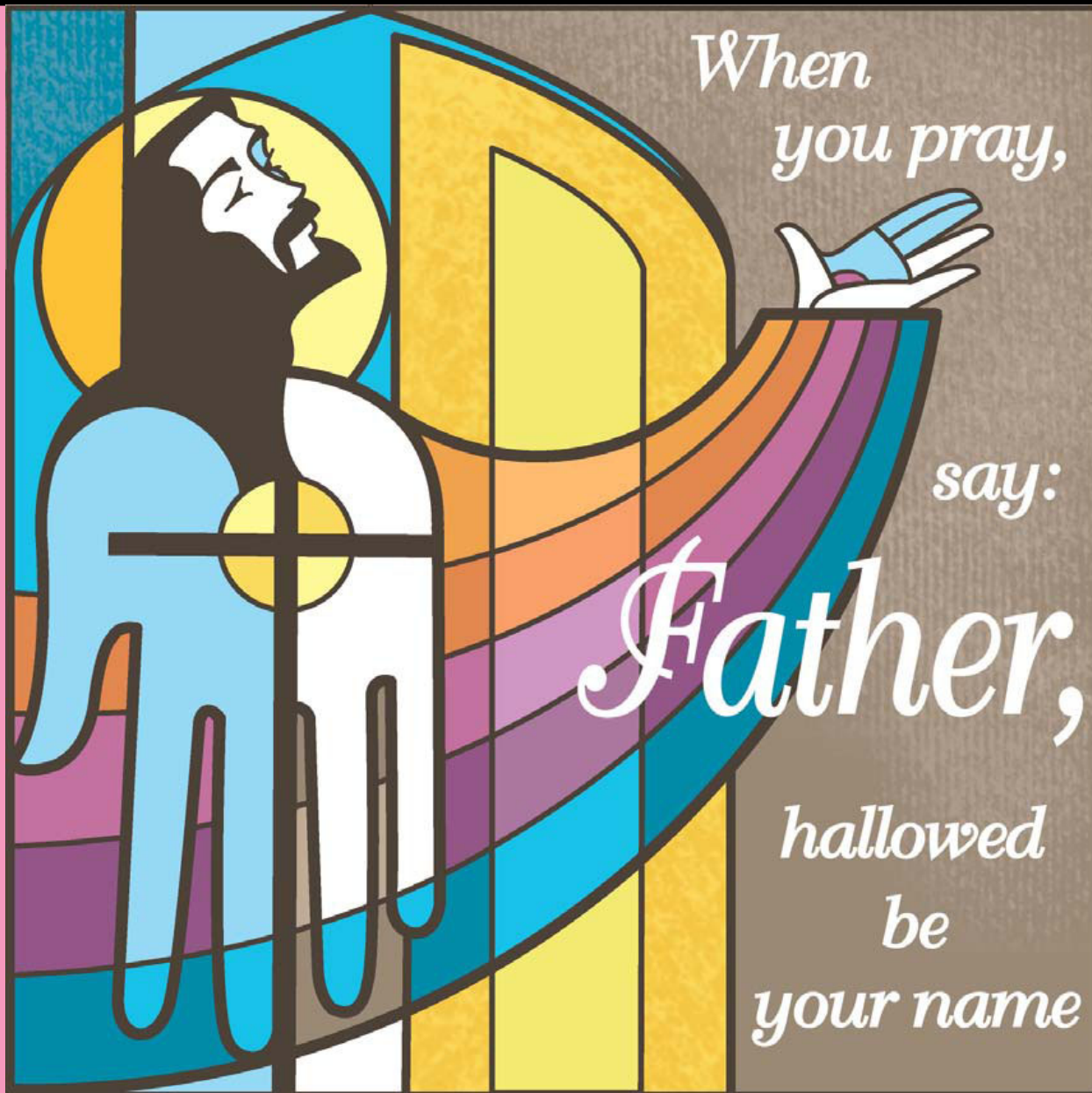




St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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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 at St. Agnes,

Pallottines (The Society of the Catholic Apostolate) is a religious community of over 2,300 members spread over several countries in the five continents. It was founded in Rome in 1835 by St. Vincent Pallotti. He is considered the pioneer in championing the role of the Laity in the mission of the Church. He is recognized as having profoundly influenced teaching of Vatican II on Laity. The motto of the Society is: "Make everyone a Catholic, every Catholic a good Catholic, and every good Catholic an Apostle." He always reminded people that they are called to be apostles no matter where they are and what they do.

