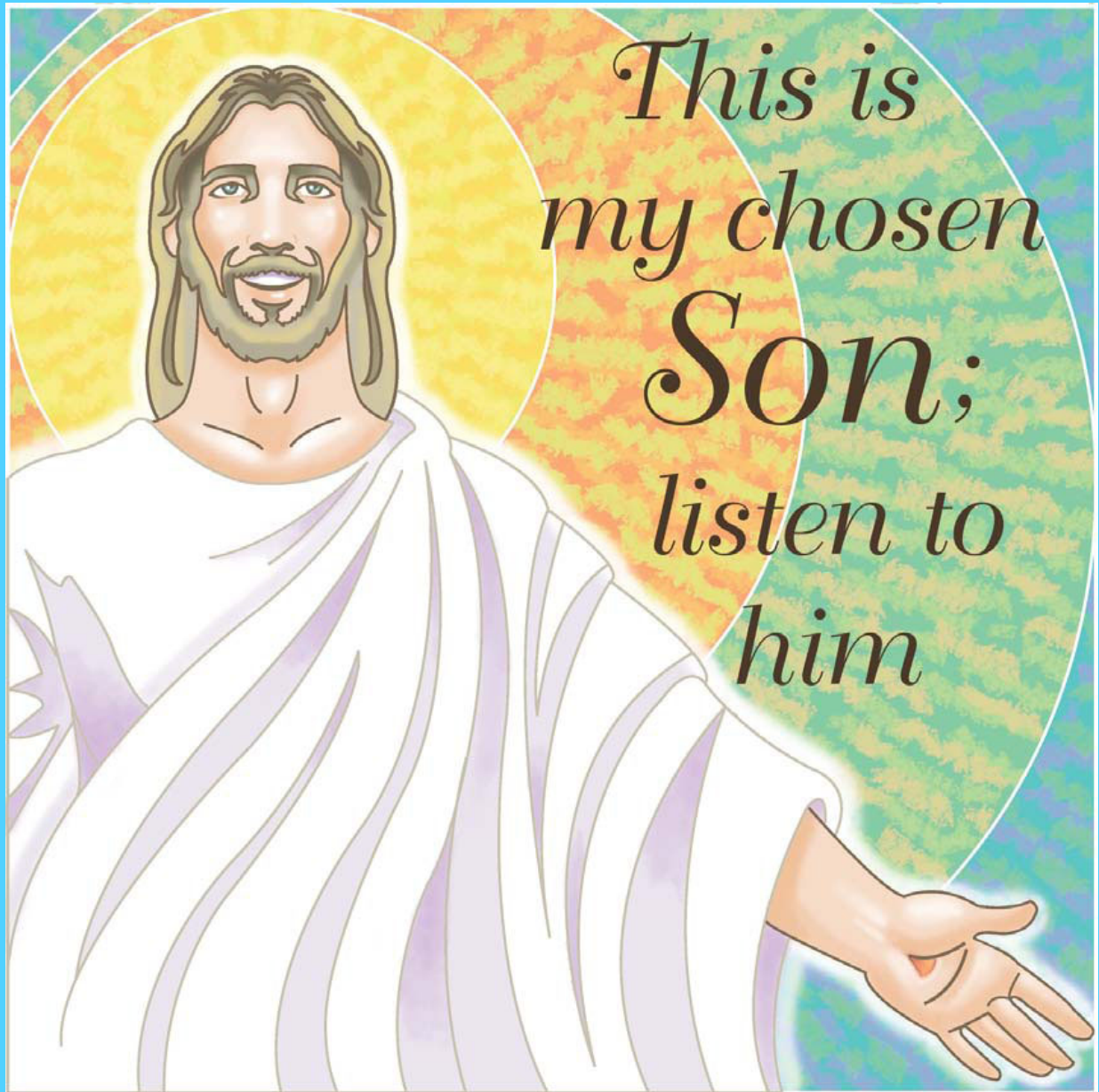




St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



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

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

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“Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents...but he did not know what he was saying.’ (Luke 9:33)

The Second Sunday of Lent always gives us a familiar story with the account of the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor. Peter is stunned by the experience and wants to hang on to it. Building a tent or some kind of memorial to the occasion seems nice enough, right? But Peter is our “every-person,” so to speak, since he represents our little human attempts to grasp the glory of God. Sometimes we really don’t know how to understand the glory of God. We don’t know what we are saying.

