# Merry Christmas AND THE WORD BECAME FLESH

JOHN 1:14



CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST, St. AGNES PARISH PROCLAIMS AND WITNESSES TO ALL, THE LOVE AND GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.

# **Pastoral Staff**

Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor V.F.
Rev. Augustine Obour
Rev. Michael P. Orsi
Rev. Alejandro Roldán (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacon Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry)
Deacon Hugh Muller
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# **Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial**

Office Hours 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Monday - Friday/Lun - Vie

The Parish Office is located in the Parish Center
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**Eucharistic Adoration - Prayer Chapel Adoración Eucarística - Capilla de oración** 

Mon-Fri 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. | (4 p.m.-8 a.m. requires code)

Mass Times/Horas de Misa

Masses in red will also be Live Streamed/ Transmisión por Internet

> Saturday/Sab: 4:00 p.m. Sunday/Dom

7:30 a.m., 9 a.m. & 11 a.m., 1 p.m. En Español, 5 p.m.

Monday - Saturday/Lun - Sab: 8:30 a.m.

Holy Days/Días Festivos 8:30 a.m., Noon & 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday 9-10 a.m. or by appointment

Media hora antes de la Misa de la 1pm, sábados de 9 a 10 o por citas al 592-1949

# DECEMBER 24, 2023

# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The angel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will conceive and bear a son and name him Jesus. Mary does not understand how this can be, and the angel explains that the Holy Spirit will come upon her and "the power of the Most High will overshadow [her]" Gabriel then tells Mary that Flizabeth, too, will bear a

[her]." Gabriel then tells Mary that Elizabeth, too, will bear a son, emphasizing that "nothing will be impossible for God." Mary replies, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word."

As Christmas nears, what seems most impossible to you? Does it seem impossible that all the gifts will be bought, wrapped, and under the tree in time for Christmas morning? Does it seem impossible that you will have time to complete the preparations for and cooking of the Christmas meal? Does it seem impossible that family members will get along? Take time to talk to the Lord about these seeming impossibilities. Quietly repeat the promise of the angel Gabriel, "nothing will be impossible for God."



# **Parish Contacts**

### **Pastor**

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### **Parochial Vicars**

Rev. Augustine Obour Rev. Michael P. Orsi

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### **Deacons**

Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry), Hugh Muller Dick Surrusco

# **Operations Manager**

Deacon Roberto Landrón

### **Office Manager**

Maggie Brady

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Rosa Martinez

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Paul Todd

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Gloria Carter

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# **Youth and Young Adult Coordinator**

Robert Massey

### **Admin. Assist. to Faith Formation**

Jaynie Lopez

Leanne Meeks

### Bookkeeper

Diane Pappalardo

# **Administrative Assistant to the Pastor**

Barbara Pikal

# **Admin. Assist. To Hispanic Ministry**

Luz Galeano

### Sacristan

Monica Osterhaus

### Maintenance

Larry Biela

### Sacrament of Baptism / Sacramento del Bautismo

Baptisms are held on Sundays after the 11 a.m. Mass. Call the Parish Office for more information.

La familia tiene que estar registrada en la parroquia un mínimo de tres meses antes del Bautismo, con asistencia regular a la Santa Misa. Email: luz@stagnesnaples.org

### Sacrament of Marriage / Sacramento del Matrimonio

Arrangements with a priest should be made at least six months in advance. At least one of the parties must be registered at St. Agnes and attending Mass for at least three months.

Se debe hacer una cita con el Padre Alejandro para el curso Pre-matrimonial por lo menos 6 meses antes de la fecha de Boda.

### Order of Christian Initiation of Adults / Iniciación para Adultos

New groups begin each fall. Please call the parish office for more info. *Debe comunicarse con el Padre Alejandro* 

# **Communion for the Sick / Comunión para los Enfermos**

Call the Parish Office to arrange for a priest or Extraordinary Minister to call. Favor llamar a la oficina parroquial.

# WELCOME, NEW PARISHIONERS

Registration forms can be found in the parish office and on our website, www.stagnesnaples.org. Completed forms may be hand delivered, placed in our drop box, mailed, emailed or faxed. Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family. God bless.

# BIENVENIDOS, NUEVOS FELIGRESES

Los formularios de inscripción se pueden encontrar en la oficina parroquial y en nuestro sitio web: www. stagnesnaples.org. Los formularios pueden entregarse personalmente, colocarse en nuestro buzón, enviarse por correo, correo electrónico o fax. Gracias por formar parte de nuestra Familia Parroquial. Dios los bendiga.

# SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

# DECEMBER 25 - 31

# Monday, December 25

**Vigil:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 **Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14 **Dawn:** Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 **Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

# Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17; Mt 10:17-22

# Wednesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

# Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

# Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

# Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Lk 2:36-40

# Sunday, December 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

# St. Agnes Mass

at Palmetto Ridge High School

# Now through April

Sundays, at 10:00 a.m. with Children's Liturgy of the Word

# SPANISH MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 AT 1PM

Luis Manzueto Fernandez, Luis Alberto Fernandez Sebastian Mejia, Atilio Gazza, Alicia Ramirez Adriana Vasquez, Gilberto Jose Silva Alvaro Rey, Juan Carlos Macias Nancy Preciado, Ignacio Sabogal Valencia, Sonia Burgon Cecilia Sabogal, Angel Fernandez, Yolanda Barbosa Adriana Rigau, Jorge Luis Sosa, Guillermia Cabrera Gonzalo Arevalo, Angel Hernandez

# St. Agnes Name Tags

# **GETTING TO KNOW YOU!**

For a minimal cost of \$10 buy a St. Agnes name tag which will include your name and your hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You may purchase one by filling out the form below and dropping it along with your \$10 in the collection basket or mail or bring it into the parish office.

Name
City
State or Country
They will be available in the Northey on the weekend and

They will be available in the Narthex on the weekend and in the parish office during business hours.

# GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Feast of the Holy Family Luke 2, 22-40

Maybe it is television and the Internet that has made us a spectator people. Children watch sports and become overweight. We sit in church and watch as though that is what we came for. We watch the homeless and victims of violence confused about what to do. Spectators hear next week's Gospel not knowing what to do with it, so they turn it into pageants or a movie to look at. Spectators wonder what angels look like or how a woman might conceive by the power of the Holy Spirit. At some point, we must ask the question: "What does this mean?" because this story is our story. It's about you and me with a God who has a plan for us. It is about what can happen when bad news comes, when something happens that changes our plans, our dreams, and possibly our whole life. It suggests that after pondering we might come to understand, and then with a courage that can come only from the Spirit, we might consent to the Will of God and say, "Yes" to a spirit that will bring to life what is hidden deep within us from the beginning. Every life is visited by revelations and calls for commitment. We either turn away in weakness and say: "Not me" or agree reluctantly becoming joyless people who feel cursed, or maybe let this story become our own and see what God can do with us when we let God's will become our own.

-Fr. Tom Boyer

"The Eucharist is the sacrament of love; it signifies love, it produces love. The Eucharist is the consummation of the whole spiritual life."

-St. Thomas Aquinas

# PRAY FOR PEACE AND SAFETY:

If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask God's blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

SPC Peter Holder
PFC Scott Norris, USMC
PFC Michael Baker
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF
Francisco Chavez, USAF
SSG David Clark, USA
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PFC Zack Steelman
PFB J. Hunter Judd, USMC
Peter David Quiles USA

Lt. Frank J. Migliarese, Jr. M.D Navy Medical Corp

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
CDR Gregory Meyer
SGT David Clark
MSgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagner, US
Jordan M. Perez
PFC Luke Kerney Kuser
SPC Felipe Garcia, USA
Briittany Quiles USA

Spec. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA SGT Abbi Wenthold A1C Peter Johnson, USAF SPC Jorge Armando Nino Vince Galer, USMC Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA Cpl. Daniel Sheran, USMC Cpt. Andrew Perham PO Michael Trinschitta USN CWO Ryan Georgenes USA

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams

Capt. Tate Klidonas USA SGT Ryan Byres LTJG Noah Zorzi, USN PFC Michael Rodriguez, USMC SGT Victor Quiles, USA 2Lt. Sean Kealy, USA Pvt. Joseph F. Trabbic, U.S.A. SSG Andrew White 2nd Lieutenant Matthew Perham Sgt. Alejandro Jimenez USA John Francis DelBonis, USA



# 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Sm 28:16 Second Reading: Rom 16:25-26

Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

Adults: When have you followed the example of Mary and said, "Let it be done to me as you say?

¿Cuándo has seguido el ejemplo de María y has dicho: "Hágase en mí como tú dices? Children: Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

¿Hay algo difícil que debas hacer esta semana? ¿Qué podría hacerlo más fácil?



