



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

& ST. JOHN PAUL II MISSION



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ST. AGNES PARISH PROCLAIMS AND WITNESSES TO ALL, THE LOVE AND GOOD NEWS OF JESUS CHRIST.

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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

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, FL 34120

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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/
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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*

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



John 3:16 is quoted often and many people claim it as their favorite passage in all the Bible. It is where John tells us that God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son so that those who believed would have eternal life. This passage expresses the essence of God's love for us. It was not that God wanted to whip us into shape by threatening and demanding us. Rather God, more than anything we can know, wants us to come back to him in the same glory as Jesus. So that we might fulfill God's desire, Jesus came to witness how we should live and to show us the deep love God has for us. The cross reminds us of God's great gift of love for us. In El Salvador, people make crosses that are bright and colorful. The crosses include illustrations that say something about their belief in God and also something about themselves. Using cardstock or some other medium, create a family ÑSalvadorianÑ cross that illustrates your family's beliefs. Let the cross show ways that you experience God's love for your family and ways in which you are grateful for that love.



Parish Contacts**Pastor**

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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****SEPTEMBER 15 - 21****Monday, September 15**

1 Tm 2:1-8; Ps 28:2, 7, 8-9; Jn 19:25-27 or
Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday, September 16

1 Tm 3:1-13; Ps 101:1b-2ab, 2cd-3ab, 5, 6;
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday, September 17

1 Tm 3:14-16; Ps 111:1-2, 3-4, 5-6;
Lk 7:31-35

Thursday, September 18

1 Tm 4:12-16; Ps 111:7-8, 9, 10; Lk 7:36-50

Friday, September 19


















1 Tm 6:2c-12; Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20; Lk 8:1-3

Saturday, September 20

1 Tm 6:13-16; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5;
Lk 8:4-15

Sunday, September 21

Am 8:4-7; Ps 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8 (see 1a, 7b); 1 Tm 2:1-8; Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

| SEPTEMBER 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 |
| 14 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm 9:15am OCIA Adults (PC Hall, YR) 2pm Faith Formation (PC) 6pm HS Youth Group Orientation (PC Hall, YR)  | 15 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 7pm Columbiettes Installation of Officers (PC Hall) | 16 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)  | 17 8:30am Mass (CP) 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) 6:30pm Men's Welcome (CL #4) 6:30pm Women's Welcome (CL #2) 6:30pm Choir Practice (CH) 7pm Color Corp Practice (NX) | 18 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)  6pm MS Youth Group Orientation (PC Hall, YR)  7pm Mujeres de Emaús (CP) | 19 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)  | 20 6:45am TMIY (CL #1)  8am Women's Welcome Retreat (PC) 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 4pm Mass (CH) |
| 21 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm 9:15am OCIA Adults (PC Hall, YR) 10am OCIA - Adults & Children (PC- All CL, YR & CR) 6pm HS Youth Group (PC)  | 22 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 6pm Cub Scouts (PC Hall)  7pm Sisters in Spirit (YR)  | 23 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) 6:30pm K of C Assembly Officers Mtg (CL #1) 7pm Caridad (CP) 7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP) 7pm Estudio Bíblico (PC Hall) | 24 8:30am Mass (CP) 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) 6:30pm Men's Welcome (CL #4) 6:30pm Choir Practice (CH) 7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #1) | 25 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)  6pm MS Youth Group (PC Hall, YR)  7pm Coro (CH) | 26 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)  7pm Padres y Madres Orantes (CP)  | 27 6:45am TMIY (CL #1)  7am Spanish Marriage Retreat (PC Hall) 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 10am Children's Choir (CP) 11am Blessings of the Bikes (CH) 4pm Mass (CH) |

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If you have questions,
e-mail Jeff at:
jeff@stagnesnaples.org



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "No one has gone up to heaven except the one who has come down from heaven, the Son of Man." For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. - Jn 3:13, 17

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GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Luke 16: 1-13