We might understand this with a little humor. One of my favorite baseball legends passed away last September: Yogi Berra. He lived to be 90 years old and he never lost his sense of humor. When asked by his wife if he wanted to be buried in New York or his hometown of St. Louis, he said: “I don’t know, surprise me.” See if you like a few other gems: “Always go to other people’s funerals. Otherwise they won’t come to yours.” “The future ain’t what it used to be.” “It’s déjà vu all over again.”

St. Peter probably wanted to personally welcome Yogi Berra into heaven since he was a man after his own heart - and ours, too. In Peter, we have the image of a flawed, but humble man. The same could be said about Yogi Berra. He knew what he wanted to say and do, but human frailty often got in the way of his words or actions. “If you don’t know where you are going, you’ll end up someplace else” is a Yogi-ism that easily applies to Lent and our rededication to a lifelong journey of conversion.

I suspect today’s gospel was one of Yogi Berra’s favorites. He once said: “You can observe a lot just by watching.” How about: “It was impossible to get a conversation going, everybody was talking too much.”

Conversion and a humble approach to faith are difficult messages to a society that puts God far down the list of priorities. Humility is nowhere to be found in most of today’s political headlines, are they? How many coaches could use a little bit of Yogi: “I tell the kids, somebody’s gotta win, somebody’s gotta lose. Just don’t fight about it. Just try to get better.”

We know that God works wonders in humble souls to reflect the glory of God. We see it in so many of the gospel stories and lives of the saints. Today, Pope Francis continues to inspire us and show us the way to bring mercy into a world that desperately needs it. Let us stay dedicated to a prayerful and merciful path this Lent. If you need a clean laugh or two, you can find more quips and slips about Yogi and many other baseball legends at: baseball-almanac.com. Under players/quotes/hitters you will find a list of Yogi-isms. But you may not be able to quote Yogi exactly, because: “I never said most of the things I said... Take it with a *grin* of salt.”

Maybe he did know what he was saying.

Deacon Bill

Sunday Collection for February 14: \$9,597.00

Building Fund: \$2,535.00

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Faith and Spirituality

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL

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

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel 24/7
Contact Summer 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 **Chris Artale** at 937-3713.

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) 798-5592.

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact **Linda Goobin** at 925-952-2999.

St. Agnes Catechumens and Candidates Need Your Prayers During their Call to Conversion

It is an exciting time for the members of the RCIA Program. Last week they took the 2nd step on their journey with The Rite of Election, beginning here at the 9:00 a.m. Mass and then joining others at the Cathedral of Christ the Light in the afternoon. Next week, they begin a series of Scrutinies during the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays in Lent.

We currently anticipate four Baptisms and nine First Eucharist/Confirmations at our Easter Vigil on March 26. Each of these catechumens and candidates need your prayers and commitment to help and support them on their spiritual journey.

During this Lenten season, may each of us be reminded of our need for repentance and our call to a life of love and service to others.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Fridays in Lent are obligatory days of abstinence (from meat) for all who have completed their 14th year. In addition, Good Friday is a day of fast and abstinence. Fasting is obligatory for anyone between the ages of 18 and 60 and allows one full meal or two smaller meals. Anyone for whom fasting or abstinence would pose a health risk is excused.

Each Catholic should also celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation during Lent. The sacrament of Reconciliation is offered each Saturday afternoon at 3:30 in the church. A Group Reconciliation Service will be offered on Monday, March 14, at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

NEW MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY—

If you have a bit of extra time on your hands and need to keep your fingers nimble, you may be interested in a new ministry for making rosaries.

Rosaries can be made in the comfort of your home and will then be given to those who are making their First Communion and other groups.

"Among all the devotions approved by the Church, none has been so favored by so many miracles as the Rosary devotion." **Pope Pius IX**

For information, contact Denny Keane at
925-768-7033.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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□	<i>Ben Andersen</i>	<i>George Conlow</i>	<i>Guy Grace</i>	<i>Evangeline Narag</i>	<i>Cliona Thuillier</i>
□	<i>Kay Andersen</i>	<i>Rose Viagi Cuinonez</i>	<i>Ann Jones</i>	<i>Carol Peters</i>	<i>Julia Tong</i>
□	<i>Ron Artale</i>	<i>Dave Dewan</i>	<i>Suzanne Klassen</i>	<i>Rich Peters</i>	<i>Pat Weisinger</i>
□	<i>Mary Lou Austria</i>	<i>Pauline Elcenko</i>	<i>Mary McCarthy</i>	<i>Joanna Poplawska</i>	
□	<i>John Bedecarre</i>	<i>Marietta Finnegan</i>	<i>Marv McKean</i>	<i>Mary Pulliam</i>	
□	<i>Goody Carino</i>	<i>John Fitzpatrick</i>	<i>Rosalia Messina</i>	<i>Gina Rubin</i>	
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Please call the Church office when your name no longer needs to be on this prayer list.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 20, 2016

