



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/Equipo Pastoral

Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor V.F.

Rev. Binu Joseph

Rev. Alan Baldarelli

Rev. Alejandro Giraldo Roldán (Hispanic Ministry)

Deacon Roberto Landrón (Hispanic Ministry)

Deacon Hugh Muller • Deacon Dick Surrusco

Deacon Mark Osterhaus • Deacon Rich Dahn

Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial

Office Hours/Horario de Oficina

Mon – Fri/Lun a Vie: **9 a.m. – 4 p.m.**

The Parish Office is located in the Parish Center

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Mass Times/Horarios de Misa

MASSES in red are live streamed /

Misas en rojo se transmiten en vivo

Sat/Sab: **4 p.m.**

Sun/Dom 7:30 a.m., **9 a.m.** 10 a.m. at PRHS & 11 a.m.,

1 p.m. Español, 5 p.m.

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

Holy Days/Días Festivos

8:30 a.m., Noon & 7 p.m. (Bilingual)

Sacrament of Reconciliation/ Sacramento de la Reconciliación

Saturday 9-10 a.m. or by appointment

Sábado de 9 a 10 a.m. o con cita al 592-1949

También media hora antes de la Misa de la 1 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration - Prayer Chapel Adoración Eucarística - Capilla de Oración

Mon – Fri / Lun a Vier 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

(Access from 4 p.m. – 8 a.m. requires a code /

Se requiere código de acceso de 4 p.m. a 8 a.m.)

NOVEMBER 30, 2025

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The emphasis of today's Gospel is on the second coming of Jesus. Matthew refers to three events that show we do not know when Jesus will return, but the message is clear: we are to be ready! The first reference Matthew makes is to Noah and the flood. People were occupied with their daily lives—eating, drinking, and marrying. In the second example, men were working in the field and women were grinding at the mill. Some were taken and some remained. In the final example, the master of the house could have prevented the robbery if only he had known when the thief would come. This Gospel is a stern caution for each of us to live in preparation for Jesus' return.



Parish Contacts**Pastor**

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Parochial Vicars

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Deacons

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Hugh Muller

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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 after the 11 a.m. Mass.

Call the Parish Office for more information.

Para información en español sobre el Bautismo, favor llamar a la oficina o escribir a: 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 Cristiana para Adultos

New groups begin each fall. Please call the Parish Office for information /

Nuevos grupos comienzan en otoño. Llame a la oficina parroquial.

Communion for the Sick/Comunión para los Enfermos

Call the Parish Office to arrange a visit with a Priest or an Extraordinary Minister.

Llame a la oficina para coordinar una visita con un sacerdote o un Misnistro Extraordinario.

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****DECEMBER 1 - 7****Monday, December 1**

Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 2

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 3

Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 4

Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 5
















Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 6

Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 7

Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 (see 7); Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Nov Dec 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
30 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm 9:15am Breaking open Scriptures (CL #1) 11am Clase de Bautismo (CR)	1 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 1pm Columbiettes Officer Mtg. (CL #1)  4:30pm K of C Assembly Mtg. (CL #1)  5:30pm K of C Council Mtg. (PC Hall)	2 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) 	3 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) 3-5pm Grupo de Duelo (CL #4) 6pm Living Nativity Practice (PC Hall) 6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP) 6:30pm Choir Practice (CH)  7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #1)	4 8:30am Mass (CP) 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)  7pm Mujeres de Emaús (CP)	5 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 (PC Hall) 4pm First Friday Holy Hour (CH) 7pm Enriquecimiento Matrimonial (CP)	6 6:45am TMIY (CL #1) 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 9am Family Holy Hour (CH) 9am Spanish Advent Retreat (PC Hall) 10am Girls Bible Study (CL #1) 10am Guys Bible Study (CL #2) 10am EME Training (CL #1) 10:15am Chil- dren's Choir (CP) 11am Catholics for Cuba (CL #5) 4pm Mass (CH)
7 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm 10am OCIA - Adults & Children (PC Hall, YR & CR) 2pm First Communion - Yr 2 (PC) 6pm HS Youth Group (PC) 	8 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 12pm Mass (CH) 7pm Mass (CH) <i>Parish Office Closed</i>	9 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) 7pm Paul Todd Con- cert (PC Hall)  7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP) 7pm Caridad (CL #3) 7pm Estudio Bíblico (CL #1)	10 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) 7pm Paul Todd Concert (PC Hall)  6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP) 6:30pm Choir Practice (CH)  7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #1)	11 8:30am Mass (CP) 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)  7pm Coro (CP)  7:30pm Lectores (CP)	12 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 (PC Hall)  7pm Movimiento de Familias (PC Hall, CL #1, #5, YR)	13 6:45am TMIY (CL #1) 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 10:15am Children's Choir (CP)  11am Columbiettes & K of C Spiritual Retreat (PC Hall) 4pm Mass (CH)

Masses noted in red will be livestreamed on our website, www.stagnesnaples.org, on Facebook and on our parish app.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Training

Saturday December 6, in the Parish Center
CL #1 and then Church at 10 a.m.