# **MASS INTENTIONS**

### Saturday **December 23** Requested by: 8:30 a.m. +Dr. & Mrs. Thomas & Constance Graham Larry & Darlene Graham & Family 4:00 p.m. +Julia Falleti Gino Falleti Sunday **December 24** Lou & Marie Colasurdo 7:30 a.m. +Frank Marchione +Dr. Timothy M. Talbott 9:00 a.m. **Talbott Family** PHRS 10 a.m. **Our Parish Family** Bonnie L. McGinnis 11:00 a.m. +Bonnie L. McGinnis 1:00 p.m. +Hector Rafael Correa Dubraska Correa 4:00 p.m. +Terry Downer The Downer Family 7:00 p.m. +Harold Hebert Bonnie Velatini + Mia Vendlinski Reichart John & Paula Vendlinski Midnight Monday December 25 7:30 a.m. +Margaret Ferraro Margaret Ferraro 9:00 a.m. +Muriel Mills The Lesniewski-Skokowski Family 11:00 a.m. +Luke Cuccia Judy Valyo 1:00 p.m. Maria Jenny Pomacusi Maggie Pomacusi **Tuesday December 26** 8:30 a.m. +Eugene Biela Biela Family **December 27** Wednesday 8:30 a.m. + Harold Walmsley Ginger & Bill Gavin **Thursday December 28** 8:30 a.m. Barbara Shea +Richard (Dick) Shea Friday **December 29** 8:30 a.m. +Giovanna Ambrosia Sal Ferraro Saturday **December 30** 8:30 a.m. +Oscar & Mary Calabria Marie Wardle Paul & Marie Pletnick 4:00 p.m. +Lorraine Kardas Sunday December 31 7:30 a.m. Our Parish Family 9:00 a.m. +Jim Claeys **Dolores Claeys** PHRS 10 a.m. +Robert Burns Jeanne Fiore 11:00 a.m. +Steve Nugent Marie Abruzzo 1:00 p.m. Spanish Memorial Mass 5:00 p.m. +James Allegro William & Dorothy Schoeler





# Wine and Hosts

In Memory of Richard (Dick) Shea

# We pray for:

Ed Cahill Dante Addeo Dom Regan John R. Smith Edgar Alonso Carmelia Ferreira Steven Milisits Kristine Duke Gerard Chasse Jim Krauser Merrily Krauser Julie Foley Theresa Schiffhauer Anne Laurie Richard Gill Driscoll Drew Noah Adamitis Gabby Adamitis Nicholas Cheer Bob Pekar Kevin Guyton William Miller Michael Artino Linda Drake Fran Poston Theresa Lo'Manaco Herb Andrews Janice Andrews Thomas Golian Georgia Ferguson Susan Oliver Charlie Clark Paula Laguna Richard Dallin Monika Myers Donnie Ferrara Brandon Young James Taskalos Kiki Copeland Raul Rodriguez Harry Gannon Bertha Pineda Molly Coulter Trish Webster Sharon Rose Joan Devaney

Angel Manuel Perez Courtney Boothroyd Orval Shelton Nancy Glynn Danny Stroud Jackie Quarto Terrie Klim Christopher DiGiovanna Roseanne Liguori Rolvin Lentsch Jose Luis Mesa Stephen Greco Joaquin Gonzalez Kathleen Selinga Marjorie Trautwein David Muench Caroline Carpenter Ismael Perez Jr. Florita Mak Jo Ann Sylvester Anne Rusinko Gavin Tarsio Patty Miller Constance Lindstedt Peter Reifsayder Karl Steimle Beverly Kerskie John Morey Brian Walsh Noah Russo Dominic Russo Michelle G.Espinoza Carrie Griffin Silvana Pistola Michael Costanzo Driscoll Drew Robert L. Hetzel Louis Riolo Jr. Kathy Connelly Megan Shramovich John McKeon Don King Dave Twining Lisa Ciambra Tony Cascio

Michael DiSalvio Tom Dempsey Nichole Dempsey Artie Flynn Jeanne Flynn Ken Gross Susan King Anne Marie Morriety Larry Wilcoxson Jr. Abigail Perez Gloria Costanzo Liam Brown Stephen DePersis Patrick Copertino John Rice Alice Tirri Craig Paeprer Frankie Carillo Steve Savory Dr. James McClane Raimundo Butera Lou Abdou Robert J. Kelley Manny Regateiro Ginny Bonacci James Mero Michael Shartle Roberta Hueston Rose DiGiose Tammy Garrubba Robert Kies Tim Amann Tim D. Trax John A. Algner Charlie Carr Lisa Banberter Jan Webster Kathleen Dillon Joan Tarsio Connie Zornes Kane Carlin Nancy Pignone Francis Pignone Jay Klevanoski Maureen Hibbard

Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 592-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.