In India and Zambia, Africa, besides carrying out his vision by inspiring laity to take an active role in the Church, we run several mission stations aimed at catering to the needs of the poor and the underprivileged, helping them with the basic necessities of life. We run orphanages for poor boys and girls, run educational institutions, dispensaries and other charitable works, along with proclaiming the gospel and faith formation. We undertake many social work programs directly aimed at helping the poor and needy and empowering women. In the traditional Catholic areas, we concentrate on re-evangelization and the training of the laity to become active apostles, and we have several seminarians being trained for priesthood and brotherhood. We are happy to share the fact that our mission is growing and expanding in India as well as in Zambia. We look forward to your help and support to continue our work.

We look forward to coming to your parish and sharing about our Mission on July 23-24.

Wishing you all the best and God's blessings and thanking you in advance.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Joe Koyickal, SAC
Mission Coordinator
Pallottine Fathers and Brothers
Society of the Catholic Apostolate



SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR JULY 10: \$9,676.00

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.)
 Mass at 8:15 on Fridays.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel 24/7
 Contact Sumner or Veronica Peery at 827-0916 for scheduling.

FOR ADULT LEARNING: (RETURNS IN SEPT.)
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: 827-3713.**

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 **Kathy Friend** by e-mail at kathy.friend@johnmuirhhealth.com.

DIVINE MERCY INVITATION

In this Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Divine Mercy Apostolate of St. Agnes invites you to: Holy Hour with Chaplet and Benediction in Conjunction with the Oakland Diocese's Novena of Holy Hours.

July 31st, Sunday @ 12 noon to 1 p.m.

After the 10:45 a.m. Mass in St. Agnes Church

Benediction followed by Fr. Gaitley's newest video: "Second Greatest Story Every Told—God's Master Plan" (the Fatima connection). We invite all parishioners, family and friends to join us.

CFF, EDGE, CONFIRMATION & LIFE TEEN

Registration packets have been mailed to last year's students. Please register by September 1st. If you are new to our parish or have not enrolled and wish to receive registration information, please call the parish office at **925-689-0838 ext. 210**. Additional packets are available in the church office.

KEEP PRAYING

St. Monica, whose feast we celebrate in August, is often known as "the persistent mother." She watched her oldest son, Augustine, turn his back on his Christian faith.

Monica was exasperated. For years she gave up talking directly to her son on the advice of a local bishop, who told her that it was better to talk to God about Augustine than to Augustine about God.

The mother never gave up praying for her son. Eventually Augustine gave up his wild ways, was baptized, and later ordained and named bishop of Hippo. St. Augustine went on to become one of the Church's greatest scholars.

Today's readings address the importance of persistent prayer. Abraham, in spite of trepidation that he is bothering the Lord, continues to ask about the fate of Sodom and Gomorrah. Jesus, in Luke's Gospel, tells his disciples to "ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Luke 11:9). This is our charge:

keep praying.

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PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23, 2016

5:00 p.m. Gail Woodburn—Special Intention
Micah Pilkerton—Special Intention

Sunday, July 24, 2016

7:00 a.m. Chris Morris—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

10:45 a.m. Rena Cecaci—Repose
Elizabeth David—Repose
Amanda Rubio—Repose

5:00 p.m. Al Reil—Repose

Monday, July 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose
Sal & Irene LoGrasso—Repose

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, July 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Sal & Irene LoGrasso—Repose

Friday, July 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Victorio Vizcay—Repose

Saturday, July 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Christine Crovo—Repose

5:00 p.m. Antonio Centeno—Repose
Jaime Nibiran—Repose

Sunday, July 31, 2016

7:00 a.m. Chris Morris—Special Intention

9:00 a.m. Amanda Rubio—Repose
Al Riel—Repose

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

5:00 p.m. Antoinette Bedini—Repose
Deceased Members of the
Grewis Family—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, July 24, 2016

7:00 a.m. Couples for Christ

Monday, July 25, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Tuesday, July 26, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—EX

Wednesday, July 27, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel

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

Thursday, July 28, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting—A.R.

