



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

We have found
the Messiah



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Mon, Tue, Wed, Thu, Fri. & Sat.

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Dear Friends,

Recently, we heard about the death of Deacon Jerry's son, Jerry, who died at the young age of forty-five after a brief illness. May he rest in peace! Jerry died on December 30th, twenty-one years after Deacon Jerry's daughter's death. She died on the same day, December 30th, twenty-one years ago. As all of you know, Deacon Jerry has been fully involved here in our parish taking care of the Infant Baptism program, the visits to our home-bound, our nursing homes and care homes....taking care of our programs for our Eucharistic Ministers, our lectors and our greeters...and the list goes on. To this end, I have encouraged Deacon Jerry to take some time off so he can give some attention to grieving the loss of his wife and his son....and so, for the foreseeable future (a few months), Deacon Jerry will step down from active ministry here at St. Agnes. Let us assure him of our prayers.

On another note, we have the results of our Ministry Fair which we had in November and the numbers are very positive and encouraging. Over 500 individuals mentioned how they want to continue in their given ministries....over 150 individuals requested more information for specific ministries.... and over 80 individuals signed up as new members of committees, ministries, and activities. And so, a big thanks to our wonderful Stewardship Committee for organizing our Ministry Fair - for all their hard work in putting this together and for their foresight and dedication. Hopefully, if you signed up for something you will be hearing from the Ministry Chairs soon. If you don't, please let us know....

In the meantime, let us assure one another of our prayers for our parish, all our loved ones, and for those in need of our prayers....

In God's love and mine,

Fr. Vince

Sacrament of Reconciliation
Saturdays - 3:30 PM

Sacramental Celebrations
Baptisms, Weddings, Communion to the Sick
and Homebound:
please contact the Parish Office

Catechumenate:
Adults who wish to join the Catholic Church and adult Catholics who want to complete their sacramental initiation should contact the parish office.

YOUTH MINISTRY

<http://youthgroup.stagnesparish.net>

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Middle School Youth Group will meet this **Sunday night, January 15th**, in the Youth Room, from 6:00p.m. to 7:30p.m. All youth in the 6th - 8th grades are welcome. For a calendar or more information, please call Linda at 689-0838 or email her at Linda@stagnesparish.net.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

We will meet this **Tuesday, January 17th**, in the Youth Room, from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. All teens in the 9th - 12th grades are welcome. Why not make a New Years Resolution to grow in your faith and strengthen your friendships at Youth Group.

St. Agnes School Open House

Mass 9:00AM

Open House 10:30AM - Noon

St. Agnes School takes pride in the fact that we have been offering an education rich in Catholic values for over 40 years. Learn more about what our community can offer your family. Meet our wonderful teachers and tour the campus. Both current & prospective families are invited attend. Applications for the 2012-2013 school year will be available and accepted through February 4th. All new students testing will take place on Feb 11th. Testing appointments will be given once a completed application is turned in. For more information please visit the school website at <http://www.stagnesconcord.com> or contact the school office at (925) 689-3990. Be sure to visit the book fair in the library from 10-12 pm.

NEW EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister? Are you a current Minister of the Eucharist but are a little rusty and would like to review procedures? If yes, please join us on **Monday, January 23, at 7:00p.m.** in the church for a review and training. For any questions, please contact Linda in the Ministry Center at 689-0838.



Please pray for the repose of the soul of Jerry Waters, Jr. May he rest in peace and may his family be consoled.

CONFIRMATION

First Year Candidates:

REMINDER: MANDATORY RETREAT in the CHURCH- Saturday, Feb. 11th 10am to 4:30pm.

Our next class session will meet Sunday, February 26th, 2012, at 3pm followed by the 5pm Mass.

Call Lila or Diane at 689-0838 ext 210 or 211 if you have any questions.

Second Year Candidates:

Our next session will be **Sunday, January 22nd, 2012**, at 3pm followed by the 5pm Mass. If you are planning to be Confirmed on June 10th, 2012, any missing forms need to be turned in ASAP.