There is a tough parable coming next week if you take it personally, and we should. If you start thinking it is about someone else, it is a lot easier to hear. The parable is not about someone else because we are stewards. The Gospel asks us a question. "What shall I do?" "What shall I do with all the stuff I have?" "What shall I do with the opportunities I have?" "What shall I do with the life I have?" Jesus proposes that we look at everything we have in a new way; to see every skill, talent, opportunity and possession as something given to manage, use, or invest for one purpose, and that is the forging of an unbreakable bond between ourselves, God and other people. What lasts, Jesus suggests is people. When there is no more work because you're too old, or no more money because you have squandered it all, there will still be people around us. This is the wisdom of the steward in this parable. It is not that he is buying friends, but that he knows what will last. He is asking the question: "What will my life be like in the future?" His response is to build up relationships because he knows that those relationships are a greater prize than all the master's wealth. To be a disciple of Jesus, we must be wise enough to know the difference between have a lot of stuff and having a lot of friends.

—Fr. Tom Boyer

"Love is possible, and we are able to practice it because we are created in God's image."

—Pope Benedict XVI

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
Sgt Ivan Toruno US Army



THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS

First Reading: Nm 21:7

Second Reading: Phil 2:8

Gospel: Jn 3:16

Adults: When have you persistently sought after a member of your family who has lost his or her way?

¿Cuándo has buscado persistentemente a un miembro de tu familia que se ha extraviado?

Children: Have you ever felt you were not getting credit for your good works? What did you do?

¿Alguna vez has sentido que no te reconocían por tus buenas obras? ¿Qué hiciste?



MASS INTENTIONS

| Saturday | September 13 | Requested by: |
|------------|--|-----------------------------|
| 8:30 a.m. | St. Agnes Memorial Mass | |
| 4:00 p.m. | +Tom & Carol Harrison | Richard & Katherine Prebish |
| Sunday | September 14 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | Our Parish Family | |
| 9:00 a.m. | +Elsa Ragojo | Marlene & Hilario Gulapa |
| 11:00 a.m. | +Paul Carter | Gloria Carter |
| 1:00 p.m. | Por los miembros fallecidos de la familia Orozco, Hernandez y Franco Arbelaeas | Martha Orozco Franco |
| 5:00 p.m. | + Benjamin Cronin | Stephen Cronin Family |
| Monday | September 15 | |
| 8:30a.m. | +Rita and Angelo Shullo | Patricia Davis |
| Tuesday | September 16 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | +Peter Reifsnnyder | Gail Reifsnnyder |
| Wednesday | September 17 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | +Veronica E. Devine | Jim and Ronnie Devine |
| Thursday | September 18 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | +Martha Graham | The Graham Family |
| Friday | September 19 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | +Margaret Jung | The Taulbee Family |
| Saturday | September 20 | |
| 8:30 a.m. | +The Taulbee Family | Jo Ann Canderan |
| 4:00 p.m. | +Walter Oquendo | Roberto Lewis |
| Sunday | September 21 | |
| 7:30 a.m. | +Joan M. Loughney | Barbara & Mary Loughney |
| 9:00 a.m. | Our Parish Family | |
| 11:00 a.m. | +Kenneth King | King Family |
| 1:00 p.m. | +Carla Burgess | Elena Asunsolo |
| 5:00 p.m. | +Joseph Vespo | The Vespo Family |

**The Masses will also be live streamed*

PRIEST SCHEDULE *subject to change*

| Saturday | September 13 | Saturday | September 20 |
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| 4:00 p.m.* | Fr. Bob | 4:00 p.m.* | Fr. Bob |
| Sunday | September 14 | Sunday | September 21 |
| 7:30 a.m. | Fr. Tom | 7:30 a.m. | Fr. Bob |
| 9:00 a.m.* | Fr. Bob | 9:00 a.m.* | Fr. Alan |
| 11:00 a.m. | Fr. Alan | 11:00 a.m. | Fr. Tom |
| 1:00 p.m.* | Fr. Teo | 1:00 p.m.* | Fr. Alejandro |
| 5:00 p.m. | Fr. Alan | 5:00 p.m. | Fr. Alan |



