



# *St. Agnes* Catholic Community

*A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish*

26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The St. Vincent de Paul Conference performs one of their many Works of Mercy—Feeding the Homeless.

*September 25, 2016*

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## MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

**Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM**

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

**Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM**

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Dear Friends,

Cecil John Rhodes was an enormously wealthy man. He was an English-born businessman, mining magnate, and politician in South Africa. He was the founder of the diamond company De Beers, which today markets 40% of the world's rough diamonds and at one time marketed 90%. An ardent believer in colonialism and imperialism, he was the founder of the state of Rhodesia to perpetuate his name. One day a newspaperman asked him, "You must be very happy." Rhodes replied, "Happy! No! I spent my life amassing a fortune only to find that I have spent half of it on doctors to keep me out of the grave, and the other half on lawyers to keep me out of jail!" He reminds us of the rich man in Jesus' parable in today's Gospel.

The main theme of this Sunday's readings is the warning that the selfish and extravagant use of God's blessings, like wealth, without sharing them with the poor and the needy is a serious sin deserving eternal punishment. Today's readings stress the Covenant responsibility of the rich for the poor, reminding us of the truth that wealth without active mercy for the poor is great wickedness.

Amos, in the first reading, issues a powerful warning to those who seek wealth at the expense of the poor and who spend their time and their money on themselves alone. He prophesies that those rich and self-indulgent people will be punished by God with exile because they don't care for their poor and suffering brothers. In today's Gospel, Jesus gives us a warning, pointing to the destiny of the rich man who neglected his duty to show mercy to poor Lazarus. The rich man was punished, not for having riches, but for neglecting the Scriptures and what they taught.

We are all rich enough to share our blessings with others. We need to remember that sharing is the criterion of Last Judgment: Matthew (25) tells us that all six questions to be asked of each one of us by Jesus when He comes in glory as our judge are based on how we have shared our blessings (food, drink, home, mercy and compassion), with others. Our choices here determine the kind of eternity we will have. It has been put this way: "Where we go hereafter depends on what we go after, here." Where we will arrive depends on what road we travel. We will get what we choose, what we live for.

Today our church is giving us an opportunity to share our time, talents and treasure with those who are in need, the Lazarus of today. Our Reaching Out ministries need your hands and feet to feed the hungry, clothe the naked and visit the sick. I wish and pray that you will prayerfully consider joining one of the Reaching Out ministries of our parish.

Fr. Johnson

**SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SEPTEMBER 18: \$9,906.00**

**Includes Faith Direct Giving**

**We thank you for your Stewardship.**

# Faith and Spirituality

## DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

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

## PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel 24/7

Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

## FOR ADULT LEARNING:

**SCRIPTURE SHARING** - Thursday 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Ctr.

**BIBLE STUDY**—Wednesday 7:00 p.m. in the Ministry Center.

## 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 Marie Frisbie—676-6028.

**MARTINEZ SHELTER MEALS:** Please call Yvonne Mennel: 925-200-6716 or ymennel@yahoo.com.

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

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

**MINISTRY TO THE SICK:** Please call Naomi (925) 768-3587.

## CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact Kathy Friend by e-mail at kathy.friend@johnmuirhealth.com.

## PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: Newhall Park (Ayers Rd. & Murchio Dr.) in Concord

When: Saturday, October 15, 2016 at 12:00 noon

Coordinated by *America Needs Fatima*.

More Info: Contact Jorge Garcia at 925-383-9547

## ADULT BIBLE STUDY STARTS THIS WEEK

Learn more about your faith through Adult Bible Study. This fall's session is entitled "John's Gospel.....Too Deep?" Meetings are on Wednesday evenings, beginning **September 28 from 7:00—8:30 p.m. in the Church**. If you wish to have a student workbook, the cost is \$15.

Join our study group and dive into the Gospel of St. John. **Sign-up cards are at the Welcome Table**, or email Deacon Bill at [deaconbill3@gmail.com](mailto:deaconbill3@gmail.com).

## OCTOBER ROSARY

October is the month of the Holy Rosary. Please arrive at the weekend Masses at least 5 minutes early to join the congregation in praying a decade of the Holy Rosary before Mass begins.



Thank you—the Stewardship Committee.