Contact: Gloria Carter (239) 592-1949 Ext. 118
or by email: gloria@stagnesnaples.org

ST. AGNES MASS at Palmetto Ridge High School

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Now through April 26

Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

Giving Tree Supporting local families

Now - December 14

Take a tag from the tree in
the Narthex and purchase a
gift for the child described.

Return the unwrapped
gift with the tag attached
to the Narthex by Sunday,
December 14.

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Second Sunday of Advent

Matthew 24: 37-44

It's still Advent, a season not so much about Christmas as it is about the sure and certain return of the Lord Jesus Christ who will sit in judgement upon each of us. He has made it clear that he will be more interested in what we have failed to do than in what we have done. That wild man, John, is looking us right in the eye, and we cannot afford to stand outside his gaze. He challenges a popular image of God as a big "softie" who looks the other way and just winks at failures caring nothing about justice, obedience, and commitment. John puts some fire back into a real image of God who has a passion for justice, obedience, and commitments. He pulls the rug out from under all of us who have found ways to justify, rationalize, and silence the demands and responsibilities that come with being chosen by God. Some avoid the whole issue of sin and repentance claiming that the church spends too much time on guilt and not enough time of redemption. My own opinion shaped by 58 years in confessionals is that we do spend time on sin, but it's the wrong sin that lets us slide along never really doing anything as though the Kingdom of Heaven was ours by some privilege. In truth, our lives are rather puny, and we almost have to make up sins to confess ignoring the fact that what we have not done is usually the greater evil.

—Fr. Tom Boyer

*"A grateful heart sees
blessings everywhere."*

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



1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading:** Isa 2:5**Second Reading:** Rom 13:11**Gospel:** Mt 24:44**Adults:** What will you do during Advent so that others can see that you have put on the light of Jesus Christ?

¿Qué harás durante el Adviento para que los demás vean que te has revestido de la luz de Jesucristo?

Children: What will you do during Advent so that others can see the light of Jesus in you?

¿Qué harás durante el Adviento para que otros puedan ver la luz de Jesús en ti?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	November 29	Requested by:
8:30 a.m.	Maybian Gloth	Michael Gloth
4:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of the Varian Family	Marie Varian
Sunday	November 30	
7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family	
9:00 a.m.	+Jim Krauser	Merrily Krauser
PRHS 10 a.m.	Alejandra Garcia	Margarita Garcia
11:00 a.m.	+Victoria Marie Geelen	Jane & Rey Morales
1:00 p.m.	+Dora Zoraida Ariza	Su familia
5:00 p.m.	Deceased members of the Cosenza Family	Laurie & Kevin Drouillard
Monday	December 1	
8:30a.m.	+Eugene Casey	Ray & Kathleen Anthony
Tuesday	December 2	
8:30 a.m.	+Jim Lynch	Marian & Family
Wednesday	December 3	
8:30 a.m.	+James Fleuhr	The Dorgan Family
Thursday	December 4	
8:30 a.m.	+June & Emil Oppici	Karen & Michael O'Shea
Friday	December 5	
8:30 a.m.	+Tim Reilly	Rick & Pam Guilander
Saturday	December 6	
8:30 a.m.	+Lucy Przybyloski	Alanna & John Burns
4:00 p.m.	+Margaret & George Coombs	Mary & George Coombs
Sunday	December 7	
7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family	
9:00 a.m.	+Raymond Glowacki	Marie & John Glowacki
PRHS 10 a.m.	Rose Pici	Ron & Valerie Weilmuenster
11:00 a.m.	+Michael A. Davis	Patricia Davis
1:00 p.m.	Los miembros fallecidos de la familia	
	Orozco, Hernandez y Franco Arbelaes	Martha Orozco Franco
5:00 p.m.	+Andy DiBattista	Linda & Don Gambatesa

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

Saturday	November 29	Saturday	December 6
4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Bob	4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Binu
Sunday	November 30	Sunday	December 7
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Alan	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Orsi
9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Binu	9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Bob
PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Bob	PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Alan
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Alan	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Binu
1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro	1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Binu	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob

