



St. Agnes Catholic Community

Our Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Him known by welcoming all, teaching and sharing the Faith, and providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities and serving those in need.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

Adoration in the Chapel Daily

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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UNDERSTANDING SERVICE

In this weekend's Gospel Jesus is seen welcoming and embracing children, but what is the real message behind this powerful scene? For the second time in the passage from the Gospel of Mark, Jesus tells His Disciples He must suffer, die and rise. Only this time, the Disciples start arguing among themselves who is the greatest. Despite what Jesus is telling them, they are more concerned about power than discipleship or does discipleship mean power?

Look at the story clearly, "Jesus sits down calls the twelve together." Jesus sits to be at their level, but it was also common for a teacher to sit when he taught with authority. This makes the teaching intimate and profound. This allowed the Disciples to take in what Jesus was about to tell them. It is important to know that in Jesus' time, children, women and servants had no legal rights; they were seen as not important. Jesus turns the standard of greatness upside-down. Jesus wants the Disciples to see greatness as serving the poor and those who cannot pay back. By placing a little child in the midst of the Disciples and embracing the child, Jesus answers their question about greatness. To be great is to receive and serve those who are defenseless, weak and without worldly status and to show respect for each person's human dignity.

When we look at the life of Jesus, He loved to reach out to the poor, weak and forgotten. By this, he shows us to have respect for every human person.

If "Jesus came to serve and not be served," why is it so hard for us to do the same? This world is already full of people who want to be served and who exploit other human beings in the process. Why do we want more at the cost of others when we already have all that we need? Let us be more like Jesus who was comfortable with walking with all, especially the less fortunate.

Jesus, help us understand servanthood and be good servants.

Fr Jeffrey Finley, C.P.P.S.



**Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
September 23, 2018**

The fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for those who cultivate peace.

— James 3:18

Faith and Spirituality

FOR SPIRITUALITY:

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

Monday - Saturday at 8:00 AM. (Communion Service on Wed.)
Friday morning at 8:15 AM

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel daily from 6 am—9 pm. Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING:

SCRIPTURE SHARING - Thursdays from 9:30-11:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room.

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.

HELPING HANDS: Please call Gloria Schafer, 685-7786.

MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS: Plan a meal for 35 residents. Purchase & prepare food; serve dinner at the shelter. Please contact to volunteer: Anne Kurylo, 925-876-7510 or Anne.kurylo@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

Please contact the St. Vincent de Paul Hotline at (925) 689-0838, Ext. 250.

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact Stacy Appel by e-mail at Stacy.Appel@johnmuirhealth.com.

ACCOMPANIST STILL NEEDED

Position currently open here at St. Agnes Parish for a pianist for weekend Masses and weekday practices. Applicants should be proficient in classical, contemporary, gospel and similar musical styles, be experienced in playing liturgical services, and possess good sight reading skills. Experience with the organ is preferred but not necessary. Communicates and collaborates effectively. Is able to receive instruction and follow the lead of the Music Director. Two (2) years' experience performing worship and music services for a church, preferably within the past 5 years. Interested applicants should submit resumes to Peter Frevele, Music Director at petefrev@me.com.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Friends of the Poor Walk
St. Agnes Church Parking Lot
Saturday, September 29, 2018
8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.



Registration accepted at the door.
Refreshments for the walkers available.
Sponsor forms may be found at the Welcome Table after Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING FOR:

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| □ Alice Alimurung | □ Anneke Cronander-Ford | □ Joseph Mallon | □ Richard Thall |
| □ Dianna Andrews | □ William Cummins | □ Aisling Morgan | □ Carolyn Thompson |
| □ Norm Andrews | □ Anthony Davi | □ Edward Nettelmann | □ Carol Urban |
| □ Jim Armstrong | □ Franca Del Ponte | □ Susan Noard | □ Bill van Hattem |
| □ Ron Artale | □ Stephen Dixon | □ Anne O'Neill | □ David Vizcay |
| □ Mary Becmer | □ Karen Gee | □ Anna Mae Parcja | □ Judy Wiget |
| □ Terry Brophy | □ Merv Hammond | □ Barbara Peters | □ Paul Wiget |
| □ Kathryn Cases | □ The Family of | □ Ellie Rowe | □ Tony Wilcockson |
| □ Trinity Cereghino | □ Richard Hennessy | □ Jaden Ruybalid | □ Betty Wilson |
| □ Iman Chang | □ Doug Hieb | □ Maureen Ryan | □ |
| □ Gil Chavez | □ Maria Hills | □ Betty Sullivan | □ |
| □ Rich Cotter | □ Earl Koski | □ Petty Thall | □ |

