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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.



## 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!



## Donate



## Parish Staff & Ministries

Main Office	415.487.8560
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Finance Committee Chair	<b>Steve Kastner</b>
Communion to Homebound/Sick	<b>Mary Alba   Herman Bracey</b>
Food Pantry Director	<b>Kathleen Devine</b>
Wedding Coordinator	<b>Norm Dito</b>
Marriage Prep Classes	<b>Regina Lathrop   Bob Boguski</b>
Pastoral Council Chair	<b>Chris Willers   Cornelius Carter</b>
Directors of RCIA	<b>Cathy Collins   Rodrigo Torres</b>
LGBTQ Ministry	<b>Andrea Wise</b>
Young Adult Community	<b>Justin Sun   Noelle Gross</b>
ESL Coordinator	<b>Andrea Amaya</b>
Hospitality Coordinator	<b>Stephanie Metz</b>

## Liturgy Schedule

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

\* live-streamed Masses

## Live-Stream Access



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

## Parish Office Hours

<b>Monday-Friday</b>	9:00 AM - 5:00 PM
<b>Main Office Phone</b>	415.487.8560

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

**Fr. Alejandro's Office Hours by Appointment**  
alejandro@saintagnessf.org | 415.450.8670

## 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 415.271.0477 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



**February 11-12, 2023**

Dear St. Agnes Family,

Matthew 5:23-24 is one of the most frequently quoted scriptures in the New Testament. It reminds us of the importance of seeking reconciliation and peace in our relationships. Jesus encourages us to prioritize reconciliation with our brothers and sisters in Christ over the offering of gifts or religious rituals. It is a call to put aside our differences and unite as we seek to serve God.

Our gifts and traditions are valuable, but relationships are the most important; our relationship with God and our relationship with one another. When Jesus speaks these words, He is teaching us an invaluable lesson about the importance of reconciliation.

Matthew 5:23-24 speaks to our relationships with other believers and with those who don't share our beliefs. We are all called to listen to one another, forgive one another, and work toward understanding. These are essential components of the Christian life and should be sought before anything else.

Reconciliation is something that is often overlooked in our society. We can become so focused on our differences that we forget the importance of coming together and seeking peace. the offering of gifts. We must be willing to listen, to forgive, and to seek understanding. This is the only way to bring peace to our lives.

On another note, Save the Date! We will have a parish ministry fair on March 25 and 26 after all the Masses. This is in response to the call of the parish pastoral council, our staff members, and many parishioners. It is time to rekindle our ministries and get more people involved. Please sign up!

Blessings,

Alejandro Báez, S.J.

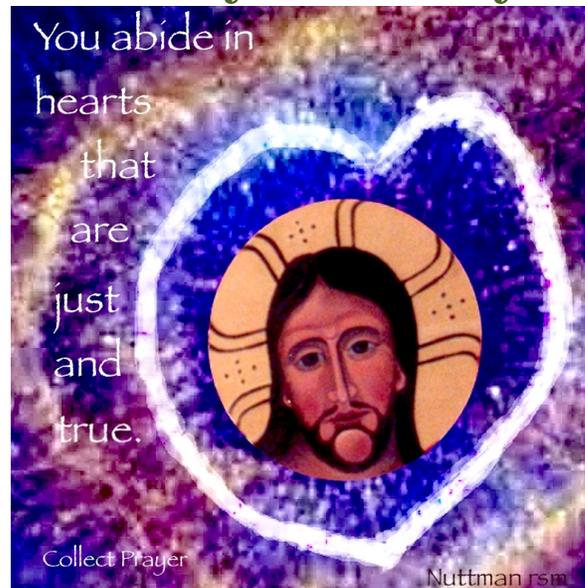
## St. Agnes Stewardship

**Collection Last Week: \$3,872**

- 4:00pm: \$759
- 8:30am: \$318
- 10:30am: \$1,807
- 1:30pm: \$258
- 6:00pm: \$463
- Mailed in: \$267

Please consider a donation through our website: [www.SaintAgnesSF.org/Give](http://www.SaintAgnesSF.org/Give)

## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



## February 11-12, 2023

Date	Intention	Presider
02/11/2023 4:00 pm	Helen Rosario	Fr. Brent Otto
02/12/2023 8:30 am	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
10:30 am	Peggy Poole	Fr. George Williams
1:30 pm	† Jose Romero	Fr. Martinez-Callejas
6:00 pm	† Maddie Bonpin	Rev. Rwandekwe
02/13/2023 12:00 pm	† Sally Tongson	Fr. George Williams
02/14/2023 12:00 pm	MeMe Riordan	Fr. Alejandro Báez
02/15/2023 12:00 pm	† Ruby Ayers	Fr. Brent Otto
02/16/2023 12:00 pm	† Kay Bertram	Fr. Alejandro Báez
02/17/2023 12:00 pm	Communion Service	Lay Presider
02/18/2023 4:00 pm	† Stella Ho	Fr. George Williams
02/19/2023 8:30 am	† Maria Moon	Fr. Alejandro Báez
10:30 am	† Frank Decoursey	Rev. Mayilkunnel
1:30 pm	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. George Williams
6:00 pm	† Daniel Iannitelli	Fr. George Williams

† = Deceased

## Pope Francis Prayer Intention

### February 2023

#### For Parishes

We pray that parishes, placing communion at the center, may increasingly become communities of faith, fraternity and welcome towards those most in need.

## Children's Liturgy of the Word

### Every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Weekend

#### at 10:30 AM Mass

Children are welcome to participate, and parents are welcome to stay with their children during the session in our daily Mass chapel. Sunday scripture readings are proclaimed and explained on a level appropriate to children in grades pre-K (4 yo) – 4<sup>th</sup>. No registration is necessary.

## Mark Your Calendars:

### St. Agnes Ministry Fair

Saturday & Sunday, March 25-26

#### All Masses

St. Agnes has many different ministries made up of parishioners who share their time and talents to serve our parish and larger community. At our upcoming Ministry Fair, representatives from all our parish ministries will be present to talk with you about the ministries and how you can help. All are welcome and encouraged to get involved!

## Volunteer for Hospitality

Do you enjoy chatting with your fellow St. Agnes parishioners over snacks and drinks? Would you like to contribute to the community by bringing food or drinks to your Mass every so often? Please join the Hospitality ministry! The Hospitality team is seeking people from each Mass to bring snacks once a month. To sign up or learn more, please contact Stephanie at: [Hospitality@SaintAgnesSF.org](mailto:Hospitality@SaintAgnesSF.org).

## Volunteer for Art & Environment

The Art & Environment ministry is seeking volunteers to manage the flowers for one weekend each month. Volunteers work on Fridays or Saturdays from 9:30 AM - 11:30 AM, with occasional days or evening times needed on Holy Days. To sign up or learn more, please contact Jane & Cruz at: [ma\\_cruz@berkeley.edu](mailto:ma_cruz@berkeley.edu).

## Join St. Agnes' ESL Classes

### Wednesdays from 7-9 PM

Las clases de ESL (Inglés como Segundo Idioma) son los miércoles de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. Tenemos 3 niveles. Para mayor información dirígete a Andrea Amaya [andreaamayareyes@gmail.com](mailto:andreaamayareyes@gmail.com) o al Padre Alejandro [alejandro@saintagnessf.org](mailto:alejandro@saintagnessf.org). Te esperamos!

ESL (English as Second Language) classes are held Wednesdays from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at ISLC. We have three levels. For more information, contact: Andrea Amaya: [andreaamayareyes@gmail.com](mailto:andreaamayareyes@gmail.com) or Fr. Alejandro: [alejandro@saintagnessf.org](mailto:alejandro@saintagnessf.org).

## St. Agnes Young Adult Community (YAC) Events & Updates

- The YAC will sponsor hospitality on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month. Please let us know if you'd like to be a part of the hospitality core team!
- St. Agnes Young Adults have a WhatsApp Group! Please join our Young Adult WhatsApp group to be notified of event updates and casual gatherings. If you would like to join, please email [youngadults@saintagnessf.com](mailto:youngadults@saintagnessf.com).

If you have any questions, comments or just want to say hi, you can reach out to us at [youngadults@saintagnessf.com](mailto:youngadults@saintagnessf.com).  
Thanks from the leadership team:  
Noelle, Nikki, Jurij, and Justin.

## Sacred Circle

Sacred Circle is a one hour, once a month, online opportunity to come together to share God's comfort and strength through silence, prayer, reflection, and 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 meets on Zoom the second Tuesday of each month at 9am and 7:30pm, and 2nd Saturday at 9am. We look forward to your presence.

New participants are always welcome. For more information and to join in, visit: [www.retreatreflectrenew.org](http://www.retreatreflectrenew.org) or reach out to parishioner Karen Brugge at [karenannebrugge@gmail.com](mailto:karenannebrugge@gmail.com).

## St. Agnes Book Club Friday, February 24, 7:00 PM

Join us on **Friday, Feb. 24** for a lively discussion of *Amigoland*, by Oscar Casares.