## PLENARY INDULGENCES

If you were confused by the article in last week's bulletin on the pilgrimage to the Holy Door and receiving a plenary indulgence, please see or call Father Johnson who will be happy to answer your questions.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

□ <i>Spencer Allen</i>	□ <i>Trinity Cereghino</i>	□ <i>Guy Grace</i>	□ <i>Evangeline Narag</i>	□ <i>Maureen Ryan</i>	□
□ <i>Ben Andersen</i>	□ <i>Gil Chavez</i>	□ <i>Maria Hills</i>	□ <i>Edward Nettleman</i>	□ <i>Connie Schulte</i>	□
□ <i>Kay Andersen</i>	□ <i>George Conlow</i>	□ <i>Ernie Holt</i>	□ <i>Carol Peters</i>	□ <i>Rick Smith</i>	□
□ <i>Ron Artale</i>	□ <i>Rose Viagi Cuinonez</i>	□ <i>Suzanne Klassen</i>	□ <i>Rich Peters</i>	□ <i>Carolyn Thompson</i>	□
□ <i>Rolinda Atienza</i>	□ <i>Dave Dewan</i>	□ <i>Joseph Mallon</i>	□ <i>Micah Pilkerton</i>	□ <i>Cliona Thuillier</i>	□
□ <i>Mary Lou Austria</i>	□ <i>Stephen Dixon</i>	□ <i>Crystal Martinez</i>	□ <i>Joanna Poplawska</i>	□ <i>Laura Wehrlic</i>	□
□ <i>GinaMarie Balbuena</i>	□ <i>Pauline Elcenko</i>	□ <i>Maria McCarthy</i>	□ <i>Mary Pulliam</i>	□ <i>Pat Weisinger</i>	□
□ <i>Amalia Bunge</i>	□ <i>Amador Rodriguez</i>	□ <i>Marv McKean</i>	□ <i>Elizabeth Renfro</i>		□
□ <i>Ana Bunge</i>	□ <i>Espinoza</i>	□ <i>Rosalia Messina</i>	□ <i>Joseph Riccobuono</i>		□
□ <i>Goody Carino</i>	□ <i>Marietta Finnegan</i>	□ <i>Joshua Monitz</i>	□ <i>Laura Rizza</i>		□
□ <i>Marcia Carter</i>	□ <i>Amia Garcia</i>	□ <i>Chris Morris</i>	□ <i>Gina Rubin</i>		□

Please call the church office to add/remove names from the above list.

# Calendar for the Week

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, September 24, 2016

5:00 p.m. Eduardo Joaquin—Repose

### Sunday, September 25, 2016

7:00 a.m. In appreciation for the Volunteers  
of St. Agnes Ministries

9:00 a.m. Sr. Rita Francis—Repose  
Eduardo Joaquin—Repose

Sr. Josephine Martin—Repose

10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,  
Living and Deceased

5:00 p.m. Virginia Clark—Repose

### Monday, September 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

### Tuesday, September 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose  
Frank Cornella—Repose

### Wednesday, September 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

### Thursday, September 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose

### Friday, September 30, 2016

8:15 a.m. Ray Zarkar—Repose

### Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rosita Frazier—Repose  
Dennis Robles—Repose  
Jaime Vedasco—Repose

5:00 p.m. Dr. Luis Medina—Repose  
Rolf and Josefina Stolz—Repose

### Sunday, October 2, 2016

7:00 a.m. Jaime Velasco—Repose  
Doug Stevens—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Anibal Carcelen—Repose  
Anne Enright—Special Intention

10:45 a.m. Joseph Belnadi Syah—Repose

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

## Parish Events and Meetings

### Sunday, September 25, 2016

#### Stewardship Ministry Enrollment Weekend

#### Hospitality after all Masses

8:30 a.m. RCIA—A.R.

3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall

6:00 p.m. Life Teen—Cauchi Hall

### Monday, September 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

5:00 p.m. Faith Formation—Church and  
Classrooms

7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall

7:00 p.m. Giving Tree Meeting—A.R.

### Tuesday, September 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

### Wednesday, September 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel

7:00 p.m. Bible Study—Church

7:30 p.m. Jim Gill's Band Practice—Church

8:00 p.m. Young Adult Ministry—Cauchi Hall

### Thursday, September 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

9:30 a.m. Scripture Study—A.R.

6:00 p.m. Children's Choir—Church

7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

### Friday, September 30, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

### Saturday, October 1, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

9:00 a.m. Work Party—Grounds

## SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Ss. Cosmas and Damian

Tuesday: St. Vincent de Paul

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

Thursday: Ss. Michael, Gabriel, and Raphael,  
Archangels

Friday: St. Jerome

Saturday: St. Thérèse of the Child Jesus



# Parish News and Activities



## Next STARS Luncheon

STARS Fall Luncheon is Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. This is a catered event, and you must have reservations. **Deadline is this weekend.**

Catered by the Corner Bakery Café, the menu will be Pasta with Chicken, Green Salad, Focaccia Bread and Dessert. Cost is \$12 each.

