



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Congratulations to our 26 Confirmandi who were confirmed by Bishop Michael Barber on Saturday, June 11. May they be filled with the gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, counsel, knowledge, fortitude, piety and fear of the Lord.

June 19, 2016

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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,

Today's Gospel explains the basis of our Faith as the acceptance of Jesus as the Christ, our Lord and Savior. It also tells us that Christ Jesus became our Savior by his suffering, death and Resurrection. Finally, it outlines the two requirements of Christian discipleship, namely, denying oneself and taking up one's cross.

Jesus saw aspects of his own life and mission foreshadowed in Zechariah's prophecy given in the first reading and in Isaiah's Servant Songs. Zechariah's *pierced one* in the first reading invites us to identify ourselves with our suffering Savior, Jesus, during the moments of our pains and suffering. In the second reading, Paul teaches us that through faith in Jesus we become the children of God. Hence, we have to live in accordance with Jesus' teachings, tearing down barriers of gender, race and class. Paul advises us to "put on Christ," which means that we should allow Christ to begin to work in us as our Messiah, healing us of our hatred, prejudice, selfishness and whatever else blocks "God's reign" within and among us. Today's Gospel consists of two sections: 1) the Messianic confession of Peter, acknowledging Jesus as "*Christ the Son of the living God*," and 2) Jesus' prediction of his Passion, death and Resurrection, followed by his clear teaching on the two requirements of Christian discipleship: "*Whoever wishes to come after Me must deny himself, take up his cross and follow Me.*"

Jesus must enter in to our living experience, loving us, forgiving us, helping us and transforming our lives and outlook. This takes place when we listen to him through the daily, meditative reading of the Bible, talk to him through daily, personal and family prayers, offer him our lives on the altar in the Holy Mass, are reconciled with him in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and recognize and respond to Him in our brothers and sisters. In the Eucharistic celebration today, we are celebrating and experiencing in our lives the death and Resurrection of Jesus.

Next, we surrender our lives to Jesus by rendering humble and loving service to others, with the strong conviction that Jesus is present in every person. Finally, we begin to praise and thank God in all the events of our lives, both good and bad, realizing that God's loving hand is behind every event of our lives. We carry our crosses the Christian way when we accept them from God gracefully and share our health, wealth, time and talents with others, even when it costs us our lives.

Fr. Johnson

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JUNE 12: \$10,412.00

Building Fund: \$2,168.00

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, June 18, 2016

5:00 p.m. Julia Esguerra—Repose
Deceased Members of the Grewis
Family—Repose

Sunday, June 19, 2016

All Masses are offered for the Father of St. Agnes
Parish, both Living and Deceased

Monday, June 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Lot Sangalang Castro—Repose
Victorio Vizcay—Repose

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Victorio Vizcay—Repose
James Garry—Repose

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, June 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Chatterton—Repose
Victorio Vizcay—Repose

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:15 a.m. Ulisses Fonseca—Repose
Victorio Vizcay—Repose

Saturday, June 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose
Annette Ayoob—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Tom & Natalie Grewis—Special Int.

Sunday, June 26, 2016

7:00 a.m. Victorio Vizcay—Repose
Kathleen Connolly—Special Intention
Chris Morris—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
10:45 a.m. Lot Sangalang Castro—Repose
Henning Nielsen—Repose
Elizabeth Teng Jok Eng—Repose
5:00 p.m. Letecia Navarro—Repose
Angelo Villasenor—Repose
Esther Hill—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, June 19, 2016

12:15 p.m. Baptism

Monday, June 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Business
Meeting—Church Hall

Tuesday, June 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Communications Meeting—EX
7:30 p.m. Schola Practice—Music Room

Wednesday, June 22, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.

