



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Parishioners and Guests ended the Divine Mercy Novena with a celebration on Divine Mercy Sunday.



April 17, 2016

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MASS SCHEDULE

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,

The fourth Sunday of Easter is known as Good Shepherd Sunday, and it is the "World Day of Prayer for Vocations." The Scripture lessons for this day concern the role of the shepherds of God's flock in the Church. Each year on this Sunday, we reflect on the image of Jesus as the Good Shepherd who devotedly and kindly takes care of his flock. The title "pastor" means shepherd. A shepherd leads, feeds, nurtures, comforts, corrects, and protects his flock—responsibilities that belong to every Church leader. The earliest Christians saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the ancient Jewish dream of the Good Shepherd. They also wished to include the Gentiles as part of God's flock. Today's first reading describes how Paul and Barnabas opted to listen to the voice of Jesus the Good Shepherd and follow him, and how, like their Master, they were rebuffed and rejected when they tried to share the good news of salvation. It also suggests that the sympathy of the early Christians for the Gentiles caused a rupture with Judaism. The Gospel also offers us both comfort and great challenge. The comforting message is that no one can snatch the sheep out of his Father's hands. The challenge is that pastors and lay people alike should be *good shepherds* to those entrusted to their care.

Let us become good shepherds: Everyone who is entrusted with the care of others is a shepherd. Hence pastors, parents, teachers, doctors, nurses, government officials, etc. are all shepherds. We become good shepherds by loving those entrusted to us, praying for them, spending our time and talents for their welfare, and guarding them from physical and spiritual dangers.

Let us pray for vocations to priestly and religious life so that we may have more good shepherds to lead, feed and protect the Catholic community.

Fr. Johnson



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SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR APRIL 10: \$10,007.00

Building Fund: \$3,678

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:

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 Marie Frisbie at 676-6028.

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.

DIOCESAN SURVEY

The Diocese of Oakland is conducting a survey that will help inform the development of a communication strategy to better serve the East Bay Catholic community. The survey takes about 5 minutes to complete. Please take a few minutes to tell us what information regarding your Catholic faith and the Church is most important to you. The survey is available at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DioOakland> and in the April 11 issue of The Catholic Voice.

FAITH DIRECT

Is spring cleaning on your mind? Looking for ways to simplify your week? eGiving through Faith Direct can help! Consider enrolling today by visiting www.faithdirect.net and using our church code:

CA646. Your gifts through Faith Direct will help stabilize our parish finances, help you to get rid of the clutter of offertory envelopes in your home, and give you one less thing to worry about on Sunday mornings.

Thank you for your continued support of our parish family with your time and talents as well as your treasure!

THE SHEPHERD’S FLOCK

In Christian art, the earliest depictions of Jesus Christ were not of his crucifixion or of his resurrection. The first known renderings of Jesus show him as the Good Shepherd, the image put before us in today’s readings. In the Gospel passage Jesus reveals that he is the shepherd and his followers are his “flock.”

In the first and second readings, we are told more about the flock. The passage from Acts assures us that both Jews and Gentiles are called to follow Jesus. It is faith, not birthright, that makes us part of the company of believers. In the passage from the book of Revelation we learn that the flock that follows this Lamb of God will also be washed in his blood. They will endure a time of trial before they enjoy eternal life. Be assured of the promise, we are told, but know there is a price to be paid.

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

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, April 16, 2016

5:00 p.m. Geoff Jung—Special Intention
Kay Kubla—Special Intention
Cathy Ruhnke—Special Intention

Sunday, April 17, 2016

7:00 a.m. Stella Piazza
9:00 a.m. Arlan Ronald Holman—Repose
Cat Cecilio—Repose
Juana Cuenco—Repose
Teresa Olasalo—Repose
10:45 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
5:00 p.m. Barbara Meyers Conway—Repose

Monday, April 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Carmen Santos—Repose
Rev. Henry Mullin, C.S.—Repose
Donna Roberts—Special Intention

