



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

& ST. JOHN PAUL II MISSION



CALLLED 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

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Rev. Binu Joseph

Rev. Alan Baldarelli

Rev. Alejandro Giraldo Roldán (Hispanic Ministry)

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Deacon Hugh Muller

Deacon Dick Surrusco

Deacon Mark Osterhaus

Deacon Rich Dahn

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

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, FL 34120

239-592-1949 **Fax:** 239-354-4462

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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*

AUGUST 17, 2025

20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



As Jesus announced his mission, he made it clear that there would be no compromising. Called to repentance and challenged to be ready, discipleship would most likely divide households and communities. He knew already that there were divisions among the Jewish leaders. He warned his followers that they, too, might face divisions among their own families. While these repercussions would cause pain, it would also mark the coming of God's Kingdom. Sometimes we have to take an unpopular stand against the ideas of others. When we say "no" to someone who wants to hear "yes," division is created. Parents make decisions that serve a purpose and guide the formation of their children. Friends may say "no" to each other creating division. Of course, healing and reconciliation are vital to the growth of all relationships; and this is basically the same concept as today's Gospel. There will be hard and unpopular acts associated with following Jesus. As a loving parent, God won't compromise the plan. As loving family members, we also understand God's motive!



Parish Contacts**Pastor**

Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor

Parochial Vicars

Rev. Binu Joseph

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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 during 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, 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:

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****AUGUST 18 - 24****Monday, August 18**

Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday, August 19

Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday, August 20

Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday, August 21

Jgs 11:29-39a; Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10; Mt 22:1-14

Friday, August 22

Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday, August 23

Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday, August 24

Is 66:18-21; Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15); Heb 12:5-7, 11-13; Lk 13:22-30

AUGUST 2025			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
17 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm	18 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR)	19 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 6:30pm COR (CL #1) 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP)  7pm Estudio Bíblico (PC Hall)	20 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 2pm Grupo de Duelo en Español (CL #2) 6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP) 6:30pm Men's Welcome (CL #4) 6:30pm Women's Welcome (CL #2) 7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #5)	21 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9am Pray for the Priests (CP)  7pm Mujeres de Emaús (CP)	22 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9:30am Bible Study (CL #1) 	23 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 4pm Mass (CH)
24 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm 10am OCIA Spanish Leaders (YR) 12pm English Baptism Class (PC Hall) 6pm HS Youth Group Core Training (YR)	25 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 6pm Cub Scouts (PC Hall)  7pm Sisters in Spirit (YR) 	26 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9am St. VdP Mtg. (CL #5) 5pm K of C Assembly Officer Mtg. (CL #1)  7pm Caridad (CL #3) 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP) 7pm Estudio Bíblico (PC Hall)	27 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 2pm Grupo de Duelo en Español (CL #2) 6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP) 6:30pm Men's Welcome (CL #4) 6:30pm Women's Welcome (CL #2) 7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #5)	28 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9am Pray for the Priests (CP)  7pm Coro (CP) 	29 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9:30am Bible Study (CL #1)  6:30pm Padres y Madres Orantes (CP)	30 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 4pm Mass (CH)

SPANISH MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY, AUGUST 24 AT 1PM

Damian Baena Santa, Edwin Andres Baena Cardona
 Constanca Blandon, Vincent Madrigal
 Por las benditas almas del Purgatorio
 Abistencia Obispo, Jose Apolinar, Rubiela Serna
 Ernesto Carralero, Gioconda Dominici, Isbelia Sanchez
 Margarita Franco, Bernarda Fuentes de Camaro
 Maria Barral, Rosa Polendo, Angel Hernandez
 Apolinar Mayorga, Rosa Criseida Torres

Knights of Columbus Council #14202 Pizza & Bingo Night

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

PIZZA 5:30-6:15 PM

Bingo 6:15-8:30PM

**St Agnes Parish Center
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd**

10 Bingo Games

\$30 - 3 game card (3 chances to win each game)

Pizza

\$3 per slice (with soda)

\$5 two slices (with soda)