Please contact Sr. Laetitia Bordes at [laetitiabordes@att.net](mailto:laetitiabordes@att.net) for more information.

## St. Agnes LGBTQ Faith Sharing – Thursday, March 2 6:30 – 8:00 PM, ISLC



The St. Agnes LGBTQ Ministry will host LGBTQ Faith Sharing every first Thursday of the month. The next meeting will be on Thursday, March 2 at the ISLC from 6:30 - 8:00. Come for an evening of prayer and community-building. All are welcome!

## Epiphany Center's 26th Benefit Party & Show Thursday, March 2, 6:00 PM



Epiphany Center seeks to strengthen family life with holistic substance abuse and trauma recovery services for women and their young children. St. Agnes parishioners give to Epiphany Center's families each year through our Advent Giving Tree; now, you are invited to attend Epiphany Center's 2023 Benefit Party & Show, "The Epiphany Voyage," on Thursday, March 2, 2023. For more information or to donate to the Epiphany Center, visit: [theepiphanycenter.org](http://theepiphanycenter.org).

## Ignatian Spiritual Life Center (ISLC) Upcoming Events & Dates

### Monthly Speaker Series

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the Month  
6:30 – 8:00 PM  
Location: ISLC

- **February 23:** What El Salvador Can Teach the World: The Legacy of Oscar Romero, the Martyrs, and the People
- **March 23:** The Question of Women Deacons: A Panel of Voices
- **April 27:** The Spirituality and Thought of Hildegard of Bingen
- **May 25:** Spiritual Direction & COVID
- **June 22:** An Evening in Integrated Healing

### Taizé Prayer for Peace

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month  
7:00 – 8:00 PM

Location: St. Agnes Sanctuary

- **February 15**
- **March 15**
- **April 19**
- **May 17**
- **June 21**

### Spiritual Director Q&A Series

Every Wednesday in May  
12:00 – 1:00 PM  
Location: TBA

### Lenten Retreat

Saturday, March 18  
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM  
Location: ISLC

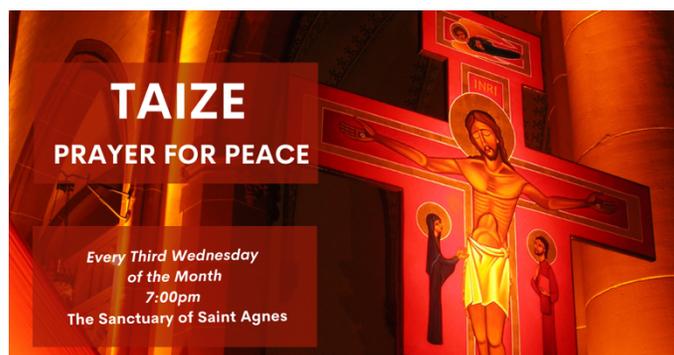
### Lenten Evening Prayer

Wednesday, March 22  
7:00 – 9:00 PM  
Location: St. Agnes Sanctuary

## Taizé Prayer for Peace

**Wednesday, February 15, 7-8 PM**  
**Location: St. Agnes Sanctuary**

All are welcome to join the ISLC and our Young Adult Community for an hour of multilingual music, silence, reading, and prayer for peace, from 7-8 PM in the St. Agnes Sanctuary.



## ISLC Monthly Speaker Series

**Thursday, February 23, 6:30 – 8 PM**  
**Location: Zoom**



**Ignatian Spiritual Life Center**  
A Jesuit Urban Ministry  
*Space for contemplation, conversation, movement and action*

*Monthly Speaker Series*  
THURSDAY FEBRUARY 23  
6:30PM-8:00PM

### The Legacy of Oscar Romero, the Martyrs and the People

With Prof. Martha Zechmeister, CJ  
University of Central America, UCA,  
San Salvador, El Salvador



Hybrid event  
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# St. Agnes Catholic Church

At our February 2, 2023 Pastoral Council Meeting we discussed the possibility of establishing a **Laudato Si'** group either here at Saint Agnes or in conjunction with Saint Ignatius Church.

Laudato Si' is the name of Pope Francis Encyclical published in May 2015, which focuses on care for the natural environment and all people, as well as broader questions of the relationship between God, humans and the Earth.

Laudato Si' also has a connection with the Jesuits' Fourth Universal Apostolic Preference: "To collaborate in the care of our Common Home."

We were fortunate enough to be given the document **Laudato Si' and These Suggested Lenten Practices** found on the back side of this page.

This document could be used as a supplement to our Lenten practices, so we decided to make it available to everyone.

