is something really sweet about how we Catholics name our churches after saints. It's similar to naming a newborn family member after a cherished grandparent or friend of the family. The saints ARE our family, and their love and example inspire us in our own walk with Christ.

Agnes always sounded like an old lady's name to me. (Like George always sounded like an old man's name to me – you kind of have to grow into it...) But Agnes really embodies the courage and the energy of youth. She is a great saint for our troubled times. Agnes's fearlessness and hope came from her personal relationship with Christ. She trusted in Christ and was willing to go wherever his love would bring her. The radical power of her witness is often overshadowed by the way the church traditionally presents her- as a virginal, otherworldly girl who would rather be put to death than get married.

It is claimed that Agnes said she could have no spouse but Jesus. Her suitors angry at her rejection, turned her over to the Roman authorities who tortured and executed her. Like many young women around the world today who are forced into lives of prostitution through human trafficking, Agnes was a victim of sexual abuse.

That is why Agnes is the patron saint of victims of rape. She stands for and prays in solidarity with women oppressed

over the ages & all people who don't conform to gender norms.

Agnes is one of only seven women along with the Blessed Virgin Mary, who are mentioned by name in the Eucharistic Prayer of the Mass. (The others are saints Felicity, Perpetua, Agatha, Lucy, Cecilia, and Anastasia.)

Agnes was only a young teenage girl when she bravely went to her execution as a martyr. Her death was truly a prophetic Christian witness. The church's traditional emphasis on her virginity and her chastity hides the political nature of her courage and her death.

For young women of her time, virginity was a statement of power from which they could act in radical resistance to authority. It was the one thing they had some control over in world that denied women agency over their own lives and bodies.

In a world of darkness, young Agnes was brave enough to see the light of Christ, and she was brave enough to become that light.

We are blessed to have such a wonderful young woman as the patron saint of our community here. May her courage inspire us, and may her intercession help us to reach out to those who are mistreated, ignored, or marginalized in our society today.

George Williams ST

St. Agnes Stewardship

Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Total: \$11,530

Christmas Eve 5pm & 10pm: \$5,762

Christmas Day: 8:30am: \$1,278; 10:30am: \$3,796;

1:30pm: \$329; 6:00pm: \$365

Thank you for your gifts in 2022!

AAA – Final for 2022

Assessment: \$ 51,342

Raised: \$ 32,861

Owed to Archdiocese: \$ 18,481 (as of 1/3/2023)

Thank you for helping us meet our goal this year!

January 7 - 8, 2023

Date	Intention	Presider
Jan. 7 4:00 PM	Bruce Samson (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Jan. 8 8:30 AM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Brent Otto
10:30 AM	The Behre Family (D)	Fr. George Williams
1:30 PM	Rose Cevallos Flores (L)	Fr. George Williams
6:00 PM	Walter Isbell (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 9 12:00 PM	Wendy Hayward (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Jan. 10 12:00 PM	Raymond Rosario (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 11 12:00 PM	Eugenie Aw-Ndiaye (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 12 12:00 PM	Frank Clyne (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
Jan. 13 12:00 PM	Communion Service	Lay Presiders
Jan. 14 4:00 PM	Donald Kinney (D)	Fr. George Williams
Jan. 15 8:30 AM	Pia Rayes (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 AM	Brian Cotter (D)	Fr. Alejandro Báez
1:30 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Alejandro Báez
6:00 PM	Daniel Iannitelli (D)	Fr. George Williams

D = Deceased; L = Living; B = Birthday

Pope Francis Prayer Intention

January 2023

"For Educators"

We pray that educators may be credible witnesses, teaching fraternity rather than competition and helping the youngest and most vulnerable above all.

Thank You for Giving in 2022

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. We are deeply grateful for your time, talent and all that you have given to St. Agnes in 2022.

CFF Classes Resume This

Weekend, Jan. 8th

CFF Classes resume on **Sunday, January 8, 2023**. For any questions or for more information, contact Sr. Teresa at Teresa@SaintAgnesSF.org.

The Epiphany of the Lord



Join St. Agnes' ESL (English as a Second Language) Classes

Wednesday, January 18th, 7pm – 9pm

ESL (Inglés como Segundo Idioma) comenzará de nuevo el miércoles 18 de enero de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. Ven y únete a este increíble programa. Tenemos 3 niveles. También necesitamos maestros voluntarios. Para mayor información contacta a Andrea Amaya andreaamayareyes@gmail.com o al Padre Alejandro alejandro@saintagnessf.org. Te esperamos!