Info: call Peter Dresch 203-984-2933

pdresch@yahoo.com

Pay at the door - cash, check, credit card

Upcoming Bingo dates

Fri, October 17

Fri, November 21

Sat, December 6



GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 13: 22-30

A question begins next week's Gospel. It does not get an answer because it is the wrong question. "How many will be saved?" someone asks. They should have been asking if they would be saved. That is all that matters. In our times, I think we have drugged ourselves on the image of a merciful and loving God, which we often fail to imitate. As a result, we hardly ever think that there might actually be a gate where credentials are needed to pass through. We live in a political and social system today that works like this: you can get whatever you want and whatever you need if you know the right people or have enough cash. To that, this Gospel says: "NOT SO." Some think that knowing about Jesus is enough because they have been to Bible Study and quoting his words is enough. This Gospel says: "NOT SO." There is a very important word in next week's Gospel that we ought to take seriously. "Strive." That is the issue. Striving is a life-long project. It is a discipline that takes practice. Striving gets us to look at everything we do, think, and say, questioning how it gives God glory. Striving is the breaking of our lives like the broken bread and broken body of Christ in service of someone else. Striving is a readiness to ask for forgiveness, and then give what we receive. These are the things that are moving us toward that narrow door.

—Fr. Tom Boyer

*"Gratitude is not only the greatest
of virtues, but the parent of all the
others."*

—Marcus Tullius Cicero

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
 BM2(SW) Charley Davidson USN
 PFC Zack Steelman
 PFB J. Hunter Judd, USMC
 Peter David Quiles USA
 Cpl. Brandon J. Labrada, USMC

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
 Brittany Quiles USA
 Sgt. Ian Corbett, U.S.A.

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
 Spec. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
 SGT Abbi Wenthold
 A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
 SPC Jorge Armando Nino
 Vince Galer, USMC
 Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
 Sgt. Daniel Sheran, USMC
 Cpt. Andrew Perham
 Sgt. Alejandro Jimenez USA
 LCpl Bradley Imbus USMC

1st Lt. Chuck Conway, USAF
 SGT Ryan Byres
 John Francis DelBonis, USA
 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
 Cpl. Brian D. Labrada, USMC



20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**First Reading:** Jer 38:10**Second Reading:** Heb 12:1**Gospel:** Lk 12:49**Adults:** When has your taking a strong stand on a moral issue created division rather than healing in the short term?

¿Cuándo su adopción de una postura firme sobre una cuestión moral ha creado división en lugar de curación a corto plazo?

Children: Is it important to do the right thing even if others are angry as a result? Why or why not?

¿Es importante hacer lo correcto incluso si otros se enojan? ¿Por qué sí o por qué no?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	August 16	Requested by:
8:30 a.m.	+Stephen Ricci	Judy Valyo
4:00 p.m.	+Martin Jr. + Caroline Gabor	Jackie Giller
Sunday	August 17	
7:30 a.m.	+Lewis & Marie Saltzer	Gerald Saltzer
9:00 a.m.	+Raymond Salvi	Deborah Kopko
11:00 a.m.	Deceased members of the Flynn Family	Vilma & John Flynn
1:00 p.m.	+Julio C. Coronado	Lourdes Coronado
5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family	
Monday	August 18	
8:30a.m.	+Peter Mahonchak	Peter & Joan Mahonchak
Tuesday	August 19	
8:30 a.m.	Winnie Dorcelly	Winnie Dorcelly
Wednesday	August 20	
8:30 a.m.	+Henry Frenette Jr.	Bette Frenette
Thursday	August 21	
8:30 a.m.	+Susan & Paul Smith	Jack Doran
Friday	August 22	
8:30 a.m.	+Bob Hurckes	Jeri Hurckes
Saturday	August 23	
8:30 a.m.	Catalina Mejia	Rosa Elena Martinez
4:00 p.m.	+David Jesse (DJ) D'Orsi	Mom & Dad
Sunday	August 24	
7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family	
9:00 a.m.	+Joan Drechsler	Rudy Drechsler
11:00 a.m.	+Mary Ann Kantor	Fr. Bob Kantor
1:00 p.m.	Spanish Memorial Mass	Lourdes Coronado
5:00 p.m.	+Rusty Steward	Sue Aceto