Carol McGuire

Patricia Schmidt

St. Agnes Parish 6 December 24, 2023



# Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes

Parish Groups and Ministries

Prayer	Name	Phone
Eucharistic Adoration	Email: Adoration@stag	gnesnaples.org
Charismatic Prayer Group	Steve Csotty	272-6472
Children's Rosary	Jennifer Dorta	455-2502
Consecration To Jesus		
Through Mary	Call the Office	592-1949
Divine Mercy Chaplet	Call the Office	592-1949
Consagración a Jesus		
por Maria	Maria J. Coglionesse	305-281-9735
Grupo del Rosario	Nancy Meria	404-1872
Hombres de Emaus	Manuel Benitez	601-4993
Mujeres de Emaus	Grisell Deibis	537-6908
Morning Rosary	Call the Office	592-1949
Oración Centrante	Virginia Cortes	594-9534
Padres y Madres Orantes	Maria Guadalupe	231-5414
Parish Vocation Team	Tom Thomas	304-1340
Prayer for Priests	Rosemary Benavitz	404-1303
Welcome Retreats	Email: Deaconhugh@s	tagnesnaples.org

Service	Name	Phone
Arimatheans	Betty Criss	592-1949
Altar Stewards	Call the Office	592-1949
Bereavement	Mary Ann Okner	592-1949
Personas en Duelo	Nile Costa	561-234-6277
Caridad	Zulma Barberi	821-2983
Catholics for Cuba	Estela Delgado	692-6054
Childcare Ministry	Rose Chambers	592-1949
Funeral Planning	Call the Office	592-1949
Funerales	Dcn. Roberto Landrón	592-1949
Hospitality Committee	Call the Office	592-1949
Jesus the Worker	Call the Office	592-1949
Ladies of St. Agnes	Barbara Thiele	513-0933
Coffee & Donuts	John Gardner	564-5978
Ministerio de Familias	Eduardo Carias y	
	Cilia Teresa	692-5597
Respect Life	Jan Moore	777-0973
Seasonal Decorating	Monica Osterhaus	592-1949
St. Agnes Senior Singles	Donna Gibson	412-576-0558

### **Parish Councils and Committees**

Arts & Liturgical Environment	Call the Office	592-1949
Eventos	Marta Velasco	687-8038
Events	Wenke Brandes	384-8358
Finance Council	Call the Office	592-1949
Justice and Peace Committee	Diane Stanley	201-615-8954
Liturgy Committee	Call the Office	592-1949
Mayordomia Cristiana (PAC)	Dcn. Roberto Landrón	592-1949
Pastoral Council	Craig Shemon	626-399-4392
Stewardship Committee	Mary Mensch	631-745-0323

Catechetical	Name	Phone
Baptism Preparation	Call the Office	592-1949
Bible Study	Ivy O'Malley	592-1949
Catechist-Teachers-Aides	Rose Chambers	592-1949
Catholic Thinkers-Men's Group	Call the Office	592-1949
Children's Lit of the Word	Michael &	
	Marianne Shahla	287-6798
Estudio Biblico	Gladys Gomez	455-6412
Family Faith Formation K-5	Rose Chambers	592-1949
Enriquecimiento Matrimonial	Mayra y Julio de Armas	248-5869
Marriage Preparation Coord.	Wenke Brandes	384-8358
OCIA	Ivy O'Malley	592-1949
Sisters in Spirit	Ivy O'Malley	592-1949
Young Adults Ministry (Age 18-35)	Robert Massey	592-1949
Youth Groups	Robert Massey	592-1949

Liturgical	Name	Phone
Altar Servers - Children	Kathy Madura	537-2180
Altar Servers - Spanish	Francisco Ramirez	692 6817
Altar Servers Adults	Ralph Webster	352-8780
Bodas	Call the Office	592-1949
Choir (Adults)	Paul Todd	592-1949
Choir (Children)	Paul Todd	592-1949
Coro	Robert Velez	234-9056
Extraordinary Ministers		
of the Eucharist	Mike & Linda Kantor	585-924-5695
Greeters	Denny Gant	455-4998
Homebound and Hospital EME	Judy Bohardt	592-1949
Lectors	Rita Volmer	404-7548
Lectores	Ericka Alvarez	464-8181
Ministros Extraordinarios		
de la Eucaristia	Mildre y Maximo Tejada 641-1289	
Sacristans	Monica Osterhaus	592-1949
Sacristan	Margarita Castillo	601-3415
Sonidos y Pantallas	Ricardo Cardett	601-4364
Sound and Screen	John Stanley	821-5113
Ushers	Carol McGuire	596-4810
Ujieres	Jose Eduardo Carias	465-3256

