



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



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Monday - Saturday
(Communion Service on Wed.)

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Sharing God's Mercy: 2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Dear Parishioners of St. Agnes,

In September, we witnessed a historical event in the visit of Pope Francis to America. He personally brought his message of mercy and love to all of us. Pope Francis has declared 2016 a "Holy Year of Mercy." This is why I have chosen "Sharing God's Mercy" as the theme for the 2016 Annual Bishop's Appeal. "Sharing God's Mercy" starts with God's love for us, which moves us to share His love with all our sisters and brothers. It is a cornerstone of Pope Francis' vision for our Church.

Since my appointment as your Bishop, I have repeatedly witnessed the mercy and love of God. Primary among these gestures of mercy is your unwavering generosity in sharing your time, talent, and treasure with your parish community and the ministries of the diocese. I want to personally thank you for your generosity. During his visit to America, Pope Francis focused upon a number of themes: love and mercy, marriage and family, sanctity of life, social and economic justice. Through the Annual Bishop's Appeal, our diocese provides funds for marriage and family life ministries, lifelong faith formation, outreach to those who have drifted away from the Church, retired clergy, seminarians, education, works of mercy to the imprisoned, and parishes and schools in economically disadvantaged and crime-ridden neighborhoods. Through our ethnic ministries and centers we reach out to the many groups which make our Church of the East Bay so diverse and a true reflection of God's love and mercy. With Pope Francis as our model, we are embracing his message and sharing this love and mercy with all our sisters and brothers.

I am asking every parishioner to consider making a gift to the Appeal. All gifts to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal are important – we are all asked to make a sacrificial and proportionate gift. Those individuals who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but I am asking everyone to "Share God's Mercy" by participating in this year's Appeal. Please consider a pledge of financial support to the 2016 Bishop's Appeal. A pledge spread out over ten months will help countless individuals. If you are financially able to make a gift of \$200, or a pledge of \$20 per month, I ask you to please do so.

Diocese of Oakland stands at the forefront of the Church's evangelizing mission throughout California. Your donation and continued support to the Appeal will contribute greatly to the entire diocese as we build the Kingdom of God through the proclamation of God's mercy, leading to reconciliation and fraternal communion.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael C. Barber, S.J. Bishop of Oakland

Sunday Collection for February 7: \$11,677.00
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 Sumner 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.

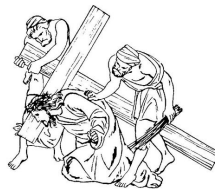
MINISTRY TO THE SICK: Please call Naomi (925) 798-5592.

CARING HANDS-JOHN MUIR HEALTH:

Contact Linda Goobin at 925-952-2999.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY: Diablo Valley Literacy Council, English Tutors Needed. You can change a life! No teaching experience required. We will teach you how to be a tutor. VOLUNTEER to help adults in your neighborhood to read, write and speak ENGLISH well enough to function in our society.

The next workshop will be held on Sat., February 27, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm and Sat., March 5, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church at 4000 Clayton Road in Concord. You must attend both sessions. There is a nominal fee to cover the training and material costs. Adult volunteers typically give one to two hours per week. To register, call 925-685-3881 and left a message, or e-mail DVLC4ESL@gmail.com.



St. Agnes Parish presents “The Way of the Cross” by the Salesian Mystery Players

This is an UNFORGETTABLE EXPERIENCE presented by the Salesian Mystery Players. Through use of special lighting and sound, this moving dramatic meditation promises to be a high point in our Lenten Journey. We strongly encourage all adults and teens to attend this unique and prayerful presentation on **Friday, February 19, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Agnes Church. Admission is Free.**

Call Marlene McCann at 925-689-0838 or e-mail marlene.stagnesparish@gmail.com for more info.

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.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, February 15, in honor of President’s Day.