**WINE AND HOSTS**
In Honor of Our Parish Family*We pray for:*

Steve Heminger	Frank Scandale	Liz Giglio
Amparo Aguilar	Daniel Angelo	Laurie Mussoline
Vincent Abrami	Vitorio DiBenedetto	Eleanor Furlong
Brooke Maloy	Jimmy Harper	Carrie Griffin
Carl Tegtmeier	Janice DeSalvo	Jack Griffin
Pam Sharlock	Augusta Lombardi	Mary Lee Martin
Angel Ortiz, Jr.	Barbara Sowa	Sam Farris
Mary Shachok	Victoria Donlon	Peggy McCarthy
Joseph Fedoryk	Mia Tristan	Tricia Monahan
Francis Pignone	Pamela Calvani	Laura Suleta
Nancy Pignone	Beatriz Cano	Jaemi Rice
Owen Pignone	Jessica Camarero	Margie Alley
Michelle Castellucci	Eileen Walsh	Ismael Perez
Jaqueline Solarski	Joseph Walsh	Paula Laguna
Matthew Solarski	John Mills	Bill Fulton
Sam Solarski	Jennifer Craig	Ken Gross
Irene Ramos	Sue Merrill	Driscoll Drew
Eileen Bode	Rene Mandujano	Richard Limbach
John A. Michaud	Virginia Rojas	Joan Lowe
Joseph Damone	Nancy Geikie	Frank Carillo
Jennifer Craig	Pamela Calvani	Trishia Mortell
Lorraine Marino	Wendy C. Lager	Christine D'Angelo
John Knapp	Timothy Miller	Kevin Pignone
Dixie Dion	Robert Twomey	Kathy Burke
Liz Bammerlin	Carol Griffin	Carlos Graniso
Daphne Quezada	Linda Clifford	Don Getrost
Cassie Puffenberger	Robert J Deteso	Rose Getrost
Kim Wilt	Joann Slawson	Joanne Nigro
Lucille Netz	Karen Haupt	Angelica B. Sheahan
Kathryn Shapiro	Fran Poston	Ditka Shiman
Tim Miller	Karelys Ng	Judy Fenton
Holly Michalke	Megan Shramovich	Antoinette Knapp
Fr. Corey Piccinino	John McKeon	Michelle Dawson
Bertha Pineda	Ann McKeon	Wendy Rose
Rhonda Dillon	Bill Santillo	Victor Donat
Eileen Matia	Carla Carelli	Kathleen Selinga
Pat Conway	John F. Maul	Thomas Golian
Bob Deteso	Ron Oliver	Joe Jaeger
Stephen Kapish	Michael Panzano	Tina Norgard
Kevin Dempsey	Stephan Santalis	Robert Bennett
Nichole Dempsey	John F. Maul	Robert Pash
Artie Flynn	Gene Gavin	Cynthia Stachowski
Jeanne Flynn	Stephan Santalis	John Webster
Susan King	Carolyn Webb	Patricia Webster
Roseanne Liguori	James Webb	Molly Coulter
Ann Marie Moriety	Jesus Emiliano Flores	Trish Webster

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

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
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

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

Joy Remains

What we have to start sensing is that in the spiritual life, joy is embracing sorrow and happiness, pain and pleasure. It is deeper, fuller. It is more. It is something that remains with us. It is something of God that is very profound. It is something we can experience even when we are in touch with very painful things in our lives. If there is anything the church wants to teach us it is that the joy of God can be with us always – in moments of sickness, in moments of health, in moments of success, in moments of failure, in moments of birth, in moments of death. The joy of God is never going to leave us.

Henri Nouwen



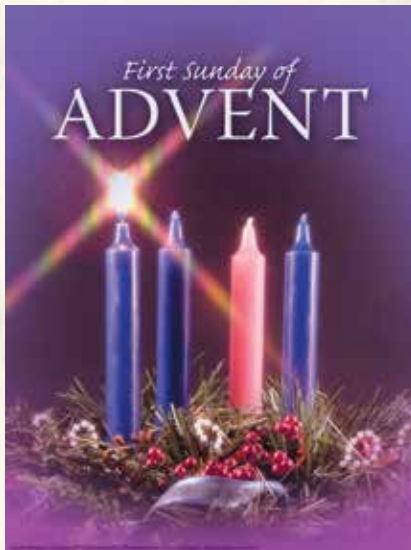
STEWARDSHIP

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

– St. Teresa of Avila

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STEWARDSHIP AND ADVENT



Stewardship—returning a portion, or gift, to God in love and thankfulness—follows this very pattern: we give to Him as an expression of our gratitude. Think of all God has done for you this year and how His love has touched your life. Perhaps He has answered a special prayer or provided employment for an unemployed loved one. Maybe He has brought a new baby safely into your family or granted peace during a difficult time. Truly, the blessings are countless. These abundant gifts God bestows are given freely out of His love—even though we are unworthy to receive them.