# **Organizations with Parish Affiliation**

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Boy Scouts Troop 951	Robert Dorritie	287-9106
Casa Maria Soup Kitchen	Call the Office	592-1949
Columbiettes of St. Agnes 14202	Gerry Albergo	566-7760
Cub Scouts	Jennifer Bronsted	851-1315
Impacto	Mariela y Milton	451-0411
Knights of Columbus		
Council 14202	Russ Scott	763-486-3345
4th Degree Assembly 3094	Robert Gomez	404-4253
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	John Goddard	592-1949

# The Christ Child Within

I think that we have hardly thought through the immense implications of the mystery of the incarnation. Where is God? God is where we are weak, vulnerable, small, and dependent. God is where the poor are, the hungry, the handicapped, the mentally ill, the elderly, the powerless. How can we come to know God when our focus is elsewhere, on success, influence, and power? I increasingly believe that our faithfulness will depend on our willingness to go where there is brokenness, loneliness, and human need. . . . Each one of us is very seriously searching to live and grow in this belief, and by friendship we can support each other. I realize that the only way for us to stay well in the midst of the many "worlds" is to stay close to the small, vulnerable child that lives in our hearts and in every other human being. Often we do not know that the Christ child is within us. When we discover him we can truly rejoice.

Henri Nouwen

DEC 2023   JAN 2024		MEETING PLACES YR=Youth Room NX=Narthex PC=Parish Center CH=Church PR=Prayer Chapel		CP=Chapel CR=Conference Room PL=Parking Lot CL=Classroom CY=Canopy BR=Bride's Room		
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish  Christmas Eve Masses  4pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH)  7pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH)  Midnight Mass (CH)	Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Spanish	26 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)	27 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)	28 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9:30am Pray for Priests (PR)	29 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)	30 7am TMIY (CL#1)  **Si30am Mass (CH)  7:45am Rosary (CP)  9-10am Confessions (CH)  9am Oracion Centrante (Cry Room)  4pm Mass
31 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm	Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God	Parish Office Closed  2 8:30am Mass (CH)  7:45am Rosary (CP)  9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)  9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR)  6pm Women's Welcome (CL #2)  7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP)	3 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9am Ladies of St. Agnes (CL #1) 6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP)	4 8:30am Mass (CH) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9:30am Pray for Priests (PR) 6:30pm MS Youth Group (PC)  YOUTH GROUP 7pm Mujeres de Emmaus (CP)	Parish Office Closed  5 8:30am Mass (CH)  7:45am Rosary (CP)  9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)  9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR)  9:30am Bible Study (PC Hall)  7pm Enrriquecimiento Matrimonial (CP)	6 7am TMIY (CL #1)  8:30am Mass (CH)  7:45am Rosary (CP)  9-10am Confessions (CH)  9am Oracion Centrante (Cry Room)  11am Catholics for Cuba (CL #5)  4pm Mass

# Christmas Greetings from Fr. Bob

**Rejoice, Rejoice, God is with us!** Christmas is a time for worship, reflection, giving and celebration. We worship the newborn King, reflect on our life in Christ and the greatest gift God has ever given in His only begotten Son. We share from the abundance of gifts we have been given, and joyfully celebrate our Savior's birth. May Christ's love encircle you and your loved ones and keep everyone safe and well.

The 4th Sunday of Advent coming the day before Christmas this year offers a sneak peek of the beautiful decorations put up on Friday for Christmas. Thanks to the individuals, families and groups involved in everything from decorating and planning for the liturgies to the donating of Christmas poinsettias. We are blessed to have the beautiful music provided by our Music Director Paul Todd, and the choir, cantors, and musicians who contribute so much to our worship.

I am grateful to those of you who generously helped Santa with the Christmas wish list items published in the bulletin, and those who participated in our giving tree to make someone's Christmas happier, on top of your overall generosity to St. Agnes throughout the year. In small and large ways, you show the presence of Christ in the spirit with which you give. This year we are asking Christmas Mass-goers and online viewers to concentrate their offering on the second collection for capital improvements and new mission development, assuring a faith-filled future for our community.