PARENTS: Mandatory meeting in the church January 22, 3:10-3:50pm



CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

There will be no class on **Monday, January 16** in honor of **Martin Luther King.**

Classes for Children's Faith Formation grades 1-8 will meet again on Monday, January 23, 2012. For questions, call Lila or Diane at 689-0838 ext 210 or 211.

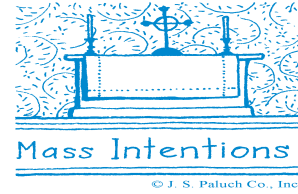
EWTN TO AIR WALK & MARCH FOR LIFE

EWTN telecasts marking the tragic Supreme Court decision "legalizing" abortion will include interviews with Walk for Life leaders and participants on 1/21/12 @ 10 AM; a Vigil Mass for Life at the National Shrine in Washington, 1/22/12 @ 3:30 PM; and the March for Life 1/23/12 8AM. EWTN is carried on Comcast #229, AT&T #562, Astound #116, DISH #261 & direct #370.

San Damiano Retreat in Danville offers these exciting retreats: Jan. 20-22 (23), "The Relationship Challenge," Saturday, Jan. 21, Singles Workshop, "Discovering Mr. or Ms. Right," Feb. 10-12, Married Couples Valentine's Day Weekend, with Fr. Rusty Shaughnessy, OFM, Richard & Karla Obernesser. More info: 925-837-7141, katrik@sandamiano.org, www.sandamiano.org.

Help our youth build homes for poor families in Tijuana, and get a great Mexican Dinner! Tickets to the Sat., January 28, 6 pm Mexican Dinner in the Church Hall will be on sale after all Masses this weekend and next. They are also available at the Ministry Center. This year we will have a delicious dinner prepared by the Oscar Valdez family with entertainment by Mariachi Ortega. Tickets are \$12.50 a person or \$45 a family"

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK



SUNDAY - January 15th

After Masses, Mexico Group Selling Dinner Tickets
3:00PM - Confirmation Classes First Year - C.H. & 8th Grade Classroom
6:00PM - Fil-Am Meeting - A.R.
6:00PM - Youth Group - Youth Room

MONDAY - January 16th

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
Parish Office Close in Observance of Dr. Martin Luther King

TUESDAY - January 17th

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
7:00PM - High School Youth Group - Youth Room
7:00PM - RCIA (Group 2) - E.X.
7:30PM - RCIA (Group 1) - G.P.

WEDNESDAY - January 18th

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
7:00PM - Spanish Prayer Group - Cry/Youth Room
7:00PM - St. Vincent De Paul Meeting - A.R.
7:30PM - Jim Gill Music Practice - Church

THURSDAY - January 19th

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
9:00AM - Scrip Sales
9:30AM - Scripture Share - A.R.
6:00PM - ICF Meeting - C.H.
6:00PM - Children's Choir Practice - Music Room
7:00PM - St. Agnes Knights of Columbus - A.R.
7:30PM - Adult Choir Practice - Church

FRIDAY - January 20th

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
9:00AM - Scrip sales - G.P.
7:00PM - Santo Nino Noveena - Cry Room

SATURDAY - January 21st

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
After Mass, Mexico Group Selling Dinner Tickets
7:00PM - Santo Nino Noveena - Cry Room

Sunday - January 22nd

8:00AM - Mass - Chapel
After Masses, Mexico Group Selling Dinner Tickets
6:00PM - Youth Group - Youth Room
7:00PM - Santo Nino Noveena - Cry Room

SATURDAY - January 14th

8:00AM - Reginald St. Laurent - Special Intention
5:00PM - Deceased Members of the Frisbie Family

SUNDAY - January 15th

7:00AM - Christopher van Hattem - Repose
9:00AM - Yvette Farrington - Special Intention
10:45AM - Amalia Hembrador - Repose
5:00PM - Maureen Coll - Repose

