



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.

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD



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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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Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Father Johnson has once again tasked me with writing the reflection for the bulletin and I have to admit, I am stumped. He suggested I write something for Mother's Day, but we are also celebrating the Ascension of the Lord, so I am praying to God for inspiration—I will just have to trust in the Lord.

For those of you who are mothers of young children, enjoy this special time in your children's lives. They are only small once...although there are days when it seems like forever. There will be days when you are terrified—is the fever serious? Do I need to worry about that stranger who is smiling at my child? Will they ever get out of diapers? (They will!) There are so many times that you just need to relax, say a prayer, and trust in the Lord.

For those mothers who have adolescent children or teenagers, I know you are feeling anxiety. Will that dingbat kid be in detention every week for the entire year? Will he (or she) ever learn to make good choices? Will they get into the right high school? Will they make it into a good college? Can we even afford to send them to college? Will I be supporting them for the rest of their lives? Those are times that you just need to relax, say a prayer, and trust in the Lord.

For those mothers of adults, you never stop worrying about your children. Perhaps, after sending your children to Catholic schools and taking them to Mass every Sunday, they have quit going to church. They are on their own faith journey, and God has his plans for them. Again, say a prayer and trust in the Lord.

My heart breaks for those mothers who have lost their children. I just spoke to a mother this morning whose daughter is on her deathbed. I struggled to find the right words to express my genuine sorrow for the emotional pain she is going through. I hope her faith is strong enough to carry her through, and that she can trust in the Lord.

One of my favorite stories from the bible is about the Wedding at Cana, where they were running out of wine at the wedding reception, and Mary tells Jesus to take care of it. Of course, she probably meant for him and his friends to go down to the local equivalent of Bev Mo and pick up a couple of jugs of wine, but she knew she could trust him to take care of it. And he did, in a really cool way!

How Mary's heart must have broken when she watched her son be crucified and die on the cross. Did she understand why he let it happen? Mary's faith was strong, and she never left Jesus until they placed him in the tomb. The joy she must have felt at his Resurrection. The same joy that we will feel when we are reunited with our loved ones in heaven. Was Mary sad when Jesus ascended into Heaven? She was a widow whose only child was gone. She was alone, with only Jesus' apostles to take care of her. Could they be trusted? They were pretty much all in hiding until Pentecost. I am sure she prayed, and trusted in the Lord.

My eyes are tearing as I think about Mary, my own children, and the mother I spoke to this morning. I am praying for that mother and ask you to do the same. And I am also thinking about the women whose hearts are hurting because they want the opportunity to be mothers, and so far it hasn't happened. I am asking God to bless each of us, and **I ask you to say a prayer and trust in the Lord.**

Donna Roberts

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR MAY 6: \$12,725.00
Includes Faith Direct Giving
We thank you for your Stewardship.

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 Summer or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING:

SCRIPTURE SHARING - Summer break until Sept. 6.

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 Joanne Doorack at 798-1735.

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.**

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

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

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

Catholic Charities of the East Bay Annual Parish Collection—May 19th and 20th 2018

We are called by Pope Francis “to go the margins” and help our brothers and sisters, near and far. Every year, we are invited by our Church’s charitable arm, **Catholic Charities of the East Bay**, to “make all things possible” for those on the margins. Your gift makes it possible for our Church to help people facing difficult circumstances so that they can move forward in life with greater independence. This includes our children who face pervasive violence at school, home, or on the streets; families or seniors facing homelessness; and people fleeing violence in their homelands. We thank you for supporting **Catholic Charities** every year. Your parish’s gifts will touch the lives of many in the East Bay. Please give generously to this appeal on May 19th and 20th.

For more information, contact Steve Mullin, Chief Development Officer at (510) 768-3165 or smullin@cceb.org.

COMMISSIONED TO LIVE IN THE WORLD

In today’s scriptures we hear two different stories about commissioning. In the Acts of the Apostles Peter leads the assembly in prayer that the Lord will choose and commission the person to replace Judas among the Twelve. In the Gospel Jesus prays that his chosen disciples might be consecrated, or made holy.

Jesus does not ask his Father to keep the disciples separate from the world, but instead sends them out into the world. While we might think that holy people are set apart from the world, we cannot hear today’s scriptures without realizing that God’s holy, chosen people are commissioned to live in the midst of the world, where they can reveal the love of God that makes the entire world holy.