Whether this will be your first Christmas here, or you began your journey of faith celebrating Masses in schools before our church was even built, I commend you for being such a good family to Fr. Augustine, Fr. Orsi, Fr. Alejandro, and me. We are grateful that Deacon Dick Surrusco has joined Deacons Roberto Landron and Hugh Muller in service here. From first parishioners to the newest of registrants, we are part of something very special at St. Agnes. Faith in Jesus Christ and love of God and neighbor unite us. May we continue to worship and serve in imitation of the One who came in great humility and showed us how much God loves us.

For those who find that sorrow and grief is part of your Christmas experience this year, and if you are suffering in any way, may our Lord give you His peace. Human experience reveals that the joy reflecting the incarnation of our God in Jesus Christ is never far from the pain of His sorrowful passion. Thankfully our Faith shows us that Jesus has won the ultimate victory over sin and death and our hope remains in Him. May you be consoled in His love.

On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. Agnes Catholic Church, may the infant Jesus bless you this Christmas season, and may the New Year be rich in love, faith, health, happiness, and all good things!

Fr. Bob

# Saludos navideños del Padre Bob

¡Regocíjense, regocíjense, Dios está con nosotros! La Navidad es un tiempo de adoración, reflexión, generosidad y celebración. Adoramos al Rey recién nacido, reflexionamos sobre nuestra vida en Cristo y el regalo más grande que Dios jamás ha dado en Su Hijo unigénito. Compartimos la abundancia de dones que se nos han dado y celebramos con alegría el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador. Que el amor de Cristo los rodee a usted y a sus seres queridos y los conserve a todos sanos y salvos.

El cuarto domingo de Ádviento, que este año se celebra el día antes de Navidad, ofrece un adelanto de las hermosas decoraciones que se colocan el viernes ante de Navidad. Gracias a las personas, familias y grupos involucrados en todo: Desde la decoración y planificación de las liturgias, hasta las donaciones de las flores de pascua navideña. Tenemos la bendición de contar con la hermosa música proporcionada por nuestro director musical Paul Todd y el coro, cantores y músicos que tanto contribuyen a nuestra adoración.

Estoy muy agradecido con los que ayudaron generosamente a Santa con los elementos de la lista de los deseos navideños publicados en el boletín, y con aquellos que participaron de nuestro árbol de donaciones para hacer la Navidad de alguien más feliz, además de su generosidad para con St. Agnes durante todo el año. De forma pequeña o grande, estas son muestras de la presencia de Cristo en el espíritu con el que se dan. Este año estamos solicitando a los asistentes de la Misa de Navidad y a los espectadores "online", que concentren su ofrenda en la segunda colecta para mejoras capitales y el desarrollo de nuevas misiones, asegurando un futuro lleno de fe para nuestra comunidad.

Ya sea que esta sea su primera Navidad aquí o que haya comenzado su viaje de fe celebrando misas en las escuelas incluso antes de que se construyera nuestra iglesia, los elogio por ser una gran familia para el Padre Agustín, Padre Orsi, Padre Alejandro y para mí. Estamos agradecidos de que el Diácono Dick Surrusco se haya unido a los Diáconos Roberto Landrón y Hugh Muller en servicio en nuestra parroquia. Desde los primeros feligreses hasta los más nuevos, somos parte de algo muy especial en St. Agnes. Nos une la fe en Jesucristo, el amor a Dios y al prójimo. ¡Que sigamos adorando y sirviendo a imitación de Aquel que vino con gran humildad y nos mostró cuánto nos ama Dios!

Para aquellos que encuentran que el dolor y el duelo son parte de su experiencia navideña este año, y si están sufriendo de cualquier manera, que nuestro Señor les dé Su paz. La experiencia humana revela que el gozo que refleja la encarnación de nuestro Dios en Jesucristo nunca está lejos del dolor de su dolorosa pasión. Afortunadamente, nuestra Fe nos muestra que Jesús ha obtenido la victoria definitiva sobre el pecado y la muerte, y que nuestra esperanza permanece en Él. ¡Que sean consolados en su amor!

En nombre del clero y el personal de la Iglesia Católica St. Agnes, que el niño Jesús los bendiga en esta temporada navideña y que el Año Nuevo sea rico en amor, fe, salud, felicidad y todas las cosas buenas.