Friday, July 29, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

7:30 p.m. Fil-Am Meeting—A.R.

Saturday, July 30, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

6:00 p.m. Italian Dinner—Cauchi Hall

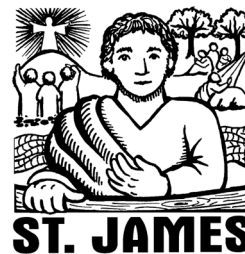
SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: St. James

Tuesday: Ss. Joachim and Anne;
World Youth Day, Krakow, Poland

Friday: St. Martha

Saturday: St. Peter Chrysologus;
Blessed Virgin Mary



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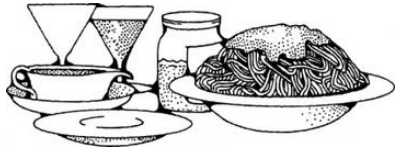
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LOOK AROUND YOU

To see the world in a grain of sand
and a heaven in a wildflower,
hold infinity in the palm of your hand
and eternity in an hour.

—William Blake

Parish News and Activities



ITALIAN DINNER

July 30, 2016

6:00 p.m.—No Host Cocktails

7:00 p.m.—Dinner

Menu:

Chicken Parmesan, Pasta
Salad and Dessert
By Parma Deli

Adults: \$25.00

Children 4-11: \$5.00

Under 3: Free

Come join your parish community for an evening of fun, fellowship and great food.

Tickets are for sale at the Welcome Table or in the Ministry Center during the week.

Special Request: If you have any raffle items that you can donate for the Italian dinner, please call Marlene at the Church Office or email Kathey Ambacher at akamb@astound.net. Thank you!



STARS does NOT meet in July or September.

The next luncheon meeting of the **St. Agnes Retired Seniors** will be on Tuesday, August 30, 2016, beginning at 11:00 AM in the church hall. All seniors, retirees and guests are welcome. This luncheon will be “pot luck,” so those who plan to attend are asked to bring their choice of either a main dish, a salad or a dessert (enough for 6).

STARS meets 10 times per year (not July or September) and features guest speakers and activities. Five of those monthly meetings are catered, and reservations are required. The remaining five meetings are pot lucks and for those no reservations are required. STARS also sponsors Casino Bus Trips, Retreats and other activities.

Please Join Us! There are no dues or membership requirements. For further information you may call Bob or Sandi Rigor at 925 682-0387, or inquire at the church office.



In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches us that God is our “Father,” and just as a parent’s love for their children is unlimited, so is God’s love and care for us unlimited.

Next week, as you give your gift to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul, in the fifth Sunday collection, know that you are showing the poor and needy that God loves them and is indeed their “Father.”

Your past generosity enabled us to bring hope to those in need in the form of rental and utility assistance, food, clothing and gasoline.

If you or someone you know is in need of assistance, the Vincentians are just a call away at 925-689-0838, ext. 250.

Thank you for your continued support.

Your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul 5th Sunday collection next weekend will help the poor to believe in the mystery of God’s love for them. When you give to the poor, God indeed pours his love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and into the hearts of those who are poor.

Young Adult Ministry

Please join the Young Adult Ministry for their first meeting on Wednesday, July 27 at 8 pm in Cauchi Hall. All ages 21 to 35 are welcome. Food will be provided.

For more information, please contact Toni Garcia at antonette.garcia23@gmail.com

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

JULY

- 30 Italian Dinner—Cauchi Hall
- 31 Divine Mercy Holy Hour at 12:00 noon

Community News

SAVE THE DATE: September 6, 2016

**MERCY
THE HEART OF PEACE
Interfaith Meeting of Prayer for Peace**

All are invited to an evening of prayers and dialogue in the spirit of peace.

Location: The Cathedral of Christ the Light Event Center, 2121 Harrison St., Oakland, CA 94612

Times:

5:45 p.m. Prayer
6:30 p.m. Panel Dialogue
8:00 p.m. Procession and Pledge

RSVD at JubileeofMercy-EB.org or Oakdiocese.org/InterfaithMeeting

For more information: Jean Evans 510-267-8357 or e-mail jevans@oakdiocese.org.