Thursday, June 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, June 24, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church

Saturday, June 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Couples for Christ—Cauchi Hall
9:00 a.m. Set-up for Kalayaan—Church Hall
5:00 p.m. Kalayaan Mass—Reception after
in Church Hall

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: Father's Day; Julian Calendar Pentecost
Monday: Summer begins
Tuesday: St. Aloysius Gonzaga
Wednesday: St. Paulinus of Nola;
Ss. John Fisher and Thomas More
Friday: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist
Saturday: Blessed Virgin Mary

FATHERHOOD

A father carries
pictures where his
money used to be.
—Anonymous

HAPPY
FATHER'S
DAY

Parish News and Activities

Welcoming a Stranger Update from JustFaith/Fair Trade Ministry

It has been 5 productive months since Ann Kihagi, our Kenyan asylum mother, was reunited with her husband, John and her 4 children. You may be wondering how they have adjusted to our community.

We would like to thank you for all your prayers and generous donations and share this list of accomplishments that we have made together:

1. Purchased airfare to fly family from Kenya to SF.
2. Assisted in renting and furnishing a condo for the family.
3. John has passed his California driver's license's test.
4. John started work as security guard @ John Muir Hospital and is already pursuing another with better pay. (Ann has been working for past 3 years, even before her family arrived.)
5. Children successfully completed their 1st semester in their respective schools.
6. Boys ages: 17, 15 & 13 are trained in mowing lawns, weeding yards, and washing cars.

Their challenges continue, and they will continue to need our support. With both parents working and family in a new world, the children will need support during the long summer days. If anyone wants to join a team to help provide support, free or almost free, enrichment experiences, and recreation to these children, especially those who are already doing so for their own, please contact Bev Atchison at: [\(925\) 676-9711](tel:9256769711). And if you would like to hire one of the eager young men, please contact Ann: [\(925\) 464-9516](tel:9254649516). To help the children become independent, we are also looking for donations of gently used bikes to commute to school and neighborhood jobs.

The family has been grateful for all the help they have received and hope that you'll continue to support them as they settle into our community. If you would like to lend a supportive hand in other ways not mentioned here, please don't hesitate to speak directly to Ann and John or anyone from the JustFaith/FairTrade Ministry.

"And at the end of our lives, the king will say to us, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me.'" (Matt 25:34-35)

PASTOR INSTALLATION NEXT SUNDAY Join us in Celebration!

Everyone is invited to the installation of Father Johnson Abraham as our Pastor on Sunday, June 26, at the 10:45 a.m. Mass. There will be a reception immediately after Mass.



From all Parishioners at St. Agnes—
Happy Father's Day to Father Johnson.
We thank you for your leadership.

SCRIP SUMMER SCHEDULE

Scrip will be sold on the following Thursdays from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in the school office:

- June 30
- July 7
- July 21
- August 4
- August 11
- August 18
- August 25 (resume Thurs./Fri. schedule)

You may drop off, mail or fax your orders. Faxed orders must be paid upon pickup.

Any questions, please call the school office at 925-689-3990.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE

- 19 Happy Father's Day
- 26 Pastor Installation for Father Johnson—
10:45 a.m. Mass

JULY

- 4 Knights of Columbus Barbeque—12:00 on
Lawn next to Hayburn Hall

The church building will be closed during the week beginning June 27 for the lighting repairs/replacement, which is expected to be complete by the middle of August.

Community News

California Crosses an Unwelcomed Threshold with Legalization of Physician-Assisted Suicide

SACRAMENTO, CA - *The California Catholic Conference of Bishops, comprised of Bishops from the two archdioceses and ten dioceses of California, issued the following statement on the legalization of physician-assisted suicide on June 9, 2016:*

Every human being possesses inherent dignity, which deserves our respect. Each of us should feel loved, worthy and cared for at every moment of our lives, especially when our earthly journey is nearing its end. What some mistakenly consider a newfound “freedom,” will inevitably become a duty for others. By allowing doctors to prescribe a lethal dose of drugs to their patients, California is embarking on a dangerous course. This new law will place the disabled, the elderly and other vulnerable people at risk for abuse and mistreatment and will undermine the healing professions’ venerable commitment to “first do no harm.” As Catholics, we have been called from the very beginning of our faith to care for the sick. This commitment to care for life at all stages will not be deterred by this law. The Bishops of California and our partners in Catholic health care renew our promise to exceptional healing and compassionate care for those facing diagnosis of a terminal illness.