Fr. Bob

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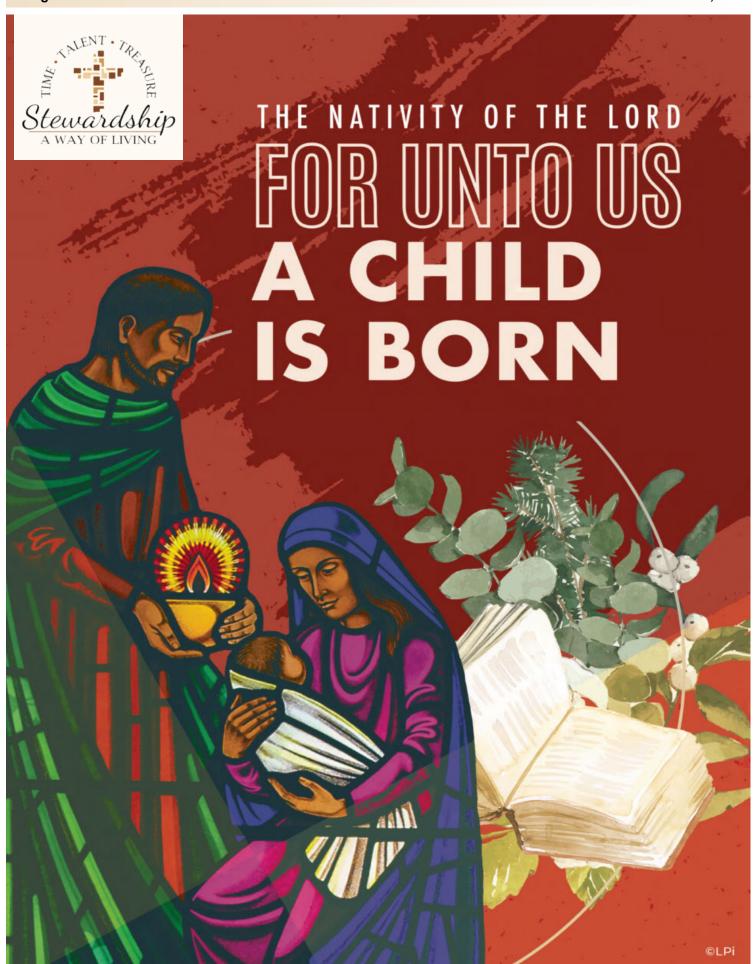


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# CATHOLIC THINKERS MEN'S GROUP

The Catholic Thinkers Men's Group presents its next topic; "On Forgiveness" The meeting is on Wednesday, January 3, at 9:30 a.m. at Perkins Restaurant, 3585 Pine Ridge Road.

This will allow attendance at the 8:30 a.m. Mass for those who wish to do so. The discussion will last no more than 90 minutes and registration is limited to 30

participants. Admission is free; breakfast

You will need to register for every session at www.stagnesnaples. org to reserve your space and receive the article to be discussed.

We look forward to hearing from you!

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Sunday, January 21 | 2:30 PM

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Parroquianos, si a su familia o a usted les gustaría participar en el Festival Internacional de St. Agnes con algo típico de su país, puede ponerse en contacto con las personas que aparecen en el siguiente listado. Si usted esta interesado y su país no esta en la lista, por favor comuníquese con Martha Velasco al teléfono 239.687.8038.



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# Prayer for Peace

Lord of all, in this time of strife and suffering, we come before you with heavy hearts, seeking your divine intervention. We lift up to you the victims of the Holy Land conflict, asking for your mercy and healing touch. Prince of Peace, grant solace to those who are in pain, strength to those who are weary and hope to those who are in despair. Let your guiding light shine upon all, that they may find a path to reconciliation and understanding. Mary, Mother of Mercy, wrap your mantle of love around those who are suffering, and intercede for them before your Son. May your gentle compassion be a source of comfort and consolation. We implore you, O God, to inspire leaders and all involved to seek avenues of peace and dialogue. Soften hearts that are hardened by hatred and division, and instill in them a desire for unity and harmony. St. Francis of Assisi, patron of peace, pray for us. Help us to be instruments of your peace in this troubled world. In the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, we pray.







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# Breaking Open the Gospel of Mark

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Tuesday, Jan 16 - "Journey to Jerusalem"

Tuesday, March 12 - "The Passion"

at 9:30 am in the parish center (Immediately following 8:30 am Mass and 9 am Breakfast with Fr Bob.) The Gospel of St. Mark as we have it, is more a sermon than a piece of Biblical Literature. It could easily be called a "Handbook for Discipleship."