WINE AND HOSTS

In Memory of Dick Van Bell

We pray for:

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| Joann Emanski | Carl Tegtmeier | 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 |
| Marilyn King | Holly Michalke | Joann Slawson |
| Donna Ruggiero | Fr. Corey Piccinino | Karen Haupt |
| Elizabeth Corr | Bertha Pineda | Fran Poston |
| Holly Michalki | Rhonda Dillon | Karelys Ng |
| Xiomara Garache | Eileen Matia | Megan Shramovich |
| Joaquin Gonzalez | Pat Conway | John McKeon |
| Maria Gonzalez | Bob Deteso | Ann McKeon |
| Thomas Golian | Stephen Kapish | Douglas W. Duba |
| Carmen Aldrette | John Webster | Bill Santillo |
| Emilio Ramirez | Patricia Webster | Robert Chervenak |
| Louis T. Riolo Jr. | Molly Coulter | Carla Carelli |
| Thomas Riolo | Kevin Dempsey | Michael Panzano |
| Anna Spannaus | Nichole Dempsey | John F. Maul |
| Steve Heminger | Artie Flynn | Ron Oliver |
| Amparo Aguilar | Jeanne Flynn | Michael Panzano |
| Vince Abrami | Susan King | Carla Carelli |
| Brooke Maloy | Roseanne Liguori | |

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 | 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

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|-----------------------------------|
| 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

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|---------------------------|
| Call the Office |
| Call Faith Formation |
| Rose Chambers |
| Call the Office |
| Michael & Marianne Shahla |
| Gladys Gómez |
| Rose Chambers |
| Mayra y Julio de Armas |
| Laurie Drouillard |
| Rose Chambers |
| Daisy Ramirez |
| Robert Massey |
| Robert Massey |

Liturgical

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| 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

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|---------------------|
| Kathy Madura |
| Francisco Ramírez |
| Ralph Webster |
| Call the Office |
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| 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 |

What Might God Be Doing Here?

God's time (kairos) has to do with opportunity and fullness of meaning, moments that are ripe for their intended purpose. When we see time in light of our faith in the God of history, we see that the events of this year are not just a series of happy or unhappy events but part of the shaping hands of God, who wants to mold our world and our lives. Even when life seems harried and continues to have hard moments, we can believe that something good is happening amid all of this. We get glimpses of how God might be working out his purposes in our days. Time becomes not just something to get through or manipulate or manage, but the arena of God's good work in us. Whatever happens – good things or bad, pleasant or problematic – we ask, "What might God be doing here?"

Henri Nouwen



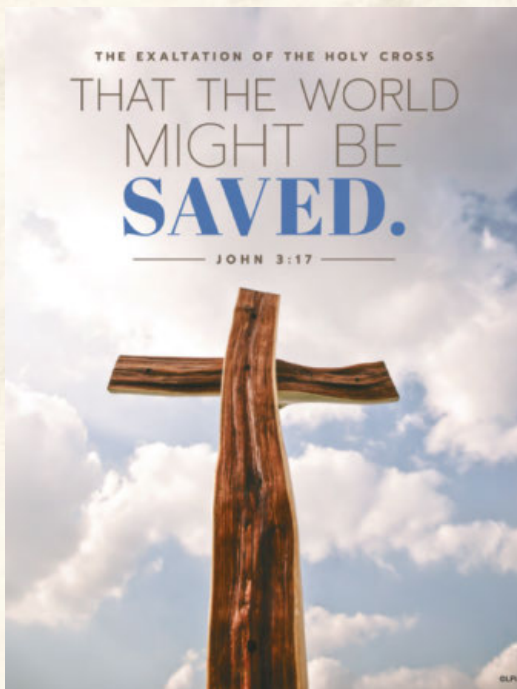
STEWARDSHIP

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

— St. Teresa of Avila

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS



Today, the Church celebrates the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross, a reminder that in every season of our lives we are called to turn to the Cross and to the love of Christ it reveals. On the Cross, Jesus gave Himself completely. He held nothing back. From that total gift of love, we have received everything: salvation, mercy, forgiveness, love, and hope. These gifts are not meant to be passively received—they are an invitation to live differently.