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Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, May 12, 2018

5:00 p.m. Nick Adler—Repose
Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose
Mr. & Mrs. Harry Paolicchi—Repose

Sunday, May 13, 2018—Mother's Day

Masses on Mother's Day are offered for
All Mother's, Living and Deceased

Monday, May 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Fred Da Silva—Special Intention

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Margaret Archuleta—Repose
Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Josh Belmonte—Repose
Deceased Members of the Fenolio Family

Friday, May 18, 2018

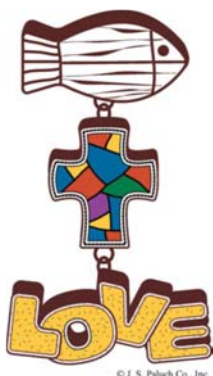
8:15 a.m. Jo Cornella—Repose
Christina Garcia—Special Intention

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. Fred Da Silva—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Mr. & Mrs. Earl Greenwood—Repose
Peter Kantz—Repose
Rosalia Messina—Repose

Sunday, May 20, 2018

7:00 a.m. Daniel Rosario—Repose
Fr. Johnson Abraham—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Linda Carter—Repose
Peter Kantz—Repose
Mia Basarich—Special Intention
11:00 a.m. Yvette Farrington—Repose
Richard Gaydowski—Repose
Fr. Johnson Abraham—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased



Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 13, 2018—Ascension of the Lord Pancake Breakfast after 9 and 11 am Masses

Monday, May 14, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:30 p.m. Centering Prayer Group—EX
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Greeters—Meet & Greet—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Reaching Out Meeting—G.P.

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Baptism Prep Class—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds—AR

Wednesday, May 16, 2018

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
6:15 p.m. School Parent Mandatory Mtg.—Church
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.

Thursday, May 17, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:00 p.m. ICF—Cauchi Hall

Friday, May 18, 2018

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
6:00 p.m. Track Team Banquet—Cauchi Hall

Saturday, May 19, 2018

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
1:00 p.m. School Fundraiser—Taste of
St. Agnes—Cauchi Hall

Fair Trade after weekend Masses

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Mother's Day;
World Communications Day
Monday: St. Matthias
Tuesday: St. Isidore the Farmer
Thursday: Julian Calendar Ascension
Friday: St. John I
Saturday: Armed Forces Day; Vigil of Pentecost;
Shavuot (Jewish observance) begins at sunset

Ascension of the Lord May 13, 2018

If God so loved us,
we also must love one
another.
— 1 John 4:11



Parish News and Activities

MOM'S EAT FREE! Mother's Day Breakfast—May 13th

To celebrate Mother's Day, come and enjoy our "Mom's Eat Free" Pancake Breakfast after the 9:00 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Mass on May 13th. Moms, kick up your heels and let our Knights of Columbus cook for you, with tasty pancakes, ham, sausage and scrambled eggs, coffee and juices, and Mimosas. No dishes to wash. Breakfast for Mom is free—all others pay only \$3.50 (or \$12 per family).



BIBLE STUDY ON SUMMER HAITUS

Our last meeting before summer break was Thursday, May 3rd. Scripture study and sharing resumes Thursday, September 6th with a new program from Catholic Scripture Study devoted to the Books of Wisdom, Psalms, Proverbs, Job, Solomon, and Ecclesiastes. The New Testament letters to the Hebrews, the letters of Peter, James, and Jude, and St. Paul's epistles will be studied as well.

If you are looking to deepen your understanding of the bible in a small and friendly group discussion setting, you are welcome to join us. **Our weekly meetings will start again on Thursday, September 6th at 9:30 a.m. in the Ministry Center.** Contact Burt Hayes (680-1075) or Chris McDermott (cemcdermott@pacbell.net or 676-2384) if you have any questions.

CAR SHOW AND BLESSING



The 6th Annual St. Agnes Car Show and Blessing, presented by The Knights of Columbus St. Agnes Council 15344, is on Sunday, May 20, 2018, at the St. Agnes Parish Grounds. The show starts at 10 AM, with the car blessing headed by Fr. Johnson Abraham starting at 12:30 PM.

All cars are welcome: antiques, rods, customs, show cars, projects, and collectibles. Free admission. Free-will donations are highly appreciated to offset costs. Concession on site: hamburger, hot dogs, and drinks.