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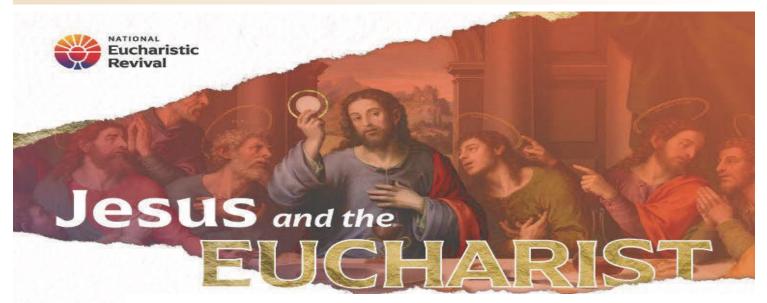


St. Agnes Catholic Church Blue Mass for Law Enforcement, Fire Fighters, and First Responders

Saturday, January 27, 2024 at 11:00 a.m.

Guest Reverend Monsignor Steven P. Hurley is the pastor of St. Thomas the Apostle in Wilmington, DE. Before entering the seminary, Monsignor served as a policeman and eventually a detective, for eight years in Ocean City, Maryland.

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January 24-March 13
6:30-8:30pm in the parish center

Thursday Afternoons
Feb 1-March 14
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Free online registration at **STAGNESNAPLES.ORG/SMALLGROUP** or use your camera to scan code.



# Children's Liturgy of the Word

for children ages 5-10\* every Sunday during 11am Mass at St. Agnes and 10am Mass at Palmetto Ridge High School Mass

What: CLOW is a special gathering in which children experience the Sunday readings at their own level and are able to respond to them. It is a Liturgy like Mass, not "playtime." Please have your child leave behind things that might distract (such as toys, dolls, books, cell phones.)

Why: The goal of Children's Liturgy of the Word is to help children engage meaningfully in the scriptures of the Sunday Mass, thus beginning a life-long practice of praying, learning, and celebrating at Mass.

Where: The children are dismissed from the main assembly to the chapel building (picnic tables at PRHS) with a leader before the First Reading and return during the Collection. All St. Agnes CLOW adult leaders are fingerprinted and background checked.

\*If your children are younger, we invite you to come sit with them to help them stay focused.

All are welcome!
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Join us when Father calls up the children after opening prayer!

If you would like to join CLOW as a leader or assistant, Contact Michael & Marianne Shahla at (239) 287-6798 or mar22one@hotmail.com

# Adult Faith Enrichment

# Wednesday Evening Bible Study — A Biblical Walk Through the Mass

The words, the gestures, and the rituals of the Mass are rich in meaning. Everything we say and do in the Liturgy is steeped in biblical language. Join us for a 5-week video + workbook series to renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Register and pay (\$30 materials fee) online at StAgnesNaples.org.

Wednesdays at 6:45-8:30pm on October 18-Dec 13
Register and pay (\$30 materials fee) online at stagnesnaples.org/bible-studies
Contact: Jean Schuff at testchair1@verizon.net

Friday Morning Bible Study — Opening the Word

Join us every Friday morning for coffee and treats as we unpack the scriptures of the coming Sunday Mass and apply them to our lives in a profound way. Bring your Bible. No registration necessary.

Fridays at 9:30-11am in the main hall of the parish center Contact: Jan Christopher at 239-287-3684 or mrs520@aol.com

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# Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist by Brant Pitre

Dr. Brant Pitre answers questions such as: What was the Passover like at the time of Jesus? What were the Jewish hopes for the Messiah? What was Jesus' purpose in instituting the Eucharist during the feast of Passover? And, most important of all, what did Jesus mean when he said, "This is my body...This is my blood"?

# Mondays 7-8:30pm in the Youth Room of the parish center December 4...Chapters 6-8 (pgs 172-202)

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Te damos gracias Señor, por hacerte hijo del hombre para que nosotros pudiéramos ser hijos e hijas de Dios.!Te adoramos Señor Jesús, luz del mundo. Te glorificamos, Señor Jesús, iEmanuel! Tu eres Dios con nosotros porque nos has unido a ti, con un lazo inquebrantable, moras en nuestro corazón y nunca nos abandonas. Gracias, señor por tu amor fiel.

Y oramos: "Gloria a Dios en las alturas iAlabanzas sean dadas a Jesús, que vino al mundo por nuestra salvación en este glorioso día".

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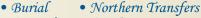


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