MONDAY - January 16th

8:00AM - Jessica Leavitt - Repose

TUESDAY - January 17th

8:00AM - Sonja Jenkins - Special Intention

WEDNESDAY - January 18th

8:00AM - Lisa Moyer - Special Intention

THURSDAY - January 19th

8:00AM - Paz Sagala - Repose

FRIDAY - January 20th

8:00AM - Rufino Cipriano, Jr. - Repose

SATURDAY - January 21st

8:00AM - Yvette Farrington - Special Intention
5:00PM - Jesus Bautista - Repose

SUNDAY - January 22nd

7:00AM - For the People of St. Agnes, Living & Deceased
9:00AM - Alex Recto - Repose
10:45AM - Jesus Bautista - Repose
5:00PM - Kasia Rutkowska - Special Intention

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING



Fely Crusit ~ Yvette Farrington
Candace Hammer ~ Mary Alipranti
Helen Regan ~ Leslie Rushing
Marge Grennan ~ Catherine Narberes
Chris Colao ~ Lucy Keegan
Hope Mazza ~ Ed Monfils
Renato Mendoza ~ Kathleen York
David Torrisi ~ John Conlow
Krista Elliot ~ Joe Cereghino
Frank Yoda ~ Mercedes Carlos
David Van Dyke ~ Steven Ouimet
~ Shannon King

WE NEED MEDIA OPERATORS!

We are in need of Media Operators (*clickers*).
If you can help, please call the Ministry Center at
689-0838 ex. 208.

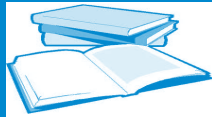


Pray for Vocations
WEEKLY PRAYER

Loving God, help us follow the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary in willingly giving ourselves in service to your church. Stir up the grace of priestly and religious vocations in the hearts of many within our community and send your Spirit to guide and strengthen them in answering your call. Amen.

Christmas Collection

The **Christmas Collection** for 2011 was **\$32,915**. Your **generosity** is deeply appreciated and will allow us to continue to grow and flourish as a parish and to serve God's people. **Thank you very much!**



Book Fair

Education experts confirm what you already know: Reading for fun has a profound impact on our children. It not only introduces them to facts, fables, and fun, but also can increase math scores, develop thinking ability, and improve vocabulary, grammar and punctuation skills. To encourage reading, St. Agnes School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair on **January 29th, through February 2nd, 2012**. The hours are **Sunday 10a.m. - Noon**. The hours on **Monday through Thursday** are **8a.m. - 4p.m.**

CARING HANDS

Making A Difference One Senior At A Time

Just 1 to 3 hours a week can change a life. You can help! Friendly visiting & companionship. Transportation to medical appointments and other needed services. Substitute driving. Join us for a volunteer training class.

Friday, Jan. 20, 2012 8:45am - 3:30pm
John Muir Medical Center - Walnut Creek Campus

*An orientation/interview & Pre-registration by Friday, January 12th is required. Seating is limited, so sign up today! Contact Linda Groobin at 925-952-2999 or visit: www.johnmuirhealth.com

TODAY'S READINGS

First Reading — Speak, for your servant is listening (1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19).

Psalm — Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will (Psalm 40).

Second Reading — Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you? (1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20).

Gospel — Andrew found his brother Simon and brought him to Jesus (John 1:35-42).

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FAIR TRADE COFFEE, TEA & CHOCOLATE SALES



Watch out for our CRS Fair Trade Coffee, Tea and Chocolate sale on January 21-22.

A new product, Spicy Hot Cocoa, will be featured.

Through your generosity, the income that Fair Trade small farmers earn allows them to feed, clothe, shelter, educate and provide public health care for their families. Not a bad exchange for a bag of coffee, a box of tea, a bar of chocolate, or a tin of Spicy Hot Cocoa. Check us out next weekend January 21-22 at our next sale. Thank you!

Save the Date!

St. Agnes Mexico Youth Workcamp's annual Mexican Dinner, to be held **Sat., January 28, at 6 pm**. We will be serving delicious Mexican Food and will be entertained by Mariachi Ortega. Please know that your support helps our youth build homes for poor families in Tijuana during Easter week. Tickets will be sold after all Masses on Jan. 14-15 and Jan. 21-22, and will be available at the Ministry Center after January 1.