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

8:00 a.m. Dorothy Hubrig—Repose
Gladys Sorbel—Repose
Honorato Perez—Repose

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, April 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Chachy Abraham
Perez Family—In Thanksgiving

Friday, April 22, 2016

8:15 a.m. Lois Auld—Repose

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Juana Cuenco—Repose
5:00 p.m. Juana Cuenco—Repose
Barbara Conway—Repose
The Deceased Members of
the Grewis Family

Sunday, April 24, 2016

7:00 a.m. Barbara Meyers Conway—Repose
9:00 a.m. Teresa Olasalo—Repose
10:45 a.m. Ambrosio Capinpin—Repose
Peggy & Cy Coenen—Repose
Regina Loffredo—Repose
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, April 17, 2016

Fair Trade after all Masses
12:15 p.m. Baptisms—Church
3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall

Monday, April 18, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5 & 6 p.m. Faith Formation—Classrooms
First Communion Practice
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Father-Daughter Dance Mtg—G.P.

Tuesday, April 19, 2016

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

Wednesday, April 20, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
10:30 a.m. Rosary Making—G.P.
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

Thursday, April 21, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Sharing—A.R.
3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
6:30 p.m. ICF Meeting—Cauchi Hall
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, April 22, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

Saturday, April 23, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Cursillo Meeting—A.R.
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
6:00 p.m. Father-Daughter Dance—
Cauchi Hall

Hospitality after all Weekend Masses

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Sunday: World Day of Prayer for Vocations
Thursday: St. Anselm
Friday: Earth Day; Passover begins
Saturday: St. George; St. Adalbert

Parish News and Activities

NEW! AT FAIR TRADE SALES THIS WEEKEND

With our popular Fair Trade Coffees, Teas and Chocolates, we are excited to include Fair Trade's new **Individual Servings of Coffee** cups for those who prefer to brew one cup of coffee at a time. We hope you like it.

Additionally, please join us in building enclosing walls against the rain for Father John Oyejola's mission church in Nigeria. With Your purchases and/or a small donation in the box on our table for Father John's church, we can do it. See our Poster showing Fr. John celebrating Mass in his very humble "church." Thank you for your support.



The Catholic Daughters of America, St. John Baptist de la Salle—Court 1934 invite you to join them for a Hawaiian Tea Fund Raiser on

**Saturday, May 14, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.
Cost: \$20**

**St. Francis of Assisi Gym
860 Oak Grove Road
Concord, CA 94518**

Please RSVP no later than May 9, 2016
For ticket reservations, call Eiko Asselin at 925-825-3982.

Make checks payable to: CDA #1934 and mail to:
Eiko Asselin, 3925 Ferndale Lane, Concord, CA
94519-1713.

Wheelchair Available

A wheelchair is being donated to the parish. Anyone who needs a wheelchair, please contact Dr. Mendoza at 685-4803. Please call and arrange for pick-up at Dr. Mendoza's Home, which is near St. Agnes Church.

THANK YOU!

The La Morita Mexico Youth Mission would like to thank all of the parishioners of St. Agnes for your tremendous support of our homebuilding journey to Tijuana. This is the first year that we have made the trip under the sponsorship of our new non-profit corporation instead of the Diocese of Oakland. We want to thank you for your generous donations of baked goods, craft supplies for the children, for your monetary support and especially for your prayers. Because of your continued support, we were able to build three homes, complete with watertight roofs, doors and windows, electrical wiring, storage space in the attic, and interior sheetrock for privacy. The three families were thrilled with their new homes! Our youth and adults created a Christian community through Scripture sharing in family groups, working hard all day, and sharing at campfire. All were grateful for the opportunity to put their Christian faith in practice by building homes for the three families and changing their lives. Thank you again for everything that you did for us!