HEALING THE HEART WORKSHOP

If you or someone you know is grieving the death of a loved one, you are invited to attend our Healing the Heart workshop. We offer a safe place to express grief and begin healing after the loss of a loved one.

The grief workshop is a six-week program characterized by trust in prayer, open sharing and spirituality. You do not need to be a Catholic or a member of St. Bonaventure Parish to attend.

The next grief workshop begins Tuesday evening, August 23, 2016 at 7:30-9:00 p.m. at St. Bonaventure Catholic Church. Please call Helene Bellici at 925-686-4870 for more information and to register. **There is no cost to attend the workshop, but registration is required by August 10, 2016.**

St. Bonaventure Catholic Church is located at 5562 Clayton Road, Concord, CA 94521, telephone: 925-672-5800.

A Need for Catholic Advocacy - July 26, 6:30pm Concord City Council Meeting

As Catholics, the Eucharist prepares us for mission and propels us forward to transform the world - to participate in creating the Kingdom of God here on earth.

In our City of Concord, there are a number of opportunities to do exactly that, and working to address our housing challenges is one important example. There are the homeless. There are those who cannot afford to live in the city where they grew up, or where they work. And there are those who are struggling to retain their rental housing in the face of rapidly escalating demands for higher rent made by landlords. These challenges present us with a need to discern policy choices and government actions which reflect our beliefs as Catholics and our priorities under Catholic social teaching. Giving voice to those beliefs and priorities is a ministry of advocacy for our values, as well as for those who aren't able to effectively advocate for themselves.

On Tuesday, July 26, at 6:30 p.m., the Concord City Council will hear presentations on housing challenges in our city. Various perspectives on the facts of those challenges and possible paths forward will also be presented. Our presence at this meeting is important. It is an opportunity for us to articulate Catholic beliefs and moral priorities as city council members consider how best to proceed.

As Catholics, we draw on Church teachings when discerning appropriate solutions to current housing challenges in Concord. City Council meetings are generally open to all Concord residents, and anyone who wishes to speak will have an opportunity to do so.

MERCY

Among the attributes of God, although they are all equal, mercy shines with even more brilliance than justice.

—Miguel de Cervantes

THE MAGIC BANK ACCOUNT

The author is not known; it was found in the billfold of Coach Paul Bear Bryant, Alabama, after he died in 1982.



Imagine that you had won the following *PRIZE* in a contest: Each morning your bank would deposit \$86,400 in your private account for your use. However, this prize has rules:

The set of Rules:

1. Everything that you didn't spend during the day would be taken away from you.
2. You may not simply transfer money into some other account.
3. You may only spend it.
4. Each morning upon awakening, the bank opens your account with another \$86,400 for that day.
5. The bank can end the game without warning; at any time, it can say, "Game Over!" It can close the account and you will not receive a new one.

What would you personally do?

You would buy anything and everything you wanted, right? Not only for yourself, but for all the people you love and care for. Even for people you don't know, because you couldn't possibly spend it all on yourself, right?

You would try to spend every penny, and use it all, because you knew it would be replenished in the morning, right?

ACTUALLY, this GAME is REAL.

Shocked??

Yes!

Each of us is already a winner of this *PRIZE.* We just can't seem to see it.

1. Each morning we awaken to receive 86,400 seconds as a gift of life.
2. And when we go to sleep at night, any remaining time is Not credited to us.
3. What we haven't used up that Day is forever lost.
4. Yesterday is forever Gone.
5. Each morning the account is refilled, but the bank can dissolve your account at any time WITHOUT WARNING...

So, what will YOU do with your 86,400 seconds?

Those seconds are worth so much More than the same amount in dollars. Think about it and remember to Enjoy every second of your life, because time races by so much quicker than you think.

So take care of yourself, be happy, love deeply, and enjoy life!

Here's wishing you a wonder and beautiful day. Start "Spending"...

**DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT GROWING OLD...!
SOME PEOPLE DON'T GET THE PRIVILEGE.**