5:00 p.m. Richard Fiscus—Repose
John Grennan—Repose
Ray & Paula Smith—Special Intention

Sunday, February 21, 2016

7:00 a.m. Margaret N. Archuleta—Repose
9:00 a.m. Audie Arenas-Vegara—Repose
Cathy Ruhnke—Special Intention
Members of the Farrington Family,
both Living and Deceased
10:45 a.m. Amanda Maltez—Repose
Andres C. Maniti—Repose
Medalla Milagrosa—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, February 22, 2016

8:00 a.m.

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Downs Family—Special Intention

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose

Friday, February 26, 2016

8:15 a.m. Pialorsi Family—Repose

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
5:00 p.m. Richard Fiscus—Repose
John Grennan—Repose
Jack & Donna Walton—Special Int.

Sunday, February 28, 2016

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. Dee Baltazor—Repose
Deceased Members of the
Farrington Family—Repose
Cathy Ruhnke—Special Intention
10:45 a.m. Peggy, Cy & Neal Coenen—Repose
Thuc Ng—Repose
Deceased Members of the
Farrington Family—Repose
5:00 p.m.

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, February 21, 2016

**La Morita Mexico Youth Mission to pass out
Uncommon Stock Envelopes after all Masses**

3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall
6:00 p.m. Life Teen—Cauchi Hall

Monday, February 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5 & 6 p.m. Faith Formation—Classrooms
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Greeter's Committee Mtg—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting -
Church Hall and Kitchen

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Practice—Stations of Cross
7:30 p.m. Schola Practice—Music Room

Wednesday, February 24, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Practice—Stations of Cross
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper—Church Hall
7:00 p.m. Bible Study—A.R.
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

Thursday, February 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Sharing—A.R.
1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Practice—Stations of Cross
3:00 p.m. Practice for Children's Donut Mass
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir—Music Room
7:00 p.m. Edge Core Team Mtg—Counting Rm
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting—A.R.
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir—Church

Friday, February 26, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
2:00 p.m. School Stations of the Cross—Church
5:30 p.m. Fish Fry—Church Hall
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, February 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
8:30 a.m. Cursillo—A.R.
9:00 a.m. Father-Daughter Meeting—Cauchi H.

HOSPITALITY WEEKEND

Parish News and Activities

NEXT SUNDAY AT 9:00 AM FAMILY DONUT MASS



Come join your children and grandchildren with fun and games at our monthly Donut Mass. It's guaranteed to sweeten your day!



The next meeting of the St. Agnes Retired Seniors is scheduled for Tuesday, March 1, and is a pot-luck luncheon. Attendees are asked to bring a main dish, salad or dessert. All seniors and guests are invited to attend. For further information, contact Bob or Sandi Rigor at 925-682-0387.

It's not too late to sign up for the STARS trip to **Graton Casino & Resort** on Tuesday, April 19. Price is \$28 per person and includes round-trip bus transportation to Rohnert Park and \$10 slot play and \$5 food credit OR \$15 match play and \$5 food credit. All passengers must be over 21 years of age and must have a valid photo ID. For reservations, please contact Bob Rigor at 925-202-6239.



PARISH FISH FRIES DURING LENT

During the Lenten season, the St. Agnes Knights of Columbus will be hosting Friday Night Fish Fry. Please come out early (dinner is between 5:30 and 6:45 in the Church Hall) before you attend the Stations of the Cross program held in the Church at 7:00 p.m. The menu includes: your choice of fried fish (2 pieces) or grilled cheese sandwich, along with French fries, salad, and coleslaw. Beverages (soda or water) are available for \$1 each.

The Cost is \$7—kids 3 and under are Free.

The dates include each Friday through March 18.

For information, contact Carlos Garcia at cmgarcia@astound.net or Earl Koski at ekoski@astound.net.

A NIGHT IN HAVANA - ST. AGNES AUCTION 2016



Join St. Agnes School parents and community at the Concord Hilton on March 5 from 5:00—10:00 p.m. for a night of fun and frolic while supporting the school programs and experiences which make our school so special.

The night includes a Silent Auction, Cocktails, Dinner, Live Auction, Dancing, Cigar Bar, and a Wine Pull. In addition to adorable class projects, items for auction include a fly-fishing weekend getaway, a 4-night stay in Cancun for you and your family, a round of golf at the Olympic Club Ocean Course, 4 tickets and a tailgate party to a 49ers game, a signed Buster Posey jersey and a signed Steph Curry jersey, wine tasting, sailing in Monterey, A's tickets, Giants' tickets and much more.