Now consider the ways you respond to these blessings. How do you choose to show God your thankfulness? As we prepare for the coming of Jesus during Advent, do we remember to include His name on our list? When we check off Grandpa's name, are we also offering a gift to Christ? After all, it is His birthday we are celebrating.

The very first name on our list—above our spouse, children, relatives, and friends—should be God's name. As good stewards, we are called to give God our “first fruits,” not what remains after everything else. His name should not be added out of guilt or as an afterthought. Instead, we should joyfully desire to place God first for the same reason we give gifts to others—out of love and appreciation.

Stewardship allows us to offer a tangible Christmas gift to God through our time, talent, and treasure. Why not spend an hour in church adoring Him, or pray a Rosary to share your time with God? You might bring a meal to a family experiencing hardship, or watch an infant for a young mother so she can prepare for Christmas. Providing an extra offering through your Christmas envelope is also a meaningful way to share your treasure with God. Whatever you choose this season, make the decision to be a good Christmas steward.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, edited by G. Carter

FORGOT TO TURN IN YOUR COMMITMENT CARD?

You can pick one up at the kiosk in the Narthex. Please take a moment to pray, fill it out, and drop it in the collection basket. Thank you.

St. Agnes Parish presents... **LIVE NATIVITY** **2025**



Come join us and enjoy the wonders that God has provided us, sharing with family and friends, living step by step an important event in the history of the world, The Nativity! We invite you to forget your worldly worries and immerse yourself in this experience that will transport you to Bethlehem.

Ven y disfruta de las maravillas que Dios nos ha proporcionado, compartiendo con familiares y amigos, paso a paso el acontecimiento que cambió el rumbo de la historia EL NACIMIENTO DE JESÚS. Le invitamos a que se olvide de las preocupaciones mundanas y se sumerja en esta experiencia, que sin duda lo transportará a Belén.

Date: Saturday, December 20: 5:15 p.m. To follow 4 p.m. Mass

Fecha: sábado, 20 de diciembre, 7:00 p.m. - Presentación en español

Date: Sunday, December 21: 10:15 a.m. - To follow 9 a.m. Mass - English Presentation

12:15 p.m. - To follow 11 a.m. Mass - English Presentation

Fecha: domingo, 21 de diciembre, 14:30 - Después de la misa de las 13:00 -
Presentación en español

Location: Parish Center Main Hall | **Ubicación:** Salón principal del centro parroquial

Christmas WISH LIST



Dear Helpers in Waiting,

I received this letter from the good girls and boys at St. Agnes. If any of you can be one of my "helpers" this year I would sure appreciate it.

Merry Christmas!

Love, Santa

Santa Claus | The North Pole

Dear Santa,

Merry Christmas! How are you? We are fine. Are you and your elves getting ready for the big night? Our parish family sure is! We have been very good this year. This past year St. Agnes continued to grow with more and more people coming to worship here.

We now have more than 5,000 families registered! This year we hope that you will help our parish by bringing us the following items:

Liturgical

🎁 New Roman Missal	\$230
🎁 Lectionary Set – (Daily)	\$250
🎁 Book of Blessing (for chapel)	\$65
🎁 Purple Chasuble (Lg. size)	\$60
🎁 Purple Dalmatic (Lg. size)	\$100
🎁 White Chasuble (Lg. size)	\$60
🎁 White Dalmatic (Lg. size)	\$100
Assorted Chalice Palls	
🎁 4 liturgical colors (rectory)	\$100
🎁 New Altar Cloth (rectory: will sew to size) need 3 yards	\$40
🎁 Replacement Sanctuary	
🎁 Lamp Stand for Chapel (estimate)	\$4000
🎁 Seasonal Banners for Narthex (Advent)	\$250
🎁 Baptism Bibs for Infants (60)	\$360
🎁 Children's Baptism Stoles (20)	\$300