The Cross boldly calls us to the life of stewardship, a life modeled perfectly by Jesus. Having been given so much, we are called to give generously in return: our faith, our time, our resources, and our talents. This will not always be comfortable. True giving demands sacrifice; it may even invite rejection. But the Cross teaches us to love without counting the cost, to find life by holding nothing back.

Each of us carries a cross, and each of us carries it differently. For some, it is the burden of loss, illness, unemployment, disappointment, or loneliness. For others, it is the profound awareness of God's great love, and the

call to respond with generous love in return. Sometimes we choose to take up our cross; at other times it is placed upon us unexpectedly. What matters is our response. With God's grace, we learn to carry our cross, remembering that Christ bore His freely, and that He walks with us as we bear ours.

The Cross is not the end of the story—it points us to the Resurrection. For those who enter Christ's passion and death as disciples and stewards, new life awaits. In dying to self, we rise with Him. In giving as faithful stewards, we share His life and His light with the world.

As St. John reminds us: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son” (John 3:16). God created us to live in relationship with Him, but sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to reconcile us to the Father, to restore what was lost. When we follow His example, we discover true joy in this life and eternal life in the next.

This is the heart of the Gospel—the kerygma, the first proclamation of our faith. It is the core message we proclaim as Catholics. The challenge is simple yet profound: How do you live this out in your daily life?

FROM THE OPERATIONS DESK

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

It has now been about two months since I stepped into the role of Business Manager. With some personnel changes in our parish, and summer being the prime time for major projects, I've been fully immersed in ensuring everything continues to run smoothly.

We've had a busy and productive summer, and I'd like to share an update on the completed and ongoing projects:

- **April:** A full pressure washing of the Parish Center roof.
- **May-June:** A major parking lot project, which included cleaning, resealing, restriping, and laying/grading asphalt millings on the grounds.
- **July-August:** Polished all the Jerusalem Stone floors in the Church and Chapel. We also cleaned all carpets, pews, and kneelers across the campus. Sidewalks, bollards, and surrounding areas were pressure-washed.
- **Chapel Kneelers:** Eight new Chapel kneelers were built from scratch, and the remaining eight were completely refurbished. All were reupholstered to match the chairs.
- **Columbarium:** We have been working on designing

an expansion of our Columbarium over the last four months and are getting ready to move into the construction phase. Look for that to unfold next year.

In addition to our internal projects, there's a significant external development: the ongoing construction on Vanderbilt Beach Road at our main entrance. Here's what we know about the roadwork going forward:

- The **main entrance** will be closed for a short period when work gets to that point. The County will coordinate with us in advance.
- A **new exit**, located between the main entrance and exit is expected to be completed in **Fall, 2025**. This will accommodate traffic turning left onto Weber Blvd or making a U-turn to head east.
- The **existing exit** area is scheduled for completion by **December, 2025**. I hope this update is helpful.

God bless you all,

Jeff Vespo
Business Manager


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Formerly called Last Rites or Extreme Unction, this Sacrament is for those experiencing a serious illness, facing an operation or dying. Anointing of the Sick should be performed before death is imminent, when a person is conscious and able to receive comfort from the sacrament.

We make every effort to provide pastoral care and the sacrament of anointing to all who request it; however, families are encouraged to call sooner rather than later. If a loved one is at home and needs the sacrament, please call the office at 592-1949 to arrange for a priest to visit.

In the Hospital?

Please ask the nurse to contact the parish that serves the Hospital you are in for the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick.