ST. AGNES COOKBOOKS

If you have ever been to a St. Agnes potluck, you know what wonderful cooks we have in this parish. Now is the opportunity for us to collect and share their recipes. The St. Agnes Cookbook Committee is collecting favorite recipes from our parishioners through May 31. Forms and a collection box are on the Welcome Table in the back of the Church and will be in the Ministry Center during the week. Please use your own, or a relative's recipes—we cannot print trademarked items. You may also submit your recipe on-line at:
www.sacookbook2016@gmail.com.

We will have the printed cookbooks for sale this fall. Questions? Contact Sally Chavez at 925-687-9317 or e-mail gilsal2@sbcglobal.net.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS APRIL 2016

- 23 Father/Daughter Dance (School)
- 23/24 Hospitality Weekend
- 24 Children's Donut Mass, 9:00 a.m.

More Parish News and Activities

Festival Devotion to the Blessed Mother

We are in the planning stage of facilitating a parish-wide festival celebrating the devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday – May 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm. The Flowers of May Festival will include a 9-day novena (May 12-20, 2016, at 7:00 pm in the chapel), a procession, and reception – among others. The logistics of putting together this event will require collaboration across all ministries and therefore, respectfully request your respective ministries participation.

We are in need of the following resources which you may or may not be able to provide but nonetheless thankful of what you or your ministry may contribute:

1. Donation (food, cash, time, talent, and skills)
2. Procession marshals
3. Greeters and ushers
4. Personnel to assist in the reception
5. Personnel to assist in the kitchen
6. 9-day novena leaders
7. Staff to assist in coordinating the choir and “rondalla” – an ensemble of stringed instruments played with the plectrum or pick and generally known as plectrum instruments
8. Assistance with the flower requirements and arrangements of the festival
9. Assistance with the outreach and promotion of the festival to the parish community
10. Holy Rosary leader(s)
11. Your prayers

If you can help, e-mail jorge7garcia@yahoo.com or voice mail at telephone # (925) 676-3750.

INVITATION TO PRAYER: The Diocesan office of Life and Justice, Catholic Charities of the East Bay and OCO invite you to participate in an interfaith prayer on **Monday, April 18th in the Cathedral Christ the Light at 10:00 am** to pray for a positive ruling on this day when the Supreme Court will be holding their first hearing on President Obama’s Executive Action on DAPA and DACA. If granted, the DAPA/DACA initiative could bring immigration status to parents of US born citizens and expand the current DACA to allow more youth to access immigration relief. A final decision is expected in June.

Community Activities

ENCOUNTER MERCY

On **Saturday April 23rd**, Anhvu Nguyen, a seminarian for the Diocese of Oakland will be hosting an event at St. Francis of Assisi Church that will focus on Adoration and the Holy Mass.

3-5pm: Adoration Presentation and Reconciliation.
5-7pm: Mass—with explanation of the Mass Parts.
7pm: Fellowship. All are encouraged to attend.

Veronica Peery will be available at the event for anyone who is interested in signing up for an adoration time slot at St. Agnes. For more information, contact Veronica Peery at 925-827-0916.

PRIESTHOOD DISCERNMENT MEETING

There will be a Priesthood Discernment Meeting happening on Saturday, April 30 from 7-9 PM at St. Michael Parish, 458 Maple St, Livermore 94550.

Please contact our vocations director, Fr. Neal Clemens at nclemens@oakdiocese.org or Deacon Erick Villa at erick.villa@stpsu.edu for more information or to register.

NATIONAL PROTEST OF PLANNED PARENTHOOD Saturday, April 23

**10—11 a.m.—Todos Santos Plaza
2121 Salvio St., Concord**

**11—12 noon—Concord Planned Parenthood
Facility at 2185 Pacheco St.**

There will be several speakers from different organizations at this event. Please feel free to bring appropriate signs addressing this issue.

For more information, contact: Joni@issues4life.org.



On April 2nd, Pope Francis appointed Rev. John Oyejola as the Bishop of Osogbo, Nigeria.

Stop by our Fair Trade Table today to see a poster of Father John celebrating Mass at his mission church in Nigeria and perhaps help him build walls against the rain.

We were very blessed to have Father John at St. Agnes. Let us pray for him and his diocese.