Faith Formation/Youth Group

🎁 Vacation Bible School set/decor	\$1000
🎁 Children's Missals for cry room (20)	\$15 ea
🎁 First Communion preparation scholarships (20)	\$100 ea
🎁 Confirmation preparation scholarships (20)	\$100 ea
🎁 College Scholarship for HS Seniors with parish service record (4)	\$500 ea
🎁 Scholarship for Catholic Summer Camp Covecrest	\$1500 ea
🎁 Teen Bible Study	
Supplies & refreshments (12)	\$40 ea
🎁 Folding whiteboards for Youth Group (4)	\$60 ea
🎁 Adult Faith Enrichment summer evangelization event sponsorship (8)	\$1000 ea

Santa, we know you're not made of money, and you have other important and worthy obligations during this season of giving, and so if you cannot bring us everything we need then perhaps you can ask one of your helpers to assist. We greatly appreciate whole or partial gifts for all of the above. Just ask them to contact the parish office at their convenience at 592.1949.

Thank you and Merry Christmas!

Love, Fr. Bobby and The Entire Pastoral Staff of St. Agnes Parish

_____ I agree to donate the following item(s) _____

_____ I agree to make a financial contribution in the amount of \$ _____ to be used for the purchase of the following item(s) _____

Name: _____ Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

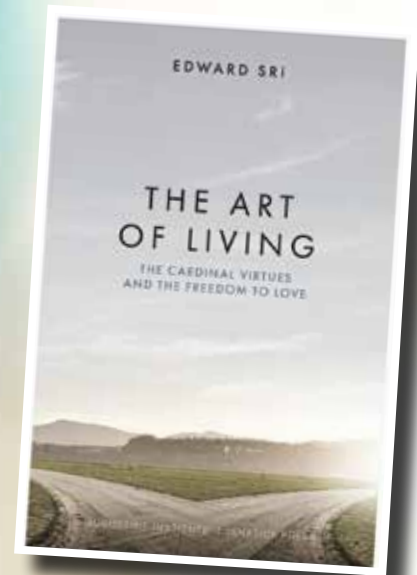
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Sisters In Spirit *Ladies Book Talk*

A five-part series on Mondays from 7-8:30 p.m.
in the Youth Room of the Parish Center

DECEMBER 15
JANUARY 19

Chapters 16-20
Chapters 21-25



Get the book at the book rack in the church Narthex outside the Blessings store or on the rack in the Parish Center, M-F: 9 a.m. -4 p.m. (\$8 suggested donation).

REGISTER WITH: Daisy@StAgnesNaples.org

Sisters In Spirit (SIS) is for Catholic women of all ages & stages to come together for a common goal of nurturing our lives & renewing our spirits through Study, Inspiration & Sisterhood.



COATS FOR KIDS DRIVE!

December 6-7 & December 13-14

The Boy Scouts of Scouting America and St. Agnes Knights of Columbus invite you to help keep local children warm this winter!



Please bring new or gently used children's coats and jackets to Mass.

Drop-off location: Narthex, where our Scouts will be collecting donations.

All coats will be delivered by the Knights to Naples-area shelters, including Catholic Charities, the Immokalee Guadalupe Center, and other local charities.

Your kindness makes a difference!





Looking for something meaningful after daily Mass?

Join us for **Breakfast with Fr. Bob** and a Special 3-Part Series with Fr. Tom Boyer on the Gospel of Matthew. Enjoy Fellowship, Conversation, and a Deeper Encounter with Christ.

**MASS AT 8:30 AM
9 AM BREAKFAST | TALK 9:45 AM
PARISH CENTER MAIN HALL**

Come for community, conversation, and a deeper encounter with Christ.
Please note: our regular *Search* series will pause during weeks with a special presenter and will resume on January 6.

12.16.25
Bethlehem to Nazareth – John to Jesus

**After all Masses on
Saturday & Sunday
December 13 and 14**

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE



**KNIGHTS
OF COLUMBUS**
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

Hosted by your Parish Knights of Columbus #14202

CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Please consider supporting this fundraiser by baking and donating or purchasing your favorite holiday treat!

Cookies

Pies

Cakes

Cupcakes

Muffins

Pastries

All types of baked goods are welcome!

**DROP OFF your wrapped baked goods
Saturday, Dec. 13 between 9 a.m.
and Noon in the Narthex.**

Questions?