Together, we vow to strengthen our palliative care and other health care services for the chronically and terminally ill, so that no one we treat feels compelled to choose assisted suicide. Through our health care professionals and the care and compassion of all people of goodwill, we will continue to lovingly attend, accompany and care for the terminally ill on their final journey.

We have spoken – and will continue to speak – vigorously against this misguided law. It does not, for example, require a psychological assessment of people requesting assisted suicide. There are also significant concerns from the disability rights community about the lack of safeguards in the law, an absence of reliable information about its use and the growth of suicide in other states where assisted suicide is legal.

Pope Francis has challenged us many times to care for those on the margins. In an address last year to medical professionals he addressed our responsibility to care for people at the end of life:

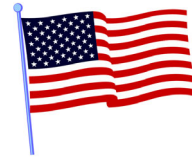
“Palliative care is an expression of the truly human attitude of taking care of one another, especially of those who suffer. It is a testimony that the human person is always precious, even if marked by illness and old age. Indeed, the person, under any circumstances, is an asset to him/herself and to others and is loved by God. This is why, when their life becomes very fragile and the end of their earthly existence approaches, we feel the responsibility to assist and accompany them in the best way.”

We echo this commitment of our faith and take to heart the words of St. John Paul II: “respect, protect, love and serve life, every human life! Only in this direction will you find justice, development, true freedom, peace and happiness!”

FOLLOW IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF CHRIST

The great fifty-day celebration of Easter has concluded, as have the feasts honoring the Holy Trinity and the Body and Blood of Christ. Last week we began a long stretch of Ordinary Time that will bring us to late November. Saint Paul tells us today that those who are baptized “have clothed yourselves with Christ” (Galatians 3:27). This scripture is echoed in the Church’s baptism ritual when we sing, “You have put on Christ, in him you have been baptized.” This message is inspiring and sobering at the same time, for in today’s Gospel, we get to the heart of what it means to be clothed in Christ. The Lord tells us, “If anyone wishes to come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Luke 9:23). For the next twenty-two weeks we are called to take up the cross and, with Saint Luke as our guide, follow in the footsteps of Christ.

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The Blue Star Moms hosted a table at all Masses the weekend of June 4-5, so parishioners could write notes to the members of our military thanking for them for their service. The postcards will be sent for July 4th. Please remember our service members in your prayers.

**IT'S SUMMER, BUT DON'T LET YOUR MANNERS GO ON VACATION.
Ten simple reminders about Mass Etiquette**

1. Please remember to dress modestly and appropriately in church. It's tempting to come in your shorts, tank tops and flip-flops, but wear your Sunday best. If you were going to the theater or to a nice restaurant, you would dress up. As Catholics, we believe God comes down to meet us at every Mass, so why wouldn't we dress up for Him?
2. Show up a few minutes early. If you can't be on time, then try to enter quietly and not disturb others. Getting to Mass early allows you to pray and prepare yourself better for Mass.
3. Do not leave early. We should stay to the end of the recession and the hymn that accompanies it. If you are in a hurry to get to another event, remember there are Masses on Saturday evening, Sunday morning and Sunday evening, so perhaps another Mass may be better.
4. Cell phones should never be used in Mass for calls or texting, except in a true emergency. If you are using your telephone for readings or prayers, please be discreet. And always turn your ringer off.
5. Read your bulletin at home, not during Mass, especially not during the Homily.
6. Don't chew gum in church. It breaks your fast and is distracting. Also, don't bring food or snacks—drinks for small children are fine.
7. Men—take your baseball hats off in church. Just as we take off hats for the Pledge of Allegiance, we do so in church too; it is a sign of respect.
8. We have a cry room for babies or fussy children. Here's a great idea—bring your children close to the front, but sit near the side doors. That way they can actually see what is happening during the Mass, but you can go outside with them quickly if needed.
9. Take your trash home with you or place it in the proper receptacles. Please don't leave Kleenexes, bulletins or other papers in the seat-backs.
10. Finally, remember to go to Mass during the summer. We miss you when you are gone, and God does too. If you are traveling, dial 1-800-MASS-TIMES or check out masstimes.org or catholic-mass-times.com to find a church and Mass near you.