This is the most efficient way to be sure you or your loved one will receive the sacrament. Be aware that because of HIPAA Privacy regulations, hospitals do not necessarily notify the parish regarding your hospitalization unless requested by the patient.

The St. Agnes 5k Run/Walk for Life is an event with the main purpose of promoting a respect life message and raising funds for pro-life causes while encouraging healthy living. (Body and Soul)

11TH ANNUAL ST. AGNES 5K WALK/RUN FOR LIFE

La carrera/caminata por la vida 5K de St. Agnes, es un evento con el objetivo de promover el respeto a la vida y para recaudar fondos para instituciones pro-vida y para estimular la vida sana. (Cuerpo y Alma)

When: October 4, 2025

Day of Registration: 6:00 a.m.

Race: 7:15 a.m.

WALK/RUN PRE-REGISTRATION

- Registration is open using the Run for Life Link at www.stagnesnaples.org

WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- Registration table
- Setup and Cleanup
- Food and Water areas

For more information please contact the office at 239.592.1949 or email Jeff@stagnesnaples.org.

*Only those registered by midnight 9/28/25 will receive a race shirt.

Cuando: 4 de octubre del 2025

Día de Registro: 6:00 a.m.

Carrera: 7:15 a.m.

PRE-REGISTRO PARA LA CAMINATA/CARRERA

- El registro está abierto mediante el enlace Run for Life en www.stagnesnaples.org

NECESITAMOS VOLUNTARIOS PARA LAS SIGUIENTES POSICIONES:

- Mesa de Registro
- "Setup" y "cleanup"
- Comida y áreas de agua

Para mas información por favor contactar la oficina al 239.592.1949 ó pueden mandar correo electrónico a Jeff@stagnesnaples.org.

*Solo los que se registren a la medianoche del 28 de septiembre del 2025 recibirán camisa para la carrera.

5k Walk/Run for Life





DIOCESE OF VENICE IN FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 27, 2025

As the violent conflict in Gaza continues, a grave humanitarian crisis is unfolding, with many Christians and innocent people struggling to survive. With this devastating situation in mind, I write to you in appeal for our brothers and sisters in need in the midst of these destructive events.

The Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, has expressed his concern with the situation, saying, "I am following with great concern the dire humanitarian situation in Gaza, where the civilian population is suffering from severe hunger and remains exposed to violence and death." Our Catholic Faith calls each of us to care for those in need, and, at this time in particular, for those who are suffering in the wake of this ongoing tragedy.

Recognizing the need of those who have been so severely impacted by the conflict in the region, the President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has

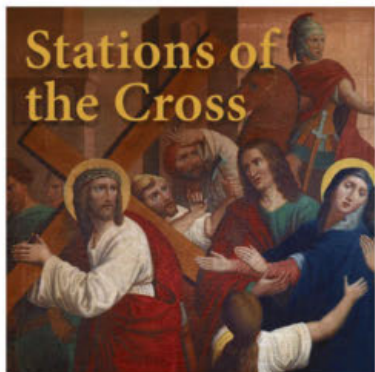
asked Dioceses throughout the country to take up a special collection to assist with humanitarian aid in Gaza. Within the Diocese of Venice, the collection will be taken on the weekend of September 20-21, 2025

Your generosity and your prayers for the people of Gaza are deeply appreciated. May Almighty God bless you and your families. Please continue to pray for peace throughout the world, particularly in the middle east.

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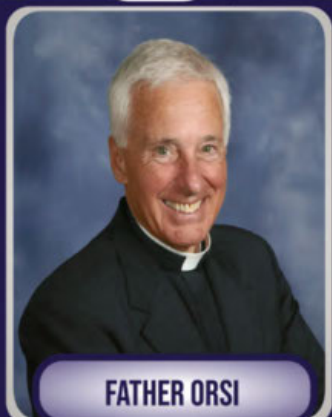


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Meetings will not be held September 20 or October 11.