**Contact Contact Perry Walker at
(239) 989-4200 or perry3721@Gmail.com**

**Thinking about becoming a Knight?
We are the WORLD'S
largest Catholic fraternity.
Ask about joining us!**

You are invited!
BREAKFAST
With Santa

DECEMBER 14TH, 2025
 After 7:30 and 9am Mass

**Come & enjoy the KofC
 Breakfast with Santa, Mrs.
 Claus the SA Choir and
 have your picture taken
 with Santa!**

**\$12 PER CHILD
 \$20 PER ADULT
 CHILDREN UNDER 3 ARE FREE!**



In the SA Parish Center
 AYCE Buffet- Eggs, Bacon,
 Pancakes, Omelets, Side
 dishes! One Mimosa for
 those over 21.



CATHOLIC THINKERS MEN'S GROUP

The **Catholic Thinkers Men's Group** presents its next topic; "**AI and the Church today**". The meeting is on **Wednesday, December 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 is not.

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!



Dr. George Blewitt, Coordinator
gblewitt5183@gmail.com

Deacon Dick Surrusco, Coordinator
Deacondick@stagnesnaples.org

2 NIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS MAGIC!

DECEMBER 9 & 10

7PM

Doors open at 6:30

**ST. AGNES
 PARISH CENTER**

7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL

\$40 per person
Proceeds benefit CFA

For Tickets

- Call 239-272-0297
- Tickets also available after all Masses or in the parish office during business hours
- Scan QR code for online tickets



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PAUL TODD




Come and enjoy all of
 your beloved Christmas
 classics with Paul
 and special guests:

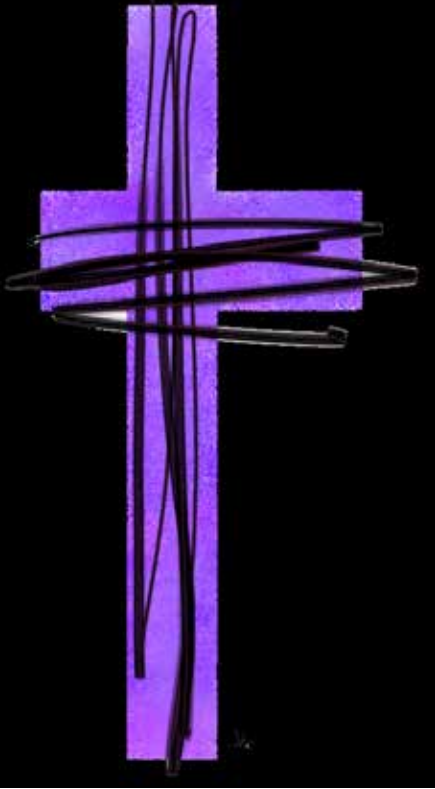
Amy Van Wyke
 Christi Cole
 and Jeff Ramsey



www.paultodd.com

 paul todd concerts

Advent Penance Services in our Area



Tuesday, December 9

St. Elizabeth Seton Parish: | 6PM | 5225 Golden Gate Pkwy, Naples

Wednesday, December 10

St. Peter the Apostle Parish: | 6:30PM | 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd

Thursday December 11

St. William Parish: | 5:30PM | 601 Seagate Dr, Naples

Monday, December 15

St. John the Evangelist Parish: | 5:30PM | 625 111th Avenue North, Naples

Tuesday December 16

St. Agnes Parish: | 5:00PM | 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd

Wednesday December 17

St. Finbarr Parish: | 2PM | 13520 Tamiami Trail East, Naples

Thursday December 18

San Marco Parish: | 2PM | 851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

Ave Maria Parish: | 6:30PM | 5078 Pope John Paul II Blvd

St. Agnes Christmas Flowers

Help us beautify the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with flowers. It's a meaningful way to remember loved ones who can't be with us and to honor someone special in our lives. To help us purchase the Christmas poinsettias, please fill out the form, include your donation, and return both to the parish office or the collection basket by **Monday, December 22**. A list of memorials and honors will be published after Christmas.

Thank you for helping make our church even more beautiful during this blessed season.



In Memory of: _____

In Honor of: _____

Requested by: _____

___\$10.00 Poinsettia ___\$20.00 Poinsettia ___\$50.00 Poinsettia ___\$100 Poinsettia

Why should I become a *member* of a Parish?



Registration is the official way we join a parish community. Many people think that because they attend a particular parish, they automatically belong. Membership requires formal enrollment in the parish, but it is more than just filling out some forms. Registration is a commitment to a community, a way to participate in the religious, social and ministerial activities of a parish.

