



St. Agnes Catholic Community

A Perpetual Adoration and Stewardship Parish

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



On April 17, we welcomed these newly baptized children into our church family:
Julianna Dominguez Barroso, Eddison Fitzpatrick, Jacob Richard Strom and Kasey Marie Lichtle.



May 1, 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,

Today's readings show us the effects of the abiding presence of God in His Church and of His indwelling in each one of us. The first reading, taken from the Acts of the Apostles, tells us how the Holy Spirit indwelling in the Church helped the apostles to solve a major doctrinal problem about the Gentiles becoming Christians, which shook the very foundation of the early Church. The Gospel passage reminds us that the Holy Spirit, abiding within us, is our teacher and the source of all peace. The passage offers a vision of hope. Jesus promises his followers that the Holy Spirit will come and instruct them in everything they need.

We live in the New Covenant of Jesus. But we face daily uncertainty, conflict, and temptations. It is the abiding presence of God within us that enables us to face the future with undying hope and true Christian courage. The Holy Spirit Whom the risen Lord asked His Father to send upon His Church prompts us to turn to His Holy Scriptures for support and encouragement, enables us to learn the Divine truths, and grants us His peace at all times. However, to be able to receive these gifts, it is necessary for us to spend a little time each day in personal prayer talking to God and listening to Him.

One of the great social and ethical problems of our time is isolation. Today approximately 25% of all adults live alone. Spouses, parents and children often live as virtual strangers to one another. This is unfortunate because we never need to be alone. Jesus can always be present to us. He shares with us his joy and replaces the burden of our guilt with the freedom of forgiveness. He takes our grief and turns it into joy. We need only allow Jesus into our lives to be rid of this loneliness. Oneness with Jesus is the greatest gift we can give our children, our friends, or those who see no purpose in life. We can help to bring people to unity with Jesus, a unity that will change their lives.

As we celebrate this Eucharistic meal, let us celebrate in a special way the price Jesus paid for our redemption. May this Eucharistic celebration empower us to lead a true Life of the Spirit!

Fr. Johnson

2016 BISHOP'S APPEAL

Results for St. Agnes Parish as of April 12:

19 donors have contributed \$10,790.00

Goal: \$34,703.50—31%

We thank you for your Stewardship.

If you have not yet contributed, we encourage you to do so.

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.

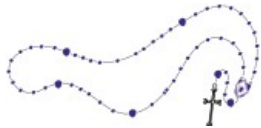
ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MINISTRY

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@johnmuirhealth.com.



**ROSARY MINISTRY
 LOOKING FOR MORE
 MEMBERS**

If you have some free time and are looking for an opportunity to socialize while strengthening your fingers and doing something worthwhile, please consider joining the Rosary Ministry. This small group meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:30 a.m. in the Gathering Place at the Ministry Center to make rosaries which are then given to First Communicants, school children and others.

For information, call Denny Keane at 925-768-7033.

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 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 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.

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, April 30, 2016

5:00 p.m. Louis Ferrari—Repose
Mary Garaventa—Repose
Olga Ferrando—Repose

Sunday, May 1, 2016

7:00 a.m. Fr. John Oyejola—Spec. Intention
Juana Cuenca—Repose
Mariyam Kunjipali—Repose

9:00 a.m. Teresa Olasalo—Repose
Mary Garaventa—Repose
Conrad Perrares—Repose

10:45 a.m. Deceased Members of Grewis Family
Kay Kubla—Special Intention

5:00 p.m. People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, May 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Antonio & Juliet Campos—
Special Intention

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Mary Chatterton—Repose

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Ed Joaquin—Repose
Angelica Alcaez—Repose

Friday, May 6, 2016

8:15 a.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Christina V. Abad—Repose
Bruna Vestri—Repose

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Rosita Frazier—Repose
Dennis Robles—Repose
Rena Cecaci—Repose

5:00 p.m. Mary Garaventa—Repose
Just Faith Group—Special
Intention

Sunday, May 8, 2016

Sunday Masses are offered for all Mothers of
St. Agnes Parish, Living and Deceased

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, May 1, 2016

3:00 p.m. Confirmation—Cauchi Hall
6:00 p.m. Life Teen—Cauchi Hall

Monday, May 2, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:00 a.m. May Crowning Prayer Service
(School) - Church

5 & 6 p.m. Faith Formation—Classrooms
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Officer's
Meeting—A.R.

Tuesday, May 3, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
11:00 a.m. STARS Luncheon—Church Hall
6:00 p.m. First Com. Practice (School) - Church
7:00 p.m. Baptism Class—G.P.
7:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul—A.R.

Wednesday, May 4, 2016

8:00 a.m. Communion Service—Chapel
10:30 a.m. Rosary Making—G.P.
6:00 p.m. First Com. Practice (CFF)—Church
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Band Practice—Church

Thursday, May 5, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Scripture Sharing—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice
3:00 p.m. Cub Scouts—A.R.
6:00 p.m. School Board Meeting—8th Gr. CR
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice

Friday, May 6, 2016

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus BBQ—Hall
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Flores de Mayo Meeting—A.R.
7:00 p.m. Set up for Tea—Cauchi Hall

Saturday, May 7, 2016

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church

10:00 a.m. and 12:00 noon—
First Holy Communion

12:00 noon Tea—Cauchi Hall



Parish News and Activities



The St. Agnes Retired Seniors luncheon will take place on Tuesday, May 3, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. This will be a Pot Luck luncheon, and participants are asked to bring their choice of either a main dish, side dish, salad or dessert (portions for six, please). No reservations are required, but for further information you may inquire at the Welcome Table after mass, or at the Church Office during the week. All seniors and guests are invited to attend.