For more information, or to buy your tickets, go to <http://stagnescconcordauction.com>.

Two Social Ministries guaranteed to add to your spiritual and social life through fellowship:

Catholic Daughters of the Americas strives to embrace the principle of faith working through love in the promotion of justice, equality and the advancement of human rights and dignity for all. For more information, contact Eiko Asselin at 925-825-3982.

Italian Catholic Federation, Todos Santos Branch #214 promotes and supports the Catholic Faith and its values, encourages apostolic and charitable works, and celebrates the Italian-American heritage as well as all the heritages of our communities. Meetings are held on the third Thursday for 9 months of the year. For information, contact Chris or Ron Artale at 925-827-3713.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 24 Lenten Soup Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
• Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Donut Mass, 9:00 a.m. Hospitality weekend.
- 29 Parish Lenten Retreat, 7:00 p.m.

Community Activities

MARRIAGE HELP

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information or to register for the upcoming program beginning with a weekend on February 26-28, 2016, call **510-276-4118**, e-mail Oakland@RetroCA.com or visit the website at www.HelpOurMarriage.com.

St. Bonaventure's Annual Men's Retreat - March 4-6, San Damiano Retreat Center, 710 Highland Dr., Danville

Registration is now open for the 2016 St. Bonaventure Men's Retreat. All men of the Diocese are welcome. This year's theme is "Merciful Like the Father," which was inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy. The retreat will be led by Fr. Leo Edgerly, pastor of Corpus Christi Parish in Oakland.

For more information, call Matt Remington, 925-672-4006. Registration is available online at <http://www.stbonaventure.net/parish-ministries/adultfaith/mens-spiritual-network>.

BEST LENT EVER

In case you missed it—this Lent, Dynamic Catholic has a great opportunity for our parish—a free e-mail program called "Best Lent Ever." This program is based on Matthew Kelly's new bestseller *Rediscover Jesus*—the same book you received just before Christmas this past year.

Each day you will receive an inspirational e-mail with a short video featuring Matthew Kelly and a member of the Dynamic Catholic Team. Throughout Lent, they will guide you through each of the 40 chapters in *Rediscover Jesus* and share simple ways to bring Jesus into your everyday life.

All you have to do is sign up at DynamicCatholic.com/Lent. Let's take this 40-day spiritual journey to encounter Jesus in a deeply personal way.

LA MORITA MEXICO YOUTH MISSION

Stop by after all Masses this weekend and see the model home that our youth will be building for three families in Tijuana during Easter week. You can help our new non-profit corporation "La Morita Mexico Youth Mission" build the homes by purchasing a door, a window, a wall or roof panel, or even a cement slab. You can shop on the spot, or mail in your donation later. No donations will be collected in the collection or at the Ministry Center. For more information, contact the Waltons at 925-212-7679 or e-mail jbwalton@astound.net.

SCOUTING OPPORTUNITY FOR OLDER SCOUTS—Come and Experience Venture Crew 444's Open House

Tuesday, March 15, 2016, 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., St. Bonaventure Catholic Church, 5562 Clayton Rd., Concord, Room B5.

Venturing is a coed program for youths age 13 who have completed the 8th grade, or ages 14 to 21. For more information, contact crew444@astound.net.

FREE FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR 2015

AARP's Tax-Aide program offers free Federal and State income tax preparation to middle and low income taxpayers, with special attention given to seniors. All AARP's Tax-Aide counselors are IRS and State trained, tested, and certified.

For appointments at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord, call 925-405-5234 (leave your name and phone number and an appointment scheduler will return your call). Appointments are available Wednesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Bring all your 2015 tax information, photo ID, Social Security cards and health care information for everyone on your tax return as well as a copy of your 2014 Federal and State returns.

For other Tax-Aide locations, call 925-726-3199.

Father Mark Barron is joined by the Farias Family.

Father Barron was our guest speaker at the Divine Mercy Retreat on February 6 and spoke at all Masses that weekend. He reminded us of the wonderful gift of God's Mercy.



THE 10 COMMANDMENTS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

1. Prayer is not a “spare wheel” that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a “steering wheel” that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car’s windshield so large and the rearview mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it’s going well, enjoy it—that won’t last long. If it’s going badly—don’t worry, that won’t last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don’t forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, “Relax, sweetheart, it’s just a bend, not the end!”
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn’t solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, “Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?” He replied, “Yes, losing your vision!”
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow’s troubles, it takes away today’s peace.