



St. Agnes Catholic Community

Our Mission Statement: To know Christ and make Him known by welcoming all, teaching and sharing the Faith, and providing worship and spiritual growth opportunities and serving those in need.

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday
(Communion Service on Wed.)

Adoration in the Chapel Daily

6:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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Dear Friends,

Today we celebrate the feast of Christ the King. It is a beautiful feast, and we bring the liturgical year to a close with a clear statement that Jesus is our Lord and King and we are his faithful followers. And we pray every day for the establishment of His kingdom.

The notion of a king is foreign to our culture, but I think we still understand the concept. But does our concept fit Jesus? How is it that we call him a king? It depends how we define the term. I would like you to look at a crucifix in your mind, one that you look at every day. Gaze at it in your mind's eye and ask yourselves: is this a real representation of a king. Is it really a symbol of power? For us Christians, the answer is yes. Our crucified Jesus is our Lord and king. The image does not fit the secular definition of kingship very well. Our society tells that power is the strength to rule over others or control others. For us Christians, power is care and protection. Authority is service.

Jesus is our King, and we belong to his kingdom as baptized persons. But what does this feast speak about us as the members of his kingdom? We are to model our lives like that of Jesus. We need to let Jesus define the reality of His Kingdom and the way Jesus sees life. So our notion of power, authority and rule are to be interpreted as Jesus lived them in His life and continue to do so as our heavenly king.

As we live, we are often in positions of authority and power. That is the reality of a responsible adult life. Parents have authority over their children, political and civil officers have their authority. Leadership positions will have power and authority over others. But how we exercise that authority is the question. Do we model after Jesus? Do we consistently view our authority as service? Do we see power as loving care for others? Do we see those under us as sacred human persons worthy of our very best care?

Jesus Christ still lives as King, in thousands of human hearts all over the world. The cross is his throne, and the Sermon on the Mount is his rule of law. His citizens need obey only one law: "*Love others as I have loved you.*" His love is selfless, sacrificial, kind, compassionate, forgiving and unconditional. That is why the preface in today's Mass describes Jesus' Kingdom as *a Kingdom of truth and life, a Kingdom of holiness and grace, a Kingdom of justice, love and peace.* He is a King with a saving and liberating mission: to free mankind from all types of bondage so that we may live peacefully and happily on earth and inherit Eternal Life in Heaven. His rule consists in seeking the lost, offering salvation to those who call out to him and making friends of enemies.

On this great Feast, let us resolve to give Christ the central place in our lives and to obey His commandment of love by serving and sharing our blessings with all his needy children.

Fr. Johnson

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, November 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. Gloria DeSantos—Repose
Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose
Veronica Velasco—Repose

Sunday, November 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
9:00 a.m. George Conlow—Repose
Pat Conroy—Repose
Steve Dixon—Special Intention
11:00 a.m. George Conlow—Repose
5:00 p.m. Vincente Mapaye—Repose
Sally Mijares—Repose

Monday, November 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
Vincent Mapaye—Repose
Daniel Sorbel—Repose

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Evangeline Malibiram—Repose

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. Communion Service Only

Thursday, November 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Mary Delores Holte—Repose

Friday, December 1, 2017

8:15 a.m. Dustin Davis—Repose

Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Veronica Velasco—Repose
5:00 p.m. Gloria De Santos—Repose
Deceased Members of the Lee Family
Deceased Members of the Nguyen Family

Sunday, December 3, 2017

7:00 a.m. Bill McCarthy—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased
11:00 a.m. Marcella Colarich—Repose
Roberto Icaza—Repose
Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose
5:00 p.m. Al Atchison—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, November 26, 2017

Christmas Dinner/Dance Tickets for sale after Masses
Knights of Columbus will sell Christmas Cards after Weekend Masses

Monday, November 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation—School
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall

Tuesday, November 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel

Wednesday, November 29, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:30 p.m. Jim Gill Practice—Church

Thursday, November 30, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.
6:30 p.m. Young Adult Meeting—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—G.P.
7:00 p.m. Stewardship Meeting—EX

First Friday, December 1, 2017

8:15 a.m. Daily Mass—Church
5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus First Friday
Dinner—Church Hall
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel

Saturday, December 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Women's Retreat—Church

Last Weekend to purchase Christmas Dinner/Dance Tickets—Tickets on sale after Mass.

Knights of Columbus selling Christmas Cards after Mass

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Thursday: St. Andrew
Friday: First Friday
Saturday: First Saturday; Blessed Virgin Mary



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Parish News and Activities

CHRISTMAS DINNER/DANCE

Saturday, December 9, 2017
No Host Cocktails at 6:00 p.m.
Dinner at 6:30 p.m.—\$25 each

Dinner Menu: Salad, Veggies,
Tri-tip and Chicken
Entertainment: Ladies First Choir
From Concord High School
Dancing begins after Dinner.



Tickets are on sale now until December 3 at the Welcome Table and in the Ministry Center

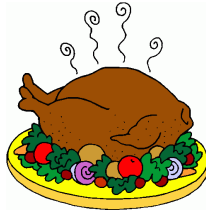
Raffle donations are greatly appreciated.
Questions—Call Kathey at 798-7936.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE By Knights of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus are selling “Keep Christ” in Christmas cards after all Masses in November. They have a wide assortment of cards as well as car magnets. Stop by their table in the back of the church after Mass.