The Masses will also be live streamed*PRIEST SCHEDULE** *subject to change*

Saturday	August 16	Saturday	August 23
4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Binu	4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alan
Sunday	August 17	Sunday	August 24
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Alan	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Binu
9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Bob	9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Orsi
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Binu	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bob
1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro	1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Alan	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Binu

**WINE AND HOSTS**

In Memory of Michael David Eckenrode

We pray for:

Charles Newton	Marilyn King	Holly Michalke
Disie L. Dion	Donna Ruggiero	Fr. Corey Piccinino
George Schomer	Elizabeth Corr	Bertha Pineda
Jean C. Peters	Holly Michalki	Rhonda Dillon
Megan Shramovich	Xiomara Garache	Eileen Matia
John McKeon	Joaquin Gonzalez	Pat Conway
Francis Gargiulo	Maria Gonzalez	Bob Deteso
Carrie Griffin	Thomas Golian	Stephen Kapish
Ela Whu Araos	Carmen Aldrette	John Webster
Kathie Guardino	Emilio Ramirez	Patricia Webster
Richard Smith	Louis T. Riolo Jr.	Molly Coulter
Jack Spencer	Thomas Riolo	Kevin Dempsey
Jane Brandt	Anna Spannaus	Nichole Dempsey
Rose Getrost	Steve Heminger	Artie Flynn
Don Getrost	Amparo Aguilar	Jeanne Flynn
Randy Tronnes	Vince Abrami	Susan King
Clara Carelli	Brooke Maloy	Roseanne Liguori
Joann Emanski	Carl Tegtmeyer	Ann Marie Moriety
Richard Emanski	Pam Sharlock	Frank Scandale
Michelle Wilcox	Angel Ortiz, Jr.	Daniel Angelo
Leyton Wilcox	Mary Shachok	Vitorio DiBenedetto
Charlie Clark	Joseph Fedoryk	Jimmy Harper
Colleen Schinbeckler	Francis Pignone	Janice DeSalvo
Daniel O'Keefe	Nancy Pignone	Augusta Lombardi
Peter Dorsey	Owen Pignone	Barbara Sowa
Melanie Vetter	Michelle Castellucci	Victoria Donlon
Antoinette Knapp	Jaqueline Solarski	Mia Tristan
Beth Reid	Matthew Solarski	Pamela Calvani
Robert Hetzel	Sam Solarski	Beatriz Cano
Anthony Polichetti	Irene Ramos	Jessica Camarero
Christine D'Angelo	Eileen Bode	Terry Madura
Jack McClane	Thomas McCartan	Eileen Walsh
Zoila Estrada	John A. Michaud	Joseph Walsh
Judy Roche	Joseph Damone	John Mills
Robert Kapish	Jennifer Craig	Jennifer Craig
Norman Milefsky	Lorraine Marino	Sue Merrill
Driscoll Drew	John Knapp	Rene Mandujano
Jim McClane	Dixie Dion	Virginia Rojas
Doreen Oliver	Kathleen Seling	Nancy Geikie
Ellen Shiffer	Liz Bammerlin	Pamela Calvani
Jennifer Torres	Daphne Quezada	Wendy C. Lager
Conno Graniso	Cassie Puffenberger	Timothy Miller
Ted Boys	Kim Wilt	Robert Twomey
Sean Payne	Lucille Netz	Carol Griffin
Zachary Chasse	Kathryn Shapiro	Linda Clifford
Gerard Chasse	Tim Miller	Robert J Deteso

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 rosaelena@stagnesnaples.org.

Thank You.

Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes

Parish Groups and Ministries



**For Questions about these groups and Ministries
Please call the Parish Office 239.592.1949**

Prayer

Eucharistic Adoration	adoration@stagnesnaples.org
Charismatic Prayer Group	Steve Csotty
Consecration To Jesus Through Mary	Call the Office
Divine Mercy Chaplet	Call the Office
Consagración a Jesús por María	Maria J. Coglionesse
Grupo del Rosario	Nancy Meira
Hombres de Emaús	Marco Piedra
Mujeres de Emaús	Ayda Restrepo
Morning Rosary	Call the Office
Oración Centrante	Virginia Cortes
Padres y Madres Orantes	Ruben Guerra
Parish Vocation Team	Tom Thomas
Prayer for Priests	Call the Office
Welcome Retreats	Deacon Hugh Muller

Contact

Service

Arimatheans	Betty Criss
Altar Stewards	Call the Office
Bereavement	Mary Ann Okner
Personas en Duelo	Nile Costa
Caridad	Zulma Barberi
Catholics for Cuba	Estela Delgado
Childcare Ministry	Rose Chambers
Funeral Planning	Rosemary Panzano
Funerales	Dcn. Roberto Landrón
Hospitality Committee	Call the Office
Jesus the Worker	Call the Office
Ladies of St. Agnes	Susan Stencil
Coffee & Donuts	John Gardner
Ministerio de Familias	Analys Perez
Respect Life	Jan Moore
Seasonal Decorating	Monica Osterhaus
St. Agnes Senior Singles	Call the Office

Contact

Parish Councils and Committees

Arts & Liturgical Environment	Call the Office
Eventos	Marta Velasco
Events	Call the Office
Finance Council	Call the Office
Justice and Peace Committee	Diane Stanley
Liturgy Committee	Call the Office
Mayordomía Cristiana (PAC)	Dcn. Roberto Landrón
Pastoral Council	Call the Office
Stewardship Committee	Stewardship Committee

Catechetical

Baptism Preparation
Bible Study
Catechist-Teachers-Aides
Catholic Thinkers-Men's Group
Children's Lit of the Word
Estudio Bíblico
Family Faith Formation K-5
Enriquecimiento Matrimonial
Marriage Preparation Coord.
OCIA
Sisters in Spirit
Young Adults Ministry (Age 18-35)
Youth Groups

Contact

Call the Office
Ivy O'Malley
Rose Chambers
Call the Office
Michael & Marianne Shahla
Gladys Gómez
Rose Chambers
Mayra y Julio de Armas
Laurie Drouillard
Ivy O'Malley
Ivy O'Malley
Robert Massey
Robert Massey

Liturgical

Altar Servers - Children
Altar Servers - Spanish
Altar Servers Adults
Bodas
Choir (Adults)
Choir (Children)
Coro
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Greeters
Homebound and Hospital EME
Lectors
Lectores
Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristia
Sacristans
Sacristán
Sonidos y Pantallas
Sound and Screen
Ushers
Ujieres

Contact

Kathy Madura
Francisco Ramírez
Ralph Webster
Call the Office
Call the Office
Call the Office
Robert Vélez
Vincent Petrosini
Denny Gant
Judy Bohardt
Rita Volmer
Wendy Álvarez
Elvis Vacares
Monica Osterhaus
Margarita Castillo
Ricardo Cardett
Dan Anderson
Tina Kaatz
José Eduardo Carias

Organizations with Parish Affiliation

Boy Scouts Troop 951	Robert Dorritie
Casa Maria Soup Kitchen	Call the Office
Columbiettes of St. Agnes 14202	Jan Christopher
Cub Scouts	Jennifer Bronsted
Impacto	Mariela y Milton Carias
Knights of Columbus Council 14202	Mark Crain
4th Degree Assembly 3094	Bobby Drouin
Society of St. Vincent de Paul	John Goddard

Discovering Our True Self

The spiritual journey is essentially different from engaging in hero worship or joining a therapeutic movement. These forms of following are typically centered on "me." In hero worship, we may be looking for a vicarious self by losing our identity in that of the hero. In many therapeutic movements, we may be searching for inner harmony or healing. When Jesus says, "Follow me," he is calling us to let go of "me" and to gradually say, "You, Lord, are the one." Jesus calls us to leave our "me" world, trusting that being at home in God we will discover who we truly are.

Henri Nouwen



STEWARDSHIP

“Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet but yours.”

– St. Teresa of Avila

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

WHAT IS A SPIRITUAL GIFT?