ST. AGNES COOKBOOKS

The St. Agnes Cookbook Committee is collecting favorite recipes 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. You may also submit your recipes on-line at: www.sacookbook2016@gmail.com.

We will have the printed cookbooks for sale this fall. You can even pre-order and have them wrapped for Christmas. Questions? Contact Sally Chavez at 925-687-9317 or e-mail gilsal2@sbcglobal.net.

ST. AGNES COUNCIL #15344 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

First Friday BBQ—May 6
Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m.
Stop serving at 7:00 p.m.



The cost for the dinner is \$7.00.

Menu: Barbequed Chicken Breast,
Baked Beans, Salad and Rolls

Beverages available at an extra cost.

Portions of the profit from this dinner will help benefit: Supporting our Seminarian Matthew Murray, Share, St. Agnes Parish, and the Diocesan Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together Campaign.

ST. AGNES ANNUAL BABY SHOWER



All are invited to attend our Annual May Baby Shower in Cauchi Hall on **Saturday, May 14th from 2pm-4pm**. Join us for games, prizes, fun, and refreshments free of charge. This event will benefit local pregnancy resource centers and will feature a speaker from Birthright. Please bring donations of new or gently used baby and maternity items. Monetary donations and gift cards will also be accepted.

To reserve your seat at the Baby Shower, email Gia at: giabehrens@gmail.com or call her at 925-209-3439. Space is limited.

If you are unable to attend the Baby Shower in Cauchi Hall but wish to contribute, please place donations in the bassinet that will be placed at the back of the church between **May 7th and May 15th**.

Items specifically requested by the pregnancy resource centers include: Maternity clothes, diapers (size newborn - 6), baby wipes, Enfamil formula, pacifiers, teething rings, soft toys or books, rattles, onesies, bottles, hygiene products (i.e., shampoo, lotion, baby oil, A & D ointment etc.), blankets, burping cloths, sleepers, hats, socks, bottles, sipper cups, and whatever else you feel like you want to contribute.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS MAY 2016

- 3 STARS Lunch, 11:00 a.m.
- 6 Knights of Columbus Barbeque, 5:30 p.m.
- 7 First Communion, 10:00 a.m. & 12:00 noon
- 8 Mother's Day
- 21-22 Hospitality Weekend
- 22 Children's Donut Mass, 10:45 a.m.
- 26 Spring Play (School)

Community Activities

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL BUNDLE SUNDAY

Save the date for St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday on June 4 and 5. The St. Agnes conference will be sponsoring a Bundle Sunday before and after all masses the weekend of June 4 and 5. There will be a trailer in the parking lot behind the church to collect your donations of clothing, bedding, towels and linens. Bags will be distributed after Masses on May 28 and May 29. If you wish to donate large items such as furniture or automobiles, please call St. Vincent de Paul at 925-439-5060 and arrange for a pickup. Your continued generosity in assisting our mission of helping those in need is very much appreciated. If you or anyone you know could use help, call the St. Agnes office at 925-689-0838 and leave a message for "St. Vincent de Paul" at extension 250.



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

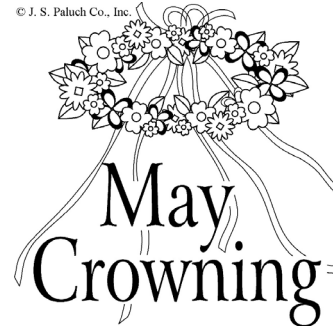
Please RSVP no later than May 9, 2016.
For ticket reservations, call Eiko Asselin at 925-825-3982.

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

ALL THE ADVANTAGES

We want to give our children what we didn't have; but let's make sure we give them what we did have: our faith.

—Anonymous



CROWNING OF BLESSED MOTHER AT QUEEN OF HEAVEN CEMETERY

Queen of Heaven Cemetery & Funeral Center will be celebrating the Crowning of Blessed Mother Mary on Saturday May 7th from 11am - 1pm. Please join us for our 11am Mass which will be followed by a procession, blessing, and crowning of Blessed Mary. Fellowship and refreshments to follow.

CONTRA COSTA CHORALE SPRING CONCERT

The Contra Costa Chorale, directed by Cindy Beitmen, present "In Praise of Music," celebrating the Chorale's Golden Anniversary. The concert will feature Haydn's "Lord Nelson Mass," Ralph Vaughan Williams' "Serenade to Music," and "Where Everything is Music" by Stephen Main.

Saturday, May 14, at 8:00 p.m., Unitarian Universalist Church, 1 Lawson Road, Kensington, CA.

Sunday, May 15, 5:00 p.m., Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church, 1801 Lacassie Ave., Walnut Creek.

Reception to follow each concert—all are welcome.

Tickets: \$25 General, \$20 Students/Seniors or Disabled. Children under 12—free admission.

Tickets may be purchased through Brown Paper Tickets or at the door on the days of the concerts.

For further information and detailed directions, visit www.ccchorale.org, e-mail ccchorale@att.net, or call 510-255-0703.

THE TEN COMMANDMENTS FOR EVERYDAY LIFE

1. Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout.
2. So why is a car's windshield so large, and the rear view mirror so small? Because our past is not as important as our future. So, look ahead and move on.
3. Friendship is like a book. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.
4. All things in life are temporary. If it's going well, enjoy it; that won't last long. If it's going badly, don't worry; that won't last long either.
5. Old friends are gold! New friends are diamond! If you get a diamond, don't forget the gold! Because to hold a diamond, you always need a base of gold!
6. Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, God smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"
7. When God solves your problems, you have faith in His abilities; when God doesn't solve your problems, He has faith in your abilities.
8. A blind person asked St. Anthony, "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied, "Yes, losing your vision!"
9. When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.
10. Worrying does not take away tomorrow's troubles; it takes away today's peace.