ST. MARY’S CHRISTMAS DINNER

On December 17th, St. Agnes will once again provide a Christmas dinner for the seniors at St. Mary’s Center in downtown Oakland. If you would be willing to roast a turkey and deliver it to the church kitchen on the morning of December 17th, please call Mary McCarthy at 925-673-8881.



Thank you for your generosity!



The next StARS luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 5, at 11:00 a.m. in the Church Hall. This will be a catered luncheon from Parma Deli. Deadline for reservations is Monday, Nov. 27. Pick up a flyer at the Welcome Table following Masses, or at the office during the week. All St. Agnes seniors and guests are welcome.

GIVING TREE

Thanks to everyone who took the ‘Stars.’ You are truly making a difference for the needy of our community. Reminder: the return date is the weekend of December 9/10th, no later than after the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please bring them to Mass that weekend. Bring your gifts and leave them on the altar. There is no need to wrap the gift card presents, just make sure that the tag—‘star’ is on the gift. God Bless!!

If you are a registered member of the St. Agnes Parish Family and are having a difficult time financially this season, the St. Agnes Giving Tree could help make your or your family's Christmas a little brighter. Stop by the Ministry Center and complete a short form by Thursday, December 7th. The information you provide will be kept confidential.

FIRST FRIDAY FISH FRY

December 1, 5:30 p.m.—Church Hall



You are probably much too busy to cook during this holiday season, so stop by on Friday evening between 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. to enjoy fish and chips at St. Agnes Church. The cost is \$7 (free for kids 3 and under) and includes fried fish, French fries, salad and coleslaw. Beverages available for extra charge.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 1 First Friday Dinner, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 p.m., Church Hall
- 2 Women’s Retreat, 9:00 a.m.—Church Hall
- 4 CFF/EDGE Reconciliation
- 5 STARS Luncheon, 11:00 a.m., Church Hall
- Posada Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 Immaculate Conception Mass Times:
8:00 am, 9:00 am (School) and 7:30 pm
- 9 Christmas Dinner/Dance, 6:00 p.m.
- 12 Parish Reconciliation, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 School Christmas Concert, 1:30 & 7:30 p.m.
- 15-23 Christmas Novena, 7:00 p.m.
- 16/17 Fair Trade/Hospitality Weekend
- 17 Baptisms, 12:15 p.m.

ST. AGNES WOMEN'S RETREAT
Saturday, December 2, 2017, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Hall
MARY AND ELIZABETH—WOMEN OF ADVENT



Come experience a day where we will pray, reflect, and share on the “yes” of Mary and Elizabeth—Women of Advent—willing women—waiting women—wondering women. AND what will be the outcomes in our lives when we say “yes” to being Advent Women: Willing—Waiting—Wondering.

Presenter: Sr. Rosheen Glennen, CSJ, has been a Spiritual and Retreat Facilitator for many years. She brings simplicity, a joy of life, and a “sense of wonder” to this ministry because of her many years as a kindergarten/first grade teacher and also as a Pastoral Associate.

Community Activities

Calling All Women!

Magnificat SOTI, a Ministry for Catholic Women
invite all to join them at their Advent Prayer Breakfast
December 9, 2017 9:30-12:30
Crowne Plaza
45 John Glenn Drive, Concord, CA



Please join us for a morning of Praise, Prayer, and Inspiration by our speaker Father Gary Thomas! Father Thomas is the mandated exorcist for the Diocese of San Jose. In 2005 he traveled to Rome to receive training in the Rite of Exorcism. In Rome he apprenticed with Fr. Carmine De Fillipis. His training was the subject of the 2010 book The Rite: The Making of a Modern Exorcist, which was later the basis for the movie *The Rite*, Starring Anthony Hopkins. Men are always welcome to attend!

Tickets are \$33/\$40 after Dec. 2nd.

Go to www.magnificat-ministry.net for more information about our guest and tickets or call Kim Sullivan (925) 683-8220 or Magnificatsotirsvp@gmail.com for reservations.

“What Sweeter Music”

A Festival of Lessons and Carols

The Catholic Community of St. Bonaventure Parish, with its Resurrection Choir and Orchestra, invite you, your family and friends to a concert on **Saturday,**

December 2 at 7:30 pm in the church, located at 5562 Clayton Rd., Concord.



Come, prepare your hearts for the richness of a Christmas experience by joining us for the story of Christ's birth, told through scripture lessons and beautiful choral arrangements of carols. Your enjoyment will be enhanced by listening to our 30-plus-voice ecumenical choir, and joining them on favorite carols.

A freewill offering will be collected to help defray the cost of the concert. Your donation will be greatly appreciated.

A reception will immediately follow the concert, in the adjoining Hospitality Room.

CARMELITE OPEN HOUSE, DECEMBER 10, 2017

The Carmelite Community of St. Elijah requests your company on December 10, 2017, after the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. John the Baptist Church, 11150 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA. Our Annual Open House this year shall be in keeping with the Advent Season. There will be plenty of refreshments, a meet and greet with Carmelite members, and a spiritual talk given to prepare all of us for Christmas Day. For additional information, contact Peter Burkard at 510-691-9800 or Theresa at theresalthomas@sbcglobal.net.

St. Agnes Parish

Special Raffle



***Take a chance to win this Mountain Bike
for an outdoor enthusiast
on your Christmas list!***

**Tickets are \$5 per ticket and are available
at the Ministry Center and the Welcome Table.
Drawing will be held at the Christmas Dinner
on December 9th.
No need to be present to win.**