Registration not only shows you belong, **but it is also necessary for certain benefits, like scheduling sacraments, obtaining sponsor certificates, letters for Immigration, participating in Faith Formation and receiving donation statements for tax purposes.**

Belonging to a parish is a commitment. Just as you want the parish to provide Masses, Sacraments, Faith Formation and ministries, the parish needs to be able to count on you to help and assist in their mission; to be an active member.

Being an active member at St. Agnes involves several key aspects:

- **Registration:** Active members are formally registered in the parish
- **Worship:** Active members attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (except for illness or emergency)
- **Stewardship:** Active members serve the community in various ways by sharing their time and talent
- **Financial Support:** Active members support the parish financially, using offertory envelopes or online giving (WeShare)

Are you registered with us? One way to know is if you receive regular communications from us, such as offertory envelopes, or occasional emails. If you do not, then perhaps you are not officially registered, or you have been marked as inactive. If you are unsure, please call the parish office.

Registering at St. Agnes is a statement of faith and support in the life and work of our parish. As a faith community, we are here to help each other on our journey of discipleship. Registration forms are found in the Parish Office, at each entrance of the Church, and on our website, stagnesnaples.org.

COME SEE US AT THE BLESSINGS STORE



Run by Ladies of St Agnes, the Blessings Store has all your religious home and gift articles.

HOURS OF OPERATION

Sat 3-4PM & Sun 8AM-Noon
Closed During Masses

*Located off the Narthex across
from the Bulletin Board.*

stagnesnaples.org/religious-blessings-store

CALLING ALL MEN OF ST. AGNES



Saturday, September 6 • 6:45AM
Classroom #1 • Parish Center

That Man is You combines scripture, prayer, solid secular research, and a little fun to address the pressures and temptations, facing men in our modern culture, that continuously attack authentic manhood. The program tackles real issues facing real men. TMIY helps formulate a plan that allows men to overcome these obstacles, creating better husbands, fathers, and authentic leaders capable of transforming homes and society!

Meets every Saturday between 6:30-6:45AM for breakfast and fellowship, followed by opening prayer, a short video, small group discussions, closing prayer, and dismissal at 8:20AM sharp!



For more information please contact: Isaac Mejias
via cell / text at: 732-986-8572 or via email at:
iosc7@yahoo.com. Learn more at tmiy.org.



JOIN THE ST. AGNES ADULT CHOIR



SING FOR THE
9AM MASS
REHEARSALS
WEDNESDAYS 6:30PM
IN THE CHURCH

CONTACT: RICH DITTUS
RICH@STAGNESNAPLES.ORG
239-307-4272

FAMILY HOLY HOUR

We invite you to spend time as a family
in adoration.

1st Saturday of the month
9-10 AM in the Church



FIRST FRIDAYS

We encourage all parishioners to take advantage of the great gift we have in being able to celebrate First Fridays and spend time in Eucharistic Adoration. Jesus is truly present, waiting to meet us in silence and love, a privilege many Catholics around the world do not have the freedom to enjoy. Let us respond with grateful hearts and make time to be with Him.

Join the St. Agnes Children's Choir

Praise God Through Music!

Don't miss this opportunity for your **2nd-5th grade** children to bring beauty and inspiration to our liturgy by singing in Mass!

Singing weekly at 11:00AM Mass on Sundays and for special celebrations.

Rehearsals are
Saturdays at 10AM
in the Church



Sign up now at:
stagnesnaples.org/children-choir
For more information or questions
Please contact: Richard Dittus
Rich@stagnesnaples.org | (239) 307-4272



IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER= GREAT OPPORTUNITY UNDER CURRENT TAX LAWS



Whether you itemize or not in 2025, this unique opportunity allows you to make a charitable contribution through a direct IRA transfer while reducing your adjusted gross income.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A GIFT TO OUR PARISH USING YOUR IRA AND IF:

1. You are at least 70 ^{1/2} years old on the date you make your gift.
2. Your IRA is a traditional (some Roth IRA's may qualify).
3. You don't exceed your personal maximum of \$100,000 per year in qualified charitable distributions.

You will not have to report your distribution as income. It will be free of federal income tax, and it will count toward your required minimum distribution (RMD).

The best way for you to start is with your IRA custodian. Tell them you want to make a "qualified charitable distribution." In most cases you will only have to fill out a simple form.

VERY IMPORTANT! Your gift must go directly from your IRA to our Parish. If you receive the money first, then you will be taxed on it like any other distribution.

Example:

Bill has \$125,000 in a traditional IRA and would like to contribute \$5,000 as his yearly gift to his Parish. Upon hearing of the Charitable IRA Rollover opportunity, he directs the custodian of his IRA to transfer this amount not later than December 31, 2025 directly to the Parish as the family's 2025 gift. He will not be subject to income tax on the \$5,000 donation.