A spiritual gift is a God-given ability, distributed to individual Christians by the Holy Spirit, that enables them to serve others and help the Church fulfill its mission on earth.

Do we all have spiritual gifts?

The simple answer is **YES**.

The purpose of these gifts is multifaceted. Primarily, they are intended to build up and strengthen the Church community—fostering unity, maturity, and spiritual growth.

Chrisms, or spiritual gifts, are special abilities given to all Christians by the Holy Spirit through baptism. These gifts empower us to represent Christ and become channels of God’s love and goodness to others.

Sadly, many people are unaware of their spiritual gifts or abilities. When these gifts go unrecognized or unused, both the individual and the community miss out. Others suffer when we withhold the gifts meant to bless them. So, how can we know what God is calling us to do? How do we discover our gifts—and how do we use them?

Each of us is uniquely created by God, with specific gifts and talents meant to serve His purpose. The journey to discovering these gifts begins with discernment—a gift in itself.

The Discernment Process

- **Start with Prayer:** Ask God for guidance. He knows your heart better than anyone and will help you recognize your gifts.
- **Seek Wisdom from Others:** Talk with loved ones. What do they admire in you? Often, others can see your strengths more clearly than you can.
- **Reflect on Your Natural Abilities:** Are you someone people turn to for advice or comfort? Even seemingly “ordinary” traits can become extraordinary when used to bless others.

Cultivating Your Gifts

Once you begin identifying your talents, it’s time to nurture and use them. St. Agnes is a wonderful place to start!

- **Enjoy meeting new people?** Consider serving as a Greeter at weekend Masses.
- **Comfortable speaking in public?** You may be called to be a Lector.
- **Love helping others feel welcome?** Join our Usher Team and assist parishioners during Mass.

Spend time in prayer and explore the “**Stewardship in Action**” page in our bulletin. You may discover a ministry that perfectly matches your God-given gifts.

Ready to Take the Next Step?

We invite you to prayerfully consider how your talents can serve our parish community.

Contact **Gloria Carter** at 239-592-1949 x118 or email gloria@stagnesnaples.org to learn more.

Your gifts are needed—and we can’t wait to see how God will use them through you!

Do you know someone not baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition, who is thirsting for what it means to be Catholic?

Do you know someone already Catholic but has not received Confirmation & Communion? They may be thirsting too!



The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is a place to ask questions and seek understanding.

OCIA meets twice a month after the 9am Sunday Mass starting Sept 7. Class begins with coffee and donuts in the parish center, 10am-12:45pm.



Scan to register or
Call Faith Formation at
239-592-1949.

No es demasiado tarde para venir

¿Conoces a alguien no bautizado o bautizado en otra tradición cristiana, que tenga sed de lo que significa ser católico?

¿Conoces a alguien que ya sea católico pero que aún no haya recibido la Confirmación y la Comunión? ¡También pueden ser bienvenidos!



**La Orden de los Cristianos
Iniciación de Adultos (OICA)**
es un lugar para hacer preguntas y
buscar comprensión.

OICA se reúne dos domingos al mes comenzando el 8 de septiembre de 2024. Comienza con café y donuts a las 10am y las clases terminan a las 12:45pm, seguida por la Misa en Español en la Iglesia a la 1pm. Escanee para registrarse o contáctenos a.



Inscribase:
Rose (Rosita) at 239-592-1949
Rose@StAgnesNaples.org

Dynamic Catholic

Welcome.
There is More to Life

CRHP 2.0

Are you thriving or just surviving?

Day of Renewal

Women: Sept 20 (register by 9/8) ✦ **Men: Oct 11** (register by 9/29)

7am - 8pm in the St Agnes Parish Center

Includes breakfast, lunch, & dinner—plus Confession & Sunday's Vigil Mass

WOMEN: Donna O'Leary
609-505-6583
dmmangubat@yahoo.com

MEN: John DeStefano
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Welcome to Our Parish Family



Greetings in the Lord!

It is with great joy that I am able to share this time, in my new assignment, with all of you that are parishioners of St. Agnes.