PLEASE PRAY FOR HEALING

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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 13, 2016

5:00 p.m. Richard Fiscus—Repose
Goody Carino—Special Intention

Sunday, February 14, 2016

7:00 a.m. Chachi Abraham—Repose
9:00 a.m. Kenneth Dixon—Repose
Santo Toribio Romo—Special Int.
Cathy Ruhnke—Special Intention
10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
5:00 p.m. The D'Souza Family—
Special Intention

Monday, February 15, 2016

8:00 a.m. The Deceased Members of
the Frisbie Family—Repose

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Jo Himsl—Repose
Telesfora Legaspi—Repose

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, February 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Maria Velasco—Repose
Tomas Legaspi, Jr.—Repose
Thomas Walsh—Repose

Friday, February 19, 2016

8:15 a.m. Glen Begor—Repose
Carmen Santos—Repose

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Pascuala Duldulao—Repose
5:00 p.m. Richard Fiscus—Repose
John Grennan—Repose
Ray & Paula Smith—Special Intention

Sunday, February 21, 2016

7:00 a.m. Fr. Ricardo Chavez—Special Intention
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
Anders C. Maniti—Repose
Medalla Milagrosa—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, February 14, 2016—Valentine's Day

9:00 a.m. Rite of Election for Catechumens

Financial update at all Masses

Pancake Breakfast after 9:00 and 10:45 Masses

Fair Trade Sales after all Masses

Monday, February 15, 2016

Parish Office closed for President's Day

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:30 p.m. East Diablo Meeting—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council—A.R.

Tuesday, February 16, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
1:30 p.m. 8th Grade Practice for Stations
of the Cross—Church
7:00 p.m. Buildings & Grounds—A.R.

Wednesday, February 17, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
All Day Diocesan In-Service—Church
6:00 p.m. Lenten Soup Supper—Church Hall
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Bible Study—A.R.
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church
7:30 p.m. La Morita Youth Mission Mtg—Hall

Thursday, February 18, 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. Cub Scout Meeting—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir—Music Room
6:30 p.m. ICF Meeting—Cauchi Hall
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir—Church

Friday, February 19, 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
7:00 p.m. The Way of the Cross by the
Salesian Mystery Players—Church
7:00 p.m. Fil-Am Meeting—A.R.

Saturday, February 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
6:30 p.m. Post-Valentine's Dinner Dance

La Morita Youth Mission to pass out flyers after 5:00 p.m. Mass "Help Us Build a Home."

Parish News and Activities



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 beginning February 12 through March 18.

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

POST VALENTINE'S DINNER DANCE



Can you think of a better way to get rid of the post-holiday blues than to get into your dancing shoes, enjoy a sumptuous dinner and connect with old and newly made friends? Then come to the St. Agnes Post Valentine's Dinner Dance on Saturday, February 20, 2016, from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. at the Church Hall. The St. Agnes Filipino-American Community surely knows how to host a fun-filled evening with music provided by our local DJ, Michael Calpito. So, get out of the seasonal slump, don your best attire, and join this party crowd for an evening to remember.

For ticket information, contact Precy Fiscus at 925-787-1363 or Joel Manalang at 925-876-5199. Raffle tickets are also being sold at \$2 per ticket or \$5 for 3 tickets. First prize winner gets \$500, 2nd prize is \$300, and 3rd prize is \$200. The more you buy, the more chances you have to win, even if you have left for the evening or not present at the drawing.

From the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission

Help our youth build homes in Mexico by supporting our new fundraiser, "Help Us Build a Home." You can see our model home and purchase a door, a wall panel or even a cement slab. Youth will be available after all Masses on February 20 and 21 to help with your shopping. You can shop on the spot, or mail us 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 djwalton@astound.net.

FAIR TRADE SALES THIS WEEKEND! Try some of our wonderful coffees, teas and chocolates (perfect for Valentine's Day!).



RICE BOWLS will be available after Masses this weekend. Please take one home and enjoy the wonderful prayers and activities from the Rice Bowl Program.

OUR FIRST LENTEN SOUP SUPPER—Wednesday, February 17 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall.

Bring a bowl and spoon and enjoy 2 great soups and a presentation from our youth in the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. Supper begins at 6 p.m., and the program is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.



SAVE THE DATE—Saturday, March 5, 2016
A NIGHT IN HAVANA—St. Agnes School Auction at the Concord Hilton. More information to follow.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS FEBRUARY

- 17 Lenten Soup Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
- Salesian H.S. Mystery Players, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Post Valentine's Day Dinner-Dance, 6:30 p.m.
- 24 Lenten Soup Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
- Station of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 Donut Mass, 9:00 a.m. Hospitality weekend.
- 29 Parish Lenten Retreat, 7:00 p.m.

