

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH

"Prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people"

December 14, 2025 · Third Sunday of Advent

We, the people of St. Agnes, are called by God as a Catholic Christian community to be prayerful, compassionate servants to all God's people. We celebrate the spiritual life of Christ among us through a Christian lifestyle which includes scripture, sacraments and lifelong Christian formation. We proclaim and share His good news in a loving and caring way. We hope to accomplish this mission, and so we commit our lives, gifts and resources. — St. Agnes Mission Statement



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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Daily Mass Schedule

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 1st

Saturday 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday 5:30 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration

Thurs. 9-7 p.m. (Resource Center Chapel)

Baptism

Baptism classes must be attended before the child can be baptized. Please contact the Christian Formation Office for dates and times of the next session.

Reconciliation

1st Saturday: 8:45-9:30 a.m.

2-5th Saturdays: 3-3:30 p.m.

Also by appointment.

Deanery Parish Reconciliation services scheduled seasonally.

Parish Office Hours:

8 a.m.-3 p.m. Monday – Friday

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262-781-6998

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262-781-6998

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262-781-4996

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262-781-5712

Bulletin articles due Mondays by 9 a.m.

Petition Requests due by Thursday at 12:00 p.m.

Food Pantry

Mondays, 12-2 & 5-6:30 p.m.

Anointing of the Sick & Sick Calls

After the 4pm Mass on the 1st Saturday of the month OR by calling the Parish Office.

Marriage

Couples planning to be married here are asked to contact the parish priest before making other wedding plans, at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date. Only one wedding per weekend will be scheduled.

2 DECEMBER EVENTS

Readings for the week of December 14, 2025

Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (see Is 35:4)/Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 21:23-27

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Thursday: Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/Mt 1:18-25

Friday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25

Saturday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38

Next Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b)/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Third Sunday of Advent "Gaudete Sunday" Joy

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's Gospel we see that, John the Baptist, from prison, sends his disciples to ask Jesus if He is the expected Messiah. Jesus' answer is not a direct "yes," but rather an invitation to look at the signs: the blind sees, the lame walk, the lepers are cured, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

John the Baptist is a key figure in the New Testament, known for his role as a forerunner of Jesus. Born miraculously, his mission was to prepare the way for the Messiah. However, in this passage, we see a John who, despite his faith, experiences doubt. This is significant because it highlights that even the greatest prophets can have moments of uncertainty.

This scene reminds us that faith is not always based on immediate answers or spectacular evidence, but on recognizing God's action in everyday life. Jesus teaches us that the Kingdom is manifested in concrete acts of love, healing, and hope, especially toward the most vulnerable. It also invites us to reflect on our own mission.

This interaction is a reminder that faith is nourished by lived experiences and not solely by doctrines. Jesus invites his listeners to be witnesses of the miracles and transformation that He brings, urging John and all of us to look for the evidence of his work in our lives.

He also reminds us that in times of doubt, like John, we can draw near to him and see what He continues to do today: transform hearts, heal wounds, and lift up those who have fallen.

- Liturgical color: rose (optional for priests).
- Candle lit: the rose candle.
- Important dates: • December 16: the first part of Advent ends. December 17: the second part begins, concluding on the 24th.
- The lighting of the third candle emphasizes the sense of joy at the approaching Christmas.

Remember,

"God loves you, God loves me, God loves us"

Blessed week,

Reverend Sergio Rodriguez

Calendar of the Week

Monday, December 15

- 2:45-4:00 pm Basketball Study Hall - PAC
- 3:00-4:00 pm Girl Scout Meeting - Youth Room
- 4:00-8:30 pm Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:00-8:00 pm Cheerleading Practice - PAC
- 6:30-8:00 pm The Mindful Catholic - Resource Center
- 7:00-8:30 pm Small Prayer Group - Prayer Room

Tuesday, December 16

- 10:30-Noon Legion of Mary - Prayer Room
- 4:00-8:30 pm Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:00-8:00 pm Outside Event - Hafford Hall
- 7:00-8:30 pm Cenacle - Resource Center

Wednesday, December 17

- 8:00-8:50 am Children's Prayer Service / Choir Practice - Church
- 2:45-4:00 pm Basketball Study Hall - PAC
- 4:00-8:30 pm Boys Basketball Practice - Gym
- 6:00-8:00 pm Cheerleading Practice - PAC
- 6:00-7:00 pm Den Meeting - Hafford Hall
- 6:15-7:15 pm Parish & Finance Council Christmas Party