From what I gather, you have been well prepared by such spiritual giants as Very Rev. Kantor and those privileged to serve alongside him. My hope is that I may further your trust and confidence in our savior Jesus Christ. The journey to priesthood became known to me in the summer of 2015 as both a friend and relative recommended I investigate as they saw something in me. At the time, I had been let go from a company merger and dumped by my girlfriend; it was a rough period. Yet the Lord is ever faithful to those he calls to be united to him. It was but a few months before I pursued my vocation calling. And in August 2016, I left my big Italian family and beloved hometown near Pittsburgh, PA to travel 1200 miles to Miami, FL. There I entered the bilingual

St. John Vianney College Seminary. The culture mimicked the weather, warm and inviting and my Spanish proficiency grew. The time spent in prayer, allowed for reflecting on my 11-year career in Sales from a B.S. in Marketing at John Carroll University (2005) and a mechanical hobby tinkering and restoring muscle cars.

The next two years went very quickly as I obtained a Bachelors in Philosophy before entering the Masters of Divinity program at St. Vincent de Paul in Boynton Beach, FL. The seminary develops the whole person, ensuring we are healthy in Spirit and Body. My successful Sales background was put to use in the Development Office, on campus Coordinating Fundraiser Events and off campus organizing Hurricane Relief. After four years of study and one year of Pastoral Acumen, I happily graduated with Honors to be qualified in serving our incredible Diocese.

Recently, I served at Our Lady of the Angels in Lakewood Ranch, after my ordination on February 10th, 2024. The community was wonderful, full of energy and zeal learning of Jesus and they were a joy to be with for my first year and a half as a priest. Now that I am with you, let us journey into the heart of Jesus, where we will be renewed and strengthened, given an abundance of life. If the opportunity arises, I would welcome an invitation to hear about your journey of faith as well, please email at your convenience.

Many Blessings,
Fr. Alan Baldarelli



Laura Arias, our new Parish Receptionist, has recently relocated to Naples from the Chicago suburbs after the retirement of her husband Joseph in April of this year.

She has a wealth of administrative support experience in both healthcare and business. She holds a BS from Northern Illinois University and an Administrative Assistant Certificate from Fox College. Laura participated in a pilgrimage to Italy with her previous parish in January 2024 which allowed her to become a more active Catholic.

She enjoys going to the beach and collecting seashells.

Laura and her husband are looking forward to enjoying their new pool and lanai which is currently being constructed on their new property in Golden Gate Estates. She is happy for the opportunity to support her new parish community at St. Agnes and also getting accustomed to life in Florida!

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PECADO CAPITAL DE LA PEREZA

El Papa Francisco advirtió que la pereza es un pecado que “el diablo puede usar para aniquilar nuestra vida espiritual”, y señaló que la tristeza “es la semilla del diablo”. Por ello, nos invita a recordar que el agua de nuestro Bautismo es “símbolo de nuestra fuerza”.

«Pensemos también en nosotros —dijo el Papa—, si alguno está en peligro de resbalar en la pereza, en ese pecado ‘neutral’. Es eso que no es ni blanco ni negro, algo indefinido, que nadie sabe bien lo que es. Es un pecado que el diablo puede usar para aniquilar tanto nuestra vida espiritual como nuestra vida personal».

La pereza es un veneno, una niebla que rodea el alma y le impide vivir. Nos conduce a la comodidad, al servicio hecho a medias, a apropiarnos de lo que no nos pertenece. De siervos pasamos a sentirnos amos, lo que nos lleva a la soberbia, al orgullo, a tratar mal a los demás y a sentirnos importantes solo por el hecho de ser cristianos, como si ya lo tuviéramos todo ganado: “soy cristiano, tengo la salvación”, y tantas otras justificaciones.

La pereza es también como una droga: si la pruebas seguido, te gusta, y terminas volviéndote dependiente. Pero, en realidad, la pereza no es tanto una causa como un efecto. Cuando una persona permanece inactiva, indolente o apática, solemos decir que es perezosa. Sin embargo, como enseñan los Padres del Desierto, la raíz suele ser la acedia, que significa “falta de cuidado”.