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, September 22, 2018

5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Greenwood—Repose

Sunday, September 23, 2018

7:00 a.m. Rachel Galyami—Repose
Dolores June Overmyer—Repose

9:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
Mary Ortega—Repose
Winfredo Pineda—Repose

11:00 a.m. Santo Toribio Romo—Repose
Greg Scaletti—Repose

5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, September 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. Derek Born—Special Intention

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, September 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. Frank & Ernest Cornella—Repose
Tess Belizario—Special Intention

Friday, September 28, 2018

8:15 a.m. Thu Caoile—Special Intention

Saturday, September 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. Deceased Members of the
Coenen Family—Repose

5:00 p.m. Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose

Sunday, September 30, 2018

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

9:00 a.m. John & Rose Slaughter—Repose
Thu Caoile—Special Intention

11:00 a.m. Greg Scaletti—Repose
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5:00 p.m. Earl Koski—Special Intention

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, September 23, 2018

Fair Trade after Weekend Masses

Monday, September 24, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation—Classrooms
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Parish Council—A.R.
7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—G.P.

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:30 p.m. Women's Guild—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Ushers Meeting—Church

Wednesday, September 26, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
7:30 p.m. Youth Band Practice—Church

Thursday, September 27, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting—8th Gr. CR
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Committee—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle I—EX
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, September 28, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

Saturday, September 29, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:00 a.m. St. Vincent de Paul Friends of the
Poor Walk—Church & School Grounds
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Ushers Workshop—Church
9:00 a.m. Finance Committee—Min. Center

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

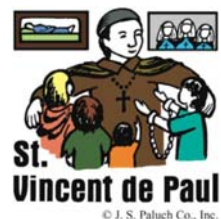
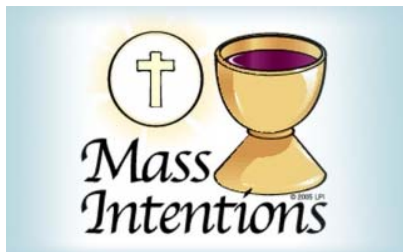
Sunday: Sukkot (Jewish harvest festival) begins at sunset; Autumn begins

Wednesday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Thursday: St. Vincent de Paul

Friday: St. Lawrence Ruiz and Companions;
St. Wenceslaus

Saturday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael



Parish News and Activities



The next meeting of the St. Agnes Retired Seniors (STARS) is a catered luncheon on Tuesday, **October 2, 2018**, beginning at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. The Luncheon will be catered by **Kinder's**.

Menu: Marinated Tri-Tip
BBQ Chicken
Potato Salad, Fruit Salad
Beans, Rolls & Dessert

Cost: \$12.50 each

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, September 25.

For reservations, make payment and mail to:
Jorge Garcia, 4004 Willow Pass Rd., Unit A,
Concord, CA 94519.

For further information, contact Jorge Garcia at
925-676-3750 or email: jorge7garcia@yahoo.com.

**ST. AGNES STARS VISIT
RED HAWK CASINO
Tuesday, November 13, 2018
\$27.00 per person**

STARS has scheduled through American Stage
Tours a casino trip to Red Hawk Casino on Tuesday,
November 13.

8:45 a.m. Depart St. Agnes for Placerville
11:15 a.m. Arrive Red Hawk Casino—receiving
\$10 free slot play & \$5 food credit
3:15 p.m. Depart Red Hawk for return home
5:45 p.m. Arrive St. Agnes

All passengers must have a valid Government photo
ID. See flyer at the Welcome Table for additional
information.

For reservations, please contact:
Bob Rigor at 925-202-6239
Make checks payable to Bob Rigor and mail to
1737 Gumwood Drive, Concord, CA 94519.

SAVE THE DATES

October 27—Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner catered by
the Knights of Columbus
November 10—Women's Guild Tea
Information on both of the above events will be in
future bulletins.

FAIR TRADE SALES SEPT 22-23!