ESL (English as Second Language) will start again on Wednesday, January 18th, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at ISLC. Come join this fantastic program. We have three levels. We also need teacher volunteers. For more information, contact: Andrea Amaya: at andreaamayareyes@gmail.com or Fr. Alejandro at: alejandro@saintagnessf.org.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Every 1st and 3rd Weekend

at 10:30am Mass

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.

LGBTQ Upcoming Events



**Cheers for New Years:
A St. Agnes LGBTQ Social**

Let's ring in 2023 with food, drink, laughter,
and community. All are welcome!

Sunday, January 8
12:00 - 2:00
Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

Contact LGBTQ@saintagnessf.com with any questions.

ISLC Upcoming Events

Mindfully Living at Peace with the World: A Conversation with Timber Hawkeye

Saturday, January 14, 5:30pm – 7pm, in ISLC
Join us for an evening with Timber Hawkeye who is an Israeli-born citizen and resident of the US, best known as the author of *Buddhist Boot Camp* and *Faithfully Religionless*. He is also a podcast producer, a publisher and an international public speaker.

Taizé Prayer – An Hour of Multi-Lingual Music, Silence and Reading: Prayer for Peace

Wednesday, January 18, 7pm – 8pm in the Church.

Thank You for Giving to St. Anthony's Foundation

We would like to thank everyone who donated clothing items to St. Anthony's Foundation. We are no longer collecting items, but you can take them directly to St. Anthony's Foundation if you still have items that you would like to donate. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of our parishioners and the amount of clothing and items that they received. Thank you all again for your generosity!

St. Agnes Feast Day Celebration

Sunday, January 22

After the 10:30am Mass

Join us to celebrate the Feast Day of St. Agnes on Sunday, January 22nd (actual Feast Day is Jan. 21st) after the 10:30am Mass in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center. There will be food, drinks, community and celebration for all! We hope you will join us; ALL are welcome. Happy Feast Day!

Sacred Circle

You are most welcome to join 2023 Sacred Circle. Sacred Circle is a one hour, once a month, online opportunity to come together to listen for the holy within our lives and the lives of others. We draw on God's comfort and strength through silence, prayer, reflection and small group sharing, within a warm, welcoming, respectfully confidential environment.

Each Sacred Circle is a stand-alone, drop-in session. Join us for one or join us for all. Sacred Circle is held on Zoom the second week of each month. We hold monthly weekday, weekend and evening options as follows: 2nd Tuesday at 9am and 7:30pm, and 2nd Saturday at 9am. **Next session 1/10/2023.** We look forward to your presence.

New participants are always welcome. For more information and to join in, visit: Retreat, Reflect, Renew www.retreatreflectrenew.org or reach out to me, parishioner Karen Brugge at karenannebrugge@gmail.com - happy to talk with you.

St. Agnes Book Club

Friday, January 27 @ 7pm

Join us on Friday, Jan. 27 for a lively discussion of *One Hundred Years of Solitude*



By Gabriel García Márquez

The following book club night will be held on Feb. 24 and we will be discussing *Amigoland* by Oscar Caceres. Please contact Sr. Laetitia Bores at laetitiabordes@att.net for more information or any questions you might have.

Prayers During Mass

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

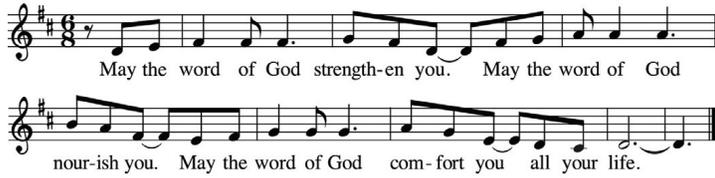
(Prayer for Peace)
Lord, make me an instrument of your peace;
where there is hatred, let me sow love;
where there is injury, pardon;
where there is doubt, faith;
where there is despair, hope;
where there is darkness, light;
and where there is sadness, joy.
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much 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.

Prayer for Epiphany

Source: Jesuitinstitute.org

What shall we present to you, O Christ,
for your coming to earth for us?
Each of your creatures brings you a thank-
offering:
the angels - singing;
the heavens - a star;
the wise men - treasures;
the shepherds - devotion;
the earth - a cave;
the desert - a manger;
but we offer you the virgin-mother.
O eternal God, have mercy upon us.

Children's Blessing for Liturgy of the Word



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Online Worship Aid (Songsheets)



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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