At our Parish Ministry Fair we will have a table dedicated to Laudato Si' for those who may be interested in developing this ministry at St. Agnes.

Sincerely in Christ,

Chris Willers

Co-Chair of the Saint Agnes Pastoral Council

## Laudato Si' and These Suggested Lenten Practices

Use the 40 days of lent to experiment with being more eco-friendly in your home.

*Be bold this Lent.* Make the choice to change a habit in your home: to make your lifestyle greener, to shrink your carbon footprint and possibly improve your health and well-being too.

### ❑ **Pray for 40 days for God's Creation.**

❑ **Try to go plastic free for 40 days.** For example, pledge to drink water from reusable thermos rather than use bottled water and/or take a coffee cup to work or reusable coffee cup to your favorite coffee joint. Try to use cloth bags rather than plastic bags at your local grocery and retail store.

❑ **Reduce food waste.** Try to use everything you buy in the store and make sure all is used in your refrigerator —nothing goes to waste. Cook through your pantry and freezer so nothing goes to waste. Compost the rest.

❑ **Try the 100-mile diet.** Only consume food made within 100 miles from your home.

❑ **"Fast" from excess water use.** Pay close attention to your water footprint and try to eliminate it as much as possible through conservation, collecting rainwater, and reusing grey water. For example, place a bucket in your shower to collect water as the water warms up and use that to water indoor and outdoor plants.

❑ **Try a buy-nothing challenge.** Become a conscious consumer, asking yourself, "Do I really need this?" and when you do purchase something make sure it will last and made with good quality material and minimal plastic packaging. Frequent the website, The Daisy Refillery to refill soaps, lotion, and laundry detergents rather than buy more plastic filled soaps and detergents.

❑ **Be a minimalist.** Purge your house and get rid of excess clutter, either by playing the [Minimalism Game](https://www.treehugger.com/who-wants-play-minimalism-game-4852891) (<https://www.treehugger.com/who-wants-play-minimalism-game-4852891>), or doing the 40 bags in 40 days challenge. Do not discard things into your trash but rather donate to organizations that will reuse your items like St. Vincent de Paul, Habitat for Humanity, local thrift stores, and/or to any refugee resettlement groups

❑ **Consider going Vegan for 40 days or at least observe both meatless Monday and meatless Friday.** To inspire you, watch any of these films: Cowspiracy, Food Inc, Supersize Me, Forks over Knives, which will make you understand why others have chosen to become vegetarians for environmental reasons.

❑ **Change your mode of transportation.** Instead of jumping in the car to go to work, allocate time each day for walking, biking, rollerblading, or car-pooling. If you live withing walking or biking distance, try to come to church car-free on Sundays. Combine your shopping trip and errands to reduce your car use. Try to see how many days one can go without even getting into a car.

❑ **Do a digital detox.** Set strict parameters for use of personal devices, i.e. phone off during the workday or during evenings when you're with family, no TV except on weekends, checking email and social media only at designated times.

❑ **Be an Environmental activist influencer** on your social media site; Post 40 days on your social media site about how to be better citizen of Mother Earth.

❑ **Cook from scratch for 40 days.** Usually you will eat healthier, save money and have less food waste.

❑ **Become a Nature Loving Family.** Get your family out in a true natural setting each week during Lent without your digital devices. and/or try to go to every park in your part of town or frequent a different playground each week in your neighborhood with your kids.

# Lent, Holy Week, & Easter 2023

## St. Agnes Catholic Church

### Lent

Wednesday, February 22

#### Ash Wednesday

- 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM Ash Distribution
- 12:00 PM Mass
- 5:00 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM: Soup Dinner @ ISLC

Wednesday, March 22

#### Lenten Evening Prayer

- 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 25

#### Lenten Reconciliation Service

- 11:00 AM

### Holy Week

Saturday, April 1

#### Palm Sunday Vigil

- 4:00 PM Mass

Sunday, April 2

#### Palm Sunday

- 8:30 AM Mass
- 10:30 AM Mass
- 1:30 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Mass

Thursday, April 6

#### Holy Thursday

- 5:30 PM Potluck
- 7:30 PM Mass

Friday, April 7

#### Good Friday

- 2:00 PM Stations of the Cross
- 7:30 PM Prayer Service

### Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 8

#### Easter Vigil

- 8:00 PM Mass

### Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 9

#### Easter Sunday

- 10:30 AM Mass
- 1:30 PM Mass
- 6:00 PM Mass



# Prayers During Mass

## Children's Blessing for Liturgy of the Word



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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.

## Our Father

Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
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.

## Online Worship Aid (Songsheets)

