

St. Agnes Catholic Community

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Diverse
Inclusive Jesuit



Liturgy Schedule

Sunday: 8:30am	Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
10:30am	Weekdays: 8:30am
6:00pm	Holy Days: 8:30am & 5:30pm

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 Christ among us.

We declare to one and all that we commit ourselves to:

grow spiritually as disciples of Christ to become men and women 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 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.

August 26 & 27, 2017

Dear Parishioners,

Religion sometimes gets a bad rap for apparently being all about unbendable rules and unquestionable doctrines. But Christianity is really about living out a relationship with Jesus. And relationship means communication. And communication means questions.

The Bible is full of people asking questions of God. Moses to God at the burning bush: "And who shall I say sent me?" Job in his suffering: "Why do the wicked prosper?" Mary, marveling at the news that she would be the mother of the Son of God: "How can this be?"

So, ask questions of God! And since we're talking about relationship, and because any relationship takes two, it's just as important to let Jesus ask questions of us as well. Today, He asks a question that is perhaps more important than any other, a question directed right to the heart of our relationship with Him: "Who do you say that I am?" It is in part a test, and not all answers are correct. Jesus is a prophet, but He's greater than a prophet. Jesus came to baptize, but not as John did. Even Peter needed more – go read the verses right after today's Gospel reading for the famous "Get thee behind me, Satan!"

This question is a test for us, as in any relationship there will be moments of genuine connection and moments of error. But the question is also an invitation, "Come, stay! You might be surprised. There is more!"

Religion is more than rules. Much more. At root, being a Christian is about relationship. So, ask questions of God. And as your walk with Him goes on, let Jesus ask questions of you. Who do you say He is?

Jay Hooks, SJ

Parish Information

Parish Staff & Ministries

Pastor	Fr. Ray Allender, S.J.
Associate Pastor	Fr. Joe Specht, S.J.
Priest in Residence	Fr. Joe Spieler, S.J.
Director of Liturgy & Music	Frank Uranich
Director of Operations & Admin.	Maureen Beckman
Director of Children's Faith Formation & Ignatian Spiritual Life Center	Natalie Terry
Administrative Assistant	Marco Matute
Sexton	Mario Hernandez
Cantor	Scott Grinthal
Sacristans	Frank Mitchell, Matthew Tominaga, Teri Bradshaw
Altar Linens & Vessels	Nita Zarilla
Art & Environment	Marilyn Thickett, Marco Matute
Consolation Ministry	Naomi Mayer
Finance Committee Chair	Chris Roman
Food Pantry Director	Stacey Shaffer
Funeral Ministry	Jim Connor
Gabriel Project	Mary Alba
Ignatian Spirituality Ministry	Barbara Nelson
Legion of Mary	Felina Lapuz
Marriage Prep Classes	Regina Lathrop & Bob Boguski
Peanut Butter Brigade	Nancy Stretch
R.C.I.A.	Clay Tominaga, Cathy Collins
Rita da Cascia	Cathy Collins
Young Adult Contact	YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com

August 26th & 27th – 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

*For your prayerful consideration,
readings for next week:*
**Jeremiah 20.7-9•
Romans 12.1-2 • Matthew 16.21-27**

Date	Intention	Presider
Aug. 26 4:00 PM	Richard Kain (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Aug. 27 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	A. Banks-Guy (D) Tom & Lori Naso (D) Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Jay Hooks Fr. Kevin O'Brien Fr. Joe Spieler
Aug. 28 8:30 AM	George Matsuda (D)	Fr. Jay Hooks
Aug. 29 8:30 AM	Emily Papapietro (D)	Fr. Joe Specht
Aug. 30 8:30 AM	Margaret Walsh (L)	Fr. Ray Allender
Aug. 31 8:30 AM	Peter Zabarte (L)	Fr. Joe Spieler
Sept. 1 8:30 AM	Annalee & Joaquin Pedrin (L)	Fr. Joe Specht
Sept. 2 4:00 PM	Parishioners of St. Agnes	Fr. Tom Whelan
Sept. 3 8:30 AM 10:30 AM 6:00 PM	Kate Sedgwick (L) Frank Beering (D) Ray Churton (D)	Fr. Joe Specht Fr. Kevin O'Brien Fr. Ray Allender

D = Deceased; L = Living

Reconciliation Schedule

Saturdays • 3pm – 3:45pm or by appointment

Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday: 9am to 4:30pm
(Closed Noon-1pm for lunch)
Phone: 415-487-8560
Fax: 415-487-8575

New Parishioners

You are Home! Welcome to a great parish community! Please fill out a registration form found at the entrances to the church or stop by the rectory to add your name to our mailing list. We invite you to support Saint Agnes generously and to participate in the various programs that are offered here and through the Spiritual Life Center. All are welcome!

Sacraments

Please contact the Parish Office for information about the following: Anointing of the Sick * Baptism * Children's Faith Formation & Liturgy of the Word * Communion for the Homebound * Marriage * Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults.

Children's Care during Liturgy

Care is provided for children 18 months through 5 years of age during the Sunday 10:30 AM Mass. Our Daycare Room is located across from the daily mass chapel and is open for all Masses. Parents with children under 18 months are welcome to use the daycare room as long as at least one parent stays with the child.

Ignatian Spiritual Life Center

The Spiritual Life Center (1611 Oak Street) provides programs and services to the parish and larger faith community through educational programs, opportunities for prayer, and community events. It houses a library, book center, garden, and chapel. Visit www.IgnatianSpiritualLifeCenter.org.