Thursday, December 18

- 9:00-7:00 pm Eucharistic Adoration - Resource Center Chapel
- 5:00-10:00 pm Outside Rental - Gym
- 6:30-7:30 pm Outside Rental - Hafford Hall
- 6:30-8:30 pm Choir Practice - Church

Friday, December 19

- 9:00-10:30 am Small Group Meeting - Resource Center

Saturday, December 20

- 8:00-2:00 pm League Basketball Games - Gym
- 11:00-Noon Quinceanera - Church
- 12:30-3:30 pm Holiday Visit to Luther Manor - Youth Event
- 3:00-3:30 pm Confession - Prayer Room

Sunday, December 21

- 9:00-10:15 am CF All Family Potluck - Kemp Hall
- 10:30-11:30 am Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass
- 11:30-12:30 am Children's Choir Practice - Church
- 1:00-3:00 pm Adult Choir Practice - Church
- 6:00-7:30 pm Confirmation Class - Christian Formation Room
- 7:00-9:00 pm AA—Hafford Hall

Come Celebrate The Feast Of Our Patron, Saint Agnes

On The Weekend of January, 24-25, 2026.

At the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, January 24th the youth of the parish will be presenting a descriptive narrative of her life and virtues during the homily.

Join Archbishop Grob on Sunday, January 25th for the School Family Mass at 10:30 a.m.

Other activities will also be scheduled.

Please join us for this very special weekend!



3 ANNOUNCEMENTS

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Don't forget to drop off food items for the baking tree and Socks for the sock drive in the lobby.

Take a name from the basket and send a card to the homebound.



Walk together toward Jesus Christ

Emmaus 90 is a 90-day journey from New Years to Easter 2026 that brings you closer to Jesus Christ through prayer and formation. It's a personal commitment

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- Prompts for daily prayer with Scripture
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- Discussion guide for your small group
- Challenges to grow in discipleship
- Community, discussion, Q&A and support

Emmaus 90 has all new content for 2026



End of the Year Contributions

Please remember that contributions for calendar year 2025 must be dropped in the collection by **December 31**, or in an envelope postmarked no later than December 31. A check dated December 31 or earlier, but not in our possession or in a valid postmarked envelope, and received on/after January 1, is a 2026 contribution. Parishioners who want to make any contributions in person must have them in the parish office by **Noon on Wednesday, December 31**, to receive credit for 2025. **Parish Offices will be CLOSED December 24, 25, and 26th.** Please plan accordingly!

Memorial Poinsettias

Anyone who wishes may purchase a poinsettia for **\$21** in memory of their loved ones. They will be used to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please enclose payment (checks made out to **St. Agnes Parish**) with this form and drop in the Collection Basket or leave in the Parish Office by **Dec 21**.

NAME OF LOVED ONE: _____

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 15, Advent Weekday

Tuesday, December 16, Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Louis G

Wednesday, December 17, Late Advent Weekday

5:30 p.m. † Pat Abfalder (Mintal Family)

Thursday, December 18, Late Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. Ray G

Friday, December 19, Late Advent Weekday

8:15 a.m. † Marilyn Larson (SVDP)

Saturday, December 20, Late Advent Weekday

4:00 p.m. † Sharleen "Sheri" Neumann (Family)

Sunday, December 21, Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Agnes Parish

10:30 a.m. † Alvaro Diaz

IN MEMORIAM

Our deceased family and friends. especially:

† Jay Blair

† Andrew "Corky" Ermence - Brother of Candy Endres

May they rest in peace.



Dec 24, Christmas Eve 4 pm

Dec 25, Christmas Day 9:30 am

Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

Jan 1, New Year's Day 9 am



Our Gifts to God
Parish Financial Stewardship
Year To Date 7/1/2025 – 12/7/2025

	Envelopes	Offertory
Actual Contributions	\$ 181,005	\$ 12,861
Budgeted Contributions	\$ 211,414	\$ 13,213
Difference	(30,409)	(353)

THANK YOU! *St. Agnes is grateful for your continued support of our ministries. We ask each member to consider making their financial stewardship to St. Agnes a priority. We are blessed with your generosity!*



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