**NEW: MEXICAN COFFEE AND
CALIFORNIA ALMONDS!**



1. **"MAMA TIERRA" COFFEE (16oz bag), \$9/bag.** An organic Medium Roast with notes of sweet orange, almond and milk chocolate, delicious, creamy and smooth, hails from CEPSCO Co-op in Oaxaca, Mexico. *Five dollars is contributed to Catholic Relief Services for each case we buy.*
2. **TAMARI ALMONDS (8oz), \$7/bag.** Carefully selected organic California variety Almonds, dry roasted for extra crunch, with a sprinkling of savory tamari soy sauce giving it that extra special zing! *A Sell Out at our last Sales!*

TUTORING

Do you know that St Agnes Parish has a tutoring ministry? If you are a **teacher, classroom paraprofessional, or experienced in working with students**, please consider giving your time and talent to this ministry. We need volunteers on Wednesdays from 3:30-4:30 PM to work with tutoring students in grades 1 to 3.

If you are interested in volunteering your services to tutor, please contact one of the following:
Terryann Sturiale at 925-827-1085 or tsturiale@gmail.com
Sandi Rigor at 925-682-0387 or sandirigor@aol.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

- 22-23 Fair Trade after weekend Masses
- 29 St. Vincent de Paul "Walk for the Poor," 8 a.m.

OCTOBER

- 2 STARS Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.
- 4 Blessing of the Animals—School, 8:30 a.m.
- 5 Knights' First Friday Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 14 Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses
- 20-21 Hospitality/Fair Trade after all Masses
Stewardship of Treasure Renewal Weekend
- 27 Crab & Tri-Tip Dinner, 6 p.m.

Community Activities

LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Want to know more about our upcoming homebuilding trip to Tijuana, Mexico, during Easter week, 2018? Stop by the table in the back of the church to see photos, our video & ask questions. **Our first meeting will be on Wednesday, October 3, 2018 at 7:15 p.m. in the St. Agnes Cauchi Hall.** Our program is specifically designed for high school and college students who want to experience Christian Service in action! We will be building homes, celebrating with the neighborhood children, and joining Mexican teens in their Life Teen program. We are a Catholic inspired group that is open to people of all faiths, sponsored by the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission and we work with the Oblate Missionaries of Mary Immaculate. This year's trip will be during Easter week, Saturday, April 20 through Saturday, April 27, 2019. For more information, contact Donna Walton at jdwalton@astound.net or 925 212 7679.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF THE EAST BAY

You are invited to come and support the Diocese's work for those who are in need, and marginalized in our community by attending Catholic Charities of the East Bay's Transforming Lives Annual Fundraising Luncheon.

The lunch is Friday, October 12, 2018 from noon to 1 P.M. at the San Ramon Marriott.

This **FREE** event includes complementary lunch and parking. Donation is strongly encouraged.

To register and attend, please visit www.cceb.org Events & Workshops.

HOW DO WE TREAT THE MESSENGER?

Let's not be too hasty in defining who is "the wicked one" and who (namely us) is just! We are very quick to label others as evil, because we tend to label ourselves as good guys. We don't like it when we are brought up short by a prophetic voice that brings us some bad news about our own behavior. We don't like to be reproached for transgressions of the law or charged with violations of our training.

We may condemn and abuse those who bring us up against these truths about ourselves when, if we were really good, we would thank them for helping to keep us on the right path. This is the way they treated the prophets and the way they treated Jesus. Is this also the way we treat those whose message we don't like? Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

YOU ARE INVITED EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL OF CHRIST THE LIGHT

MASS FOR HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS

Bishop Michael Barber will be offering Mass on **Saturday, September 29, at 10:00 a.m.** to thank and honor those in physical, mental and spiritual healthcare professions, caregivers and those who support them. We encourage all who provide healthcare services, direct and administrative, to attend this multicultural Mass, as we celebrate your energy, dedication and generosity. A Reception and Resource Fair will follow Mass. More information is at oakdiocese.org/BlessingHealers.

BLUE MASS 2018 Mass of Thanksgiving Honoring Those Who Serve our Community

The Diocese of Oakland will gather together to pray for and honor our law enforcement officers, firefighters, and emergency medical personnel and their respective families on **Sunday, October 7, at 10 a.m. at the Cathedral of Christ the Light.** You and your families are invited to join. Wear your uniform!

AUTUMN DAYS

Autumn days come swift like the running of a hound upon the moor. —Seumas MacManus

EXAMPLE

Children, especially, set their watches by our clock. —Anonymous



Through Baptism on September 16, we welcomed into our Catholic family
Audrina Seranne Calderon (above) and
Tala Rose Araceli Dranes (below).
May they grow in faith and love with the Lord.