Quien cae víctima de este vicio parece aplastado por un deseo de muerte: todo le desagrada; la relación con Dios se le vuelve tediosa, incluso los actos más santos que antes le encendían el corazón ahora le parecen inútiles. La persona comienza a lamentar el paso del tiempo, a añorar la juventud que siente perdida para siempre.

La acedia ha sido llamada el “demonio del mediodía”: nos atrapa en medio del día, cuando el cansancio está en su punto más alto y las horas que restan parecen monótonas e imposibles de sobrellevar.

Pero la fe que es puesta a prueba por la acedia no pierde su valor. Al contrario, es una fe verdadera, profundamente humana, que a pesar de todo —a pesar de la oscuridad que la rodea—, continúa humildemente creyendo. Es una fe que permanece en el corazón, como las brasas que siguen vivas bajo la ceniza: siempre permanecen.

Si alguno de nosotros cae en este vicio, en la tentación de la acedia, que intente mirar hacia dentro y custodiar esas brasas de la fe.

—PAPA FRANCISCO—



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La inscripción para el Programa de Formación en español ya está abierta.

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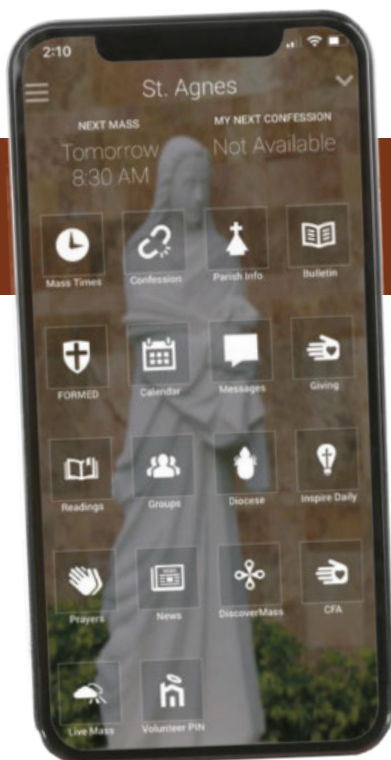
Las clases inician el 5 de septiembre de 2025 y concluyen el 26 de febrero de 2026. En la última sesión nos enfocamos en La Oración Cristiana. En el año del Jubileo nos centraremos en el estudio de EL CREDO NICENO

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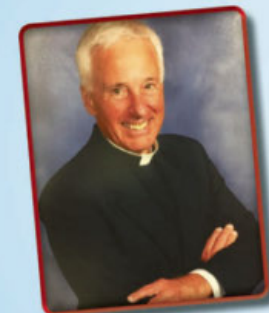
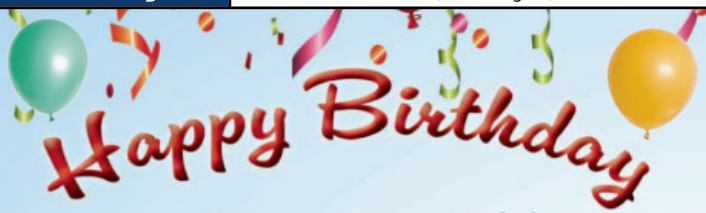
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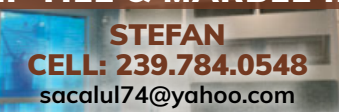
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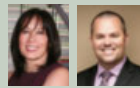
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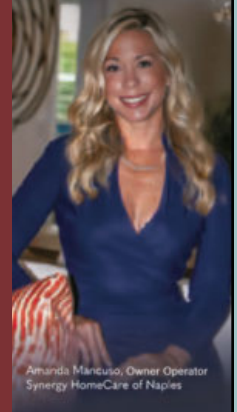
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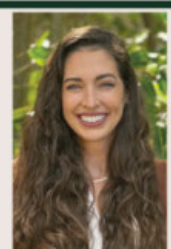
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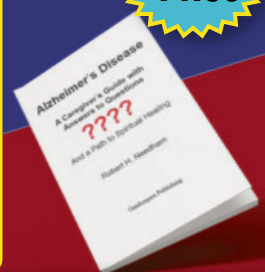
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