For reservations or information, call Ken or Charmian Null at 925-685-5190.

## STARS Visit to Thunder Valley Casino

STARS is planning to visit Thunder Valley Casino on **Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Cost is \$28 per person.** Includes \$15 Free play and \$5 food credit, good at all of the casino restaurants. Buses depart St. Agnes at 8:30 a.m. and return at 4:30. All passengers must have a valid government-issued photo ID.

For reservations, contact Bob Rigor at 925-202-6293.

## OCTOBERFEST GERMAN DINNER

**Saturday, October 8, 2016**



**6:00 pm—No Host Cocktails, 7:00 Dinner  
Adults \$20—Children 5-12 \$5  
Under 5 Free**

Menu:

Homemade German Potato Salad  
German Sausage  
Bavarian Green Beans  
Sauerkraut  
German Strudel

**Tickets are on sale after all Masses until Oct 2.**

**No tickets sold at the door.**

**Any questions, call Kathey at 798-7936**

Raffle donations are greatly appreciated!

## FIRST FRIDAY DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a **Pasta Dinner on Friday, October 7, 2016 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM.** Dinner will cost \$7, and the menu will include pasta with marinara sauce and meat balls, salad, and bread.

Please join your fellow parishioners for a great meal, enjoyable conversations and no dishes to wash!

## Pilgrimage to the Cathedral

During this Extraordinary Year of Mercy all parishes in the Oakland Diocese have been invited to make a pilgrimage to the Cathedral. St. Agnes will be making this pilgrimage on Saturday, October 1.

As a parish we will have the opportunity to participate in a docent-led tour of the Cathedral at 10:00 am. (Alternatively to the tour, you can spend time in prayer in one of the chapels.) At 10:45 am we will gather and process through the “Holy Door” into the Cathedral for a special Group Mass at 11:00 am.

All are welcome and encouraged to participate. For more information please call Ron Schmidt at 932-1007.

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 23 Wheel-a-Thon—School
- 24 SVDP—Friends of the Poor Walk—9:00 a.m.
- 24/25 Stewardship Ministry Enrollment Weekend Hospitality Weekend
- 28 Bible Study Starts—7:00 p.m. Church

### OCTOBER

- 1 Pilgrimage to Cathedral 10:00a.m.—12:00p.m.
- 4 Blessings of the Animals—8:30 a.m.  
STARS Luncheon—11:00 a.m.
- 7 School Mass—1:30 p.m.  
Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus—5:30 p.m.
- 8 German Dinner—6:00 p.m.
- 15 International Rosary—6:00 p.m.
- 22 Women’s Guild Tea
- 29/30 Hospitality Weekend
- 30 Friends and Family Mass—10:45 a.m.

## 4th Annual St. Agnes School Fall Fest & Costume Parade

The St. Agnes School P.A.C.E. Board invites you to join us on **Friday, October 14th from 5:00 - 8:00 pm** for our Fall Fest Extravaganza! The event offers taco dinner catered by our own Los Rancheros, Costume Parade for the kids, Vendor Fair, Carnival Style Games and Trunk or Treat fun!

**Dinner MUST be PRE-ORDERED and PAID for in the school office by Noon on Friday, October 7th.** Game Tickets can be purchased at the event - CASH ONLY. Dinner will not be sold the night of. Additional information along with the PRE-ORDER FORM can be found on our school website at [www.stagnesconcord.com](http://www.stagnesconcord.com).

Please contact Kristina Long with any questions at [Pace-President@stagnesconcord.com](mailto:Pace-President@stagnesconcord.com). We look forward to seeing all of you there!

## WOMEN'S GUILD AUTUMN TEA—October 22, 2016 at 11:30 a.m. in Church Hall

The Women's Guild Autumn Tea is coming up on **Saturday, October 22. Tickets are \$25 per person.** You can pick up the form to request tickets at the Welcome Table in the Church. This is the only event that lets you bring your decorating skills to the table. You can create your own personal table for your family and friends to enjoy. Tickets go fast, so please get your completed forms to Sandy Rigor as soon as possible. If you have any questions, you can contact Sandi at 925-682-0387. Tickets must be purchased no later than October 10—no tickets at door. If you would like to donate a Basket for the Raffle Drawing, please contact Diannia Strupeck at 925-998-6398 or Mary Ann Castro at 925-381-5557. We look forward to sharing a delightful afternoon of Tea, Delicious Foods and Entertainment.