St. Agnes Stewardship

Last Sunday Collection: \$3,493.83

Last year: \$3,137.50

4pm: **\$881**; 8:30am: **\$672**; 10:30am: **\$1,688**; 6:00pm: **\$252.83**

Please consider EFT donations!



COMING SOON TO THE IGNATIUS SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



1611 Oak Street

To RSVP for ISLC events contact Natalie Terry at Natalie@SaintAgnesSF.com or 415-487-8560 x225.

ISLC Office Hours: please call for an appointment

Pope Francis' August Prayer Intention "Artists"

"That Artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation."

Accompaniment Training

Wednesday, September 13; 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Fromm Hall, University of San Francisco

Please join us Wednesday, September 13 to learn about the work of accompaniment and ways we can stand in solidarity with our city's immigrants and refugees. The mission is to build teams that walk prayerfully and compassionately with immigrants who are facing deportation, confronting detention, or resisting exploitation by unfair bosses or landlords. We will discuss how congregational-based teams build relationships to support individuals and/or families, and how "pick-up" teams show up for specific accompaniment events such as court hearings, immigration check-ins, or visits to detention centers. For information or to RSVP, please contact immigrationSIP@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by St. Ignatius Parish & Faith in Action Bay Area

Radical Hospitality Mini-Retreat:

Tuesdays, September 12, 19, & 26th
6:30 – 8:00pm at the ISLC

All guests who present themselves are to be welcomed as Christ, who said: "I was a stranger and you welcomed me." from the Rule of St. Benedict 53:1. Hospitality is the friendly and generous reception of guests and strangers. "Hospitality is at the heart of Christianity," writes Loni Collins in her book, Radical Hospitality. So how do we become more radically welcoming like Jesus?

In this mini-retreat, we will explore radical hospitality, towards ourselves and others, through quiet prayer, gospel reflections, and contemplative listening and sharing. We will explore how hospitality begins inside, what it means to welcome the other, and listen to the call of hospitality in our lives and in our communities. Participants are encouraged to attend all three sessions. However, if you can only attend one session, please feel free to register. ** Colette Lafia is a writer, spiritual director, and retreat leader. She's the author of *Seeking Surrender, and Comfort & Joy*.

Mass Intentions

If you would like to have a Mass said in memory or in honor of someone, just email Marco at Marco@SaintAgnesSF.com or call [415\) 487-8560 ext. 224](tel:4154878560). Mass Intentions can be used to honor other special occasions and events like a death anniversary, birthday, healthy recovery, etc. When requesting for a Mass Intention, please provide the preferred date (if available) or first available date, and if you wish a Mass card. The suggested donation is \$10.

Rita da Cascia

Rita da Cascia serves mothers living with chronic debilitating illness. St. Agnes participates by preparing meals 12 times a year. Currently we are preparing meals on September 7 and 21, and October 5 and 19. We are looking for cooks, bakers and people who could deliver on Thursday afternoons. If you would like to participate in this mission of mercy, please contact Cathy Collins at cathy@saintagnessf.com. Thanks for your consideration!

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? RCIA is the process by which adults become Catholic. Sessions will begin in September. Names are being gathered at the Parish Offices now. Please call Cathy Collins at 415.487.8560, ext. 276 or email Cathy@saintagnessf.com for more information.



Register for Children's Faith Formation



Our Children's Faith Formation Program for 2017-2018 will begin in the Fall for children in 1st - 8th grades. If you wish to enroll your child in Faith Formation and/or Sacramental Preparation classes, you can do so today in three easy steps:

- 1) Go to our website: www.SaintAgnesSF.com/cff.html
- 2) Fill out the registration form.
- 3) Pay online or send a check (payable to St. Agnes Church) to 1025 Masonic Ave, SF 94117, Attention: Natalie Terry

Feel free to contact Natalie Terry if you have any questions, [415-487-8560 x225](tel:4154878560).

September is Nametag Month!

September is nametag month at St. Agnes! Nametags are a St. Agnes tradition during the month of September so we all get a chance to become re-acquainted with each other after the summer break. It's also a great opportunity to introduce yourself to someone new at the parish as well!





ONGOING AT THE IGNATIANT SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTER



Tuesday Morning Mindfulness

Tuesday Morning Mindfulness will resume on Tuesday,
September 5th from 9:00am – 10am.

Thursday Morning Faith Sharing

Faith sharing will resume on September 7th from 9:00am –
10:00am!

Monthly Peace Vigil

*Fourth Thursday of the Month
August 24, 6-8pm*

Each month we gather to pray for God's peace to be poured out upon the world. Carve out some time to pray in community and find your center. The chapel will be reserved for meditation, the library will be open and tea will be served.

Book Club

If you enjoy lively discussion over a glass of wine and tasty snacks, come join us! The Book Club meets monthly (Sept. – June) the last Friday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00pm. All are welcome!

Everybody's Fool



By Richard Russo

Friday, September 29th at 7pm

Young Adult Ministry

The St. Agnes Young Adult Group will meet on **Sunday, August 27 immediately after the 10:30am Mass** in the Ignatian Spiritual Life Center for fellowship (mimosa's will be served). To receive Our emails, contact: YoungAdults@SaintAgnesSF.com.

Holy Yoga

Holy Yoga will take a break during the month of August and **classes will resume on Monday, September 11th from 7:00-8:00pm**. This will be a sacred time of using a slow flow yoga postures and breath work to ground into truth and set our focus for the week. We'll practice showing up as simply and honestly as we can manage so that our focus can shift from us to God, and we can begin to sense His grace (Matthew 6:6). All levels and abilities welcome. Please arrive 5-10min early to get settled in.

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