For more information please contact: Isaac Mejias
via cell / text at: 732-986-8572 or via email at:
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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 with a leader before the First Reading and return during the Collection. All St. Agnes CLOW adult leaders are fingerprinted and background checked.

No registration or fees required.

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

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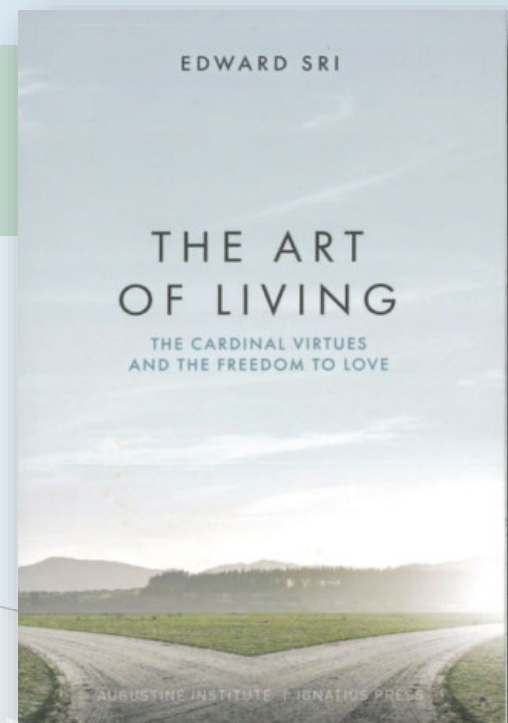
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It's not too late to come!

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. Class begins with coffee and donuts in the parish center, 10am-12:45pm.



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

¿Conoces a alguien not 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 puedan tener sed!



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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. Comienza con café y refrescos a las 10am y las clases terminan a las 12:45pm, seguida por la Misa en Español en la Iglesia a la 1pm.



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LA LUJURIA

El pecado de la impureza es uno de los que con más fuerza domina al ser humano. La reincidencia suele ser frecuente, y cuando una persona se deja arrastrar por la pasión de la lujuria, corregirse se vuelve difícil. La falta de pudor y de modestia son signos claros de que la flor de la pureza ha perdido su fragancia. Quien vive esclavizado por la lujuria deja de valorar estos detalles, incluso los ridiculiza. Sin embargo, este pecado degrada y envilece al hombre, seca su corazón y le impide aspirar a ideales nobles y elevados.

San Tomás de Aquino define la lujuria como “el abandono de la razón por un placer desordenado de la carne”. Es importante notar que el santo no condena la sexualidad en sí misma, sino el desorden en su vivencia. El sexo no es sucio ni malo: es sagrado. Y como todo lo sagrado, merece un respeto profundo.

Está llamado a un propósito específico y elevado: la unión matrimonial de los esposos y la apertura a la vida.

Algunas personas creen erróneamente que la Iglesia Católica está en contra del sexo. Nada más lejos de la verdad. La Iglesia enseña que la sexualidad humana es un don de Dios, portador de dignidad, belleza y sentido trascendente. Como dice el Evangelio: “Por sus frutos los conocerán” (Mt 7,16). Cuando se vive el don de la sexualidad en el amor verdadero, produce frutos de comunión, fidelidad y vida. Pero cuando se distorsiona en nombre del “amor libre”, los frutos han sido dolorosos: aumento del divorcio, degradación de las relaciones humanas, abusos y esclavitud del placer.

En nuestra sociedad, muchos jóvenes reemplazan el encuentro real y la intimidad auténtica por la estimulación virtual. El abandono de la castidad ha hecho que el sexo sea visto como un objeto artificial, separado de la persona y de su dignidad.