This information is not intended and should not be construed as legal, tax or investment advice. For such advice, please consult an attorney, tax advisor or investment professional.

Catholic Jewish Dialogue of Collier County invites you to the 60th Anniversary of NOSTRA AETATE

The Symposium is a collaboration of the Catholic-Jewish Dialogue of the Collier County (CJD) the Jewish Community Relations Council of Greater Naples (JCRC), and Ave Maria University. 2025 marks the 60th anniversary of the landmark document known as Nostra Aetate (In Our Time) which was a result of Jewish and Catholic collaboration during the Second Vatican Council. This program brings together eight theologians and professors to discuss the document that changed 20 centuries of Catholic-Jewish relations and its impact on our lives.

Both locations will feature the same program.
Please attend the one that is most convenient for you.

Sunday, December 6 | 2 PM
Ave Maria University Auditorium

&

Sunday, December 7 | 2 PM
Nina Iser Jewish Cultural Center
4720 Pine Ridge Rd | Naples FL 34119



Jewish Federation
OF GREATER NAPLES

THE STRENGTH OF A PEOPLE.
THE POWER OF A COMMUNITY.

Please register at
<https://www.jewishnaples.org/catholic-jewish-dialogue>



36th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

**Come pray with us in the Church, Monday, December 8
from 8 - 10 P.M. in the presence of the
Blessed Sacrament.**

Join us in uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego and establishing a bridge of these two feasts to protect our culture, our church and our land. May we make reparation for all the lives lost in this nation to abortion and pray that parents may be conscious of their calling as they share in God's creative power. We also pray that those who have acted against human life experience forgiveness.

The National Night of Prayer for Life includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. We will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and to restore God's blessings of Life and Religious Liberty in America.

EVENTOS PARROQUIALES HISPANOS

Los días de atención a los feligreses del Padre Alejandro Giraldo-Roldán son los jueves y viernes de 1:00 p.m. a 4:00 p.m. Por favor, llame a la oficina para hacer su cita al (239) 592-1949.

PRIMER DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

El Adviento

El Adviento es un tiempo especial de preparación con el que se da inicio a un nuevo Año Litúrgico. El término Adviento significa venida o llegada.

Este tiempo está organizado en torno a los cuatro domingos previos a la Navidad, que conducen a la gran celebración del Nacimiento de Jesucristo, nuestro Salvador, y posteriormente a la Epifanía.

Los días de Adviento componen un camino litúrgico y espiritual cuyo núcleo es la espera de la llegada de Jesús, el Verbo Encarnado.

Símbolos del Adviento

La corona de Adviento

Está compuesta por tres velas moradas y una vela rosada.

Simboliza que la luz se abre paso en medio de las tinieblas y que la vida triunfa sobre la muerte.

Esa luz es Jesucristo, Luz del Mundo, quien se hace hombre para caminar entre nosotros y, con la entrega de su vida, ofrecernos una existencia más plena y auténtica.

- **Forma circular:** representa que no tiene principio ni fin.
- **Ramas verdes:** simbolizan la esperanza y la vida. Dios es un Dios de vivos; quiere que esperemos sus gracias, el perdón de los pecados y su gloria eterna al final de nuestra existencia.

El pesebre

Es la representación del nacimiento de nuestro Salvador en humildad, rodeado del amor de la Virgen María, de San José y de las criaturas que le dieron calor.

Propósitos del Adviento

- **Oración**
- **Sacrificios**
- **Confesión**
- **Lectura de la Biblia**

Que este tiempo de Adviento renueve nuestra esperanza y abra nuestro corazón a la venida del Señor. Vivamos estos días con oración, alegría y espíritu de conversión, preparando con amor el camino para recibir a Jesús que nace para darnos vida nueva.



Te invitamos al

RETIRO DE ADVIENTO

St. Agnes - Naples, FL

Sábado 06 de Diciembre
de 9 am a 3 pm

Impartido por el
Padre Pedro M. Corces
Vicario de la
Arquidiócesis de Miami

Centro parroquial de St. Agnes
7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd, Naples, FL 34120

Donación \$20.00 por persona
(Incluye desayuno y almuerzo)

Concluiremos con la Santa Misa.

Tiempo de Espera

1er DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"También ustedes estén preparados, porque a la hora que menos lo piensen, vendrá el Hijo del hombre". - Mt 24, 44

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