### BLUE MASS Honoring First Responders in the Diocese of Oakland

**Friday, October 14, 2016, 10:00 a.m.**  
**The Cathedral of Christ the Light**  
**2121 Harrison Street, Oakland, CA**

This is an interfaith event. First responders are invited to attend in uniform and participate in the procession. Service will include memorial prayers for those who lost their lives in the line of duty in the past year. Luncheon will follow the service—RSVP required—visit [oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016](http://oakdiocese.org/BlueMass2016).

For more information, contact Fr. Helmut Richter at 925-382-8186, [papahelmut@yahoo.com](mailto:papahelmut@yahoo.com).

## St. Agnes School Golf Tournament Friday, October 21 Boundary Oaks Golf Course



Golfers are invited to join our school's annual golf tournament to benefit the St. Agnes School Endowment Fund. Check-in starts at 10:00 a.m., with a 12:00 noon Shotgun Start.

A Barbeque Dinner follows at 5:30 p.m. with raffle and awards.

\$175 per golfer, \$650 discounted foursome.

For more information, please contact Dave Lucas at 925-787-8360.

## MEXICO '17

**SAVE THE DATE:** Join your fellow students for a Home Building Trip that will Change How You See The World! Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. in the St. Agnes Cauchi Hall. This will be our 22nd year for the Concord parishes and our second year under our new non-profit organization, La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. All worked smoothly last year, and three very deserving families got a new home and a new start on life! We also continued our tradition of having a neighborhood party for more than 100 children & their families, complete with family photos, crafts and soccer, and we had the experience of building a Christian community with our 75 high school and college youth and their adult sponsors. For more information, contact Donna or Jack Walton at [jdwalton@astound.net](mailto:jdwalton@astound.net) or 925-212-7679.

**Driving Directions to the Cathedral of Christ the Light in Oakland  
(2121 Harrison St)**

- Take H680 to H24 towards Oakland
- As you near downtown Oakland, turn onto H580 East towards Hayward (use second to the right lane onto exit 2B)
- Take the first exit off H580 onto Harrison Street (exit 21A)...turn right
- Follow Harrison Street about a mile, and just past Grand Ave you will see the Cathedral on the right, across from Lake Merritt
- Turn right on to 21st Street, the street after Grand Ave
- Kaiser parking garage entrance is on your left about 40 yards up from Harrison
- Park your car on the first floor of the garage and walk across the street to the Cathedral
- Follow the reverse route back home by turning right out of the Kaiser garage, and then left on Harrison to H580 and Oakland Downtown on-ramp (on your left)
- After getting on H580, move to the second lane from the right for H24 and Walnut Creek; follow H680 left towards Concord

**Tentative Schedule for the St. Agnes Pilgrimage Program at the Cathedral**

- 8:50-9:00am: Board bus at St. Agnes (for those that elected this option)
- 9:00am: Bus leaves for Cathedral
- 9:50am: Bus arrives at Cathedral
- 10:00am: Parishioners gather in the pews in back of Cathedral for tour presentation (if not interested, visit one of the chapels around the perimeter of the Cathedral for Adoration, or visit the main and lower floors of the Cathedral yourself)
- 10:05-10:40am: Cathedral presentation/tour, adoration and/or visit by parishioners
- 10:40-10:50am: Parishioners gather for the procession on the Pilgrim's Pathway lead by the Divine Mercy Group starting at corner of Harrison and 21st Streets and running down along Harrison Street (four abreast)(actual Pathway runs from 21st Street up the slope walkway to the front doors of the Cathedral
- 10:50-11:00am: Parishioners, lead in the Chaplet Song (rosary) by the Divine Mercy Group, walk up the Pilgrim's Pathway, pass through the Holy Doors (left side two doors only) of the Cathedral for a special blessing by Father, receive a Cathedral brochure, and continue down the main aisle of the Cathedral to the front for Mass
- 11:00-11:10am: Mass begins
- Noon: Service ends; leave the Cathedral for your bus or car (next Cathedral service begins at 1pm, with preparation starting around 12:30pm.
- 12:15pm: Bus leaves the Cathedral after loading the passengers
- 1:00pm: Bus arrives back at St. Agnes

Note: Restrooms at Cathedral are in the back of the Church, downstairs  
Thank you for attending.....have a safe journey home.