For more information, contact Bob Rigor at (925) 202-6269, or King Bunyi at (510) 427-3596. You can also email at stagnescarshow@aol.com.

The Italian Catholic Federation #214

Invites you to our
WINE TASTING EVENT
"SIP INTO SUMMER"

Viano Winery, Martinez
Sunday, June 10, 2018
1:00—3:30 p.m.

- 5 Selections of Wines
- Souvenir Wineglass
- Hors d'oeuvres
- Desserts
- Raffle Prizes
- Olive Oil Tastings



\$30 per person

For ticket information, contact: M.J. Murray at 925-705-3513 or Chris Artale at 925-827-3713.

ROSARIES FOR PEACE

"Tis the month of Our Mother, the blessed and beautiful days...."

The Rosary Makers are displaying their Rosary table on May 19-20 alongside the Fair Trade sales table. In honor of Our Blessed Lady, we invite you to take a rosary and pray for peace. Our Group makes rosaries and donate them free of charge to Missions and Ministries in need of them. Come visit our table and pray for peace. God bless.

SAVE THE DATE

Save the date for St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday on June 2 and 3. Clean out your closets and put aside your clothing, towels, bedding and household items!

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

MAY

- 12 Flowers of May Celebration, 5:00 p.m. Mass, Reception following Mass
- 13 Moms Eat Free! Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast after 9 & 11 a.m. Masses, Church Hall
- 19 Taste of St. Agnes, 1-4 p.m., Cauchi Hall
- 20 Fair Trade after all Weekend Masses Friends and Family Mass, 11:00 a.m. Car Show, begins at 10:00 a.m., Blessing at 12:30 p.m., Church Grounds
- 24 School Spring Play, 1:30 & 7:00 p.m., Church

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

In Ireland and the United Kingdom, Mother's Day is over. "Mothering Sunday" was on the Fourth Sunday of Lent. Long ago, people were freed from work to travel on this day to the parish where they were baptized, their "Mother Church." Often, people were reunited with their mothers on this day. Employers would release their workers and servants for this visit. The American celebration, while based on this custom, really has to do with an anti-war movement of mothers in Civil War times. They crusaded for better sanitary conditions for their sons. When President Wilson instituted the first Mother's Day in 1912, it was a day to fly the flag in honor of mothers whose children had died in battle. Knowing the tradition is a good balance to our celebration today. We can enfold in prayer the mothers who have suffered the loss of their children in war.

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FINANCIAL UPDATE

As of April 30, 2018
Plate & Easter Collections

- Received thru April 30th **\$256K**
- Budget YTD 4/30/2018 **\$270K**
- Less than Budget **\$14K**
- Collections thru April 30, 2017 \$247K
- Expenses are in line with the Budget.
- 124 families are enrolled in EFT giving.
- 2018 Collections for Building Improvements are **\$9K.**

Thank you for your continued generosity.

RESPECT LIFE BABY SHOWER

Our annual Respect Life *Baby Shower* donation collection will take place during May. Please place donations in the cradle in the back of the church. Thank you on behalf of the moms and babies for your generosity!

If you have an item that is too large for the cradle, please contact Diana for pick-up at: sairafL@yahoo.com.

These are current needs at Concord Birthright, however, any baby-related donations are appreciated, new or gently used:

Crib Sheets
Diapers (size 3-6)

Burp Pads
Diaper Wipes
Maternity clothes (new & gently used)

Baby Clothes (size 12-18 mos.)
Baby Swaddler clothes (Swaddle Me blankets)



Community Activities

MEALS ON WHEELS DIABLO REGION

Free Workshop for Family Caregivers

Thursday, May 31, 2018, 1-3:30 p.m.

Fair Oaks Church, 1925 Risdon Rd., Concord, CA 94518, Adult Learning Center Room 124

Created for family, friends, neighbors, and anyone who is an unpaid caregiver. Learn about valuable resources and new techniques to help make your life as a caregiver easier. You are not alone—We can help! Space is limited, and pre-registration is required.

For more information and to save a seat, contact Mary Hanenburg, Health and Wellness Division Specialist at mhanenburg@mowdr.org or 925-357-9489. Light refreshments will be served.



Our Faith Formation and School 2nd Graders made their First Holy Communion on Saturday, May 5th. May they be nourished with the body and blood of Christ throughout their lives.