ST. AGNES PARISH FINANCIAL UPDATE – 2015 RESULTS

<u>2015 Summary</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	Better / <u>-Worse</u>	Prior <u>2014</u>
	\$	\$	\$	\$
Total Revenue	761,709	775,900	-14,191	789,150
Expenses (x Dep)	<u>716,845</u>	<u>766,120</u>	<u>49,275</u>	<u>797,480</u>
Net Income/(Loss)	44,864	9,780	35,084	-8,330

2015 Detail

<u>Actual</u>	<u>Income2015</u>	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Expenses 2015</u>
		Dioc. Assessment	\$81,702 / 11%
		Clergy/Rectory	\$100,653 / 14%
Plate Unrestrict	\$630,434/ 83%	Liturgy	\$ 14,264 / 2%
Easter	\$ 28,821/ 4%	Music	\$ 68,225 / 10%
Christmas	\$30,321/ 4%	Bldg Maint.	\$107,322 / 15%
Plate Restrict	\$20,877/ 3%	Other ministries	\$177,545 / 25%
Other Income	<u>\$51,256/ 6%</u>	Admin/other	<u>\$167,134 / 23%</u>
Total Income	\$761,709/100%	Total Expenses	\$716,845 / 100%

Summary-

Total revenues in 2015 were \$762K against total expenses of \$717K, which yielded net income of \$44,864. The net income of \$44,864 has been added to our much needed general account. The ideal amount for the general account is between \$175K – 200K. *The above financial activity does not include monies received for Building Improvements and the Parish Share of the Diocesan Campaign.*

Building Improvement Reserve: The opening balance in the Building Improvement account was \$18,059. During the year, donations received totaled \$48,362 which leaves us a balance, at the end of the year, of \$66,421.

Parish Share of Diocesan Campaign: In 2015, we received \$23K for the Parish Share of the Diocesan Campaign. These monies have been deposited in a separate bank account.

Revenue:

Plate collections were more than the budget and \$65K more than what was received in 2014.

Fund raisers were less than the budget and less than 2014 totals.

EFT Giving increased by 25% in 2015.

Expenses:

Expenses were effectively managed in 2015.

Some budgeted \$'s were not used, rates and contracts were renegotiated, and a staff position was eliminated.

Donations: In 2015 the Parish generously gave \$42K in donations to various organizations. Additionally, Parishioners gave more than \$93K to the Diocesan Capital Campaign in 2015.



SHARING GOD'S MERCY

2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL

The 2016 Bishop's Appeal begins this weekend and will continue until early March. To incorporate the Jubilee Year of Mercy declared by Pope Francis, the title of this year's Appeal is "Sharing God's Mercy."

We would like to thank all parishioners who have given to the Bishop's Appeal in the past, as well as those who also gave, and continue to give, to the capital campaign. You should have received information and materials in the mail last week. More information on the Appeal can be found by visiting www.oakdiocese.org/giving.

We would also like to inform you that **Bishop Michael C. Barber will be attending a special reception at St. John Vianney on Thursday, February 18 at 6:30 p.m.** to speak about this year's Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop will have the opportunity to speak about how the Appeal is vital to the ministries of the diocese and the Church and how it is different, but equally important as the capital campaign. Light food and beverages will be served at 6:30 p.m., and Bishop Barber will begin speaking around 7:00 p.m. All parishioners are invited! This will give you an opportunity to learn more about the ministries at the diocese and ask questions, so please mark your calendars and make every effort to attend.

Please RSVP to Phil Toups by calling 510-628-2156 or e-mailing him at ptoups@guidanceingiving.com. Thank you!

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What does the Bishop's Appeal Fund?

- Pastoral Ministries & Services
- Religious Education & Formation
- Clergy Formation & Support
- Support for Catholic Schools and Parishes in Need
- Safe Environment Programs
- Assisting Local Parishes

Is the Bishop's Appeal different than the "Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Capital Campaign?" Yes. The Bishop's Appeal funds are completely different components than the capital campaign, with the exception of priests' retirement. The money received from the Appeal will be applied to the components listed above and is completely separate from the capital campaign account.