They cost \$12.50 per person and \$45 per family.

The parish office will be closed on January 16, 2012 in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday:** 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
- Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
- Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
- Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
- Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
- Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
- Sunday:** Jon 3:1-5, 10; Ps 25; 1 Cor 7:29-31; Mk 1:14-20

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday:** Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** Martin Luther King, Jr., Day
- Tuesday:** St. Anthony
- Wednesday:** Week of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
- Friday:** St. Fabian; St. Sebastian
- Saturday:** St. Agnes



STARS

February Luncheon

February 7, 2012

Catered by

Parma Delicatessen

Dine-In or Take-Out
Catering for All Occasions
As advertised in the St. Agnes Sunday Bulletin

3521 Clayton Road, Concord
685-5705

- ♥ Baked Chicken
- ♥ Pasta Marinara
- ♥ Green Salad
- ♥ Rolls & Butter
- ♥ Dessert

An absolutely delicious meal you will LOVE!

Only \$12.50 per person.

Final Reservation Date is SUNDAY, January 17, 2012

Please make your check payable to **Bob Rigor**
and mail it to him at

1737 Gumwood Dr., Concord, CA 94521.

For further information, call Carmen Nick at 798-8531.

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration



Mission:

That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

Prayer Intentions for January, 2012

That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

Coverage needed:

Sun: 12am - 1am
2 am- 3am
Mon: 11pm-12am
Tue: 3am-4am &
1pm - 2pm
Wed: 11pm - midnight
Fri: 12am - 1am
1am - 2am, 2am - 3am
& 10pm - 11pm
Sat: 12pm - 1pm,
1pm - 2pm, 2pm - 3pm
& 11pm - midnight

Reminders:

Don't forget to sign the adoration sign-in book.
Call your hour coordinator if you have to miss your hour.
To sign up for any hour, please call (925) 676-8248, or complete the forms located in the old book rack slots in the vestibules and mail it or drop it off at the Ministry

SPIRITUAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRAYER

DAILY MASS IN THE CHAPEL
- at 8:00 AM.

PERPETUAL EUCHARISTIC ADORATION - Chapel

FOR ADULT LEARNING

SCRIPTURE SHARING - Thursday mornings at 9:30 in the ministry center.

CONTINUING ADULT EDUCATION

- Wednesday evenings.
- 7:00 p.m. - Gathering Place

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 - to help with meals in time of need. Please call Marie Frisbie (925) 676-6028

Santo Nino

Please join us in celebration of Mass & Thanksgiving for members, relatives, friends & all of the devotees (living & deceased) of the Holy Infant Jesus on Sunday, Jan. 29th at 5PM.

Novena Schedule: Jan. 20th - 28th at 7PM, St. Agnes Church in the Cry Room (on 1/22 & 1/24 meeting in the Music Room).

Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration

World Weary? Need a refuge from the chaos of the world? Find peace, tranquility and a special calm that can only come from God. Spend a quiet hour with Jesus, truly present, in our adoration chapel. He awaits you, 24/7. Our parish is specially blessed to have Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration. To schedule your weekly hour, please call Dick or Kaaren at 676-8248. Drop-ins are always welcome.

St. Agnes Mardi Gras Dinner and Dance



Menu:
Roast Beef
Baked Chicken
Rice
Green Salad
Dinner Rolls
Dessert

Coordinated by
The St. Agnes Fil-Am Community
Saturday - February 4, 2012

6:30 - 11:30 PM

(Dinner: 7:00 - 9:00 PM)

Concord Senior Center

2727 Parkside Circle

Concord, CA 94519

Admission: **\$30.00**

(All proceeds benefit St. Agnes Church General Fund)

Attire: Semi-Formal or Masquerade Costume (Optional)

Please make checks payable to: St. Agnes Church
For more information call Rose C. Encarnacion, (925) 687-8095
Live Band Music by: **"the Business"**