De ahí nacen relaciones superficiales, sin compromiso ni respeto, incapaces de sostener un verdadero amor. Frente a esto, urge reclamar la pureza y el respeto por el cuerpo. La castidad no es represión, sino libertad interior para amar con un corazón limpio. Los padres tienen un papel esencial: hablar con sinceridad a sus hijos sobre la sexualidad, acompañarlos en su crecimiento, y supervisar con amor lo que consumen en redes sociales, videojuegos o televisión. La sociedad del futuro dependerá en gran parte de nuestra capacidad para vivir la sexualidad con responsabilidad, respeto y santidad. La pureza no es un ideal imposible: es un camino de amor auténtico que conduce a la verdadera alegría.



PROGRAMA DE FORMACIÓN DIOCESANO EN ESPAÑOL

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

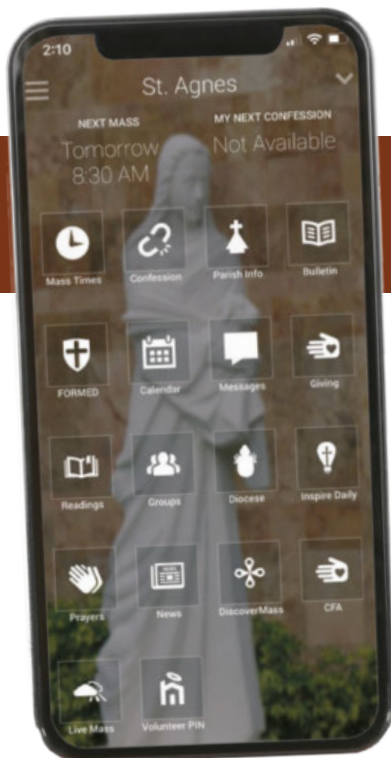
Serán ocho clases y se realizarán los viernes de 7 pm a 9 pm. Durante la Cuaresma serán los jueves.

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. El costo por todas las clases es de \$35 dólares.



BAUTIZOS

St. Agnes da la bienvenida a su hijo(a) a nuestra comunidad de fe. Para realizar el bautizo tenemos un proceso de preparación para padres y padrinos, es necesario estar registrado en la parroquia y acercarse a la oficina, reunir los requisitos para hacer la inscripción oficial. Lo felicitamos por querer darle a su hijo(a) el gran regalo de recibir la Gracia de Dios por medio del Sacramento del Bautismo.



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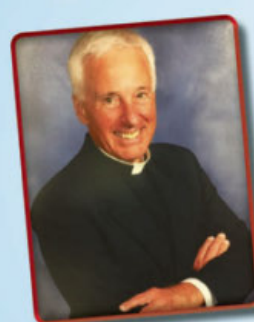
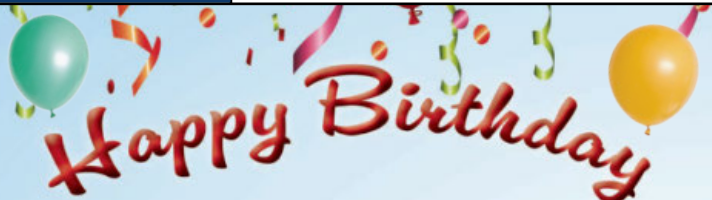


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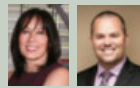
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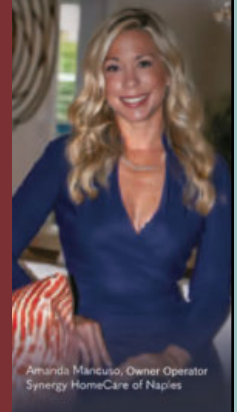
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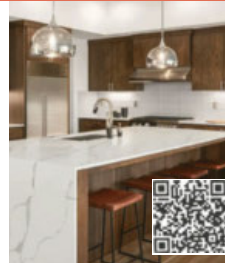
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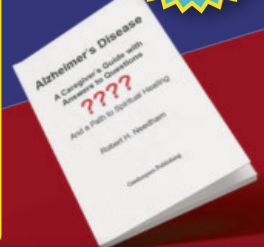
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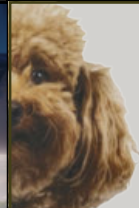
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