

CALLED INTO RELATIONSHIP BY THE HOLY SPIRIT AND CENTERED IN THE EUCHARIST, St. Agnes Parish proclaims and witnesses to all, the love and Good News of Jesus Christ.

### Pastoral Staff/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

## **Parish Office/Oficina Parroquial**

Deacon Mark Osterhaus • Deacon Rich Dahn

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 7775 Vanderbilt Beach Rd. Naples, FL 34120 Tel: 239-592-1949 Fax: 239-354-4462 E-Mail: info@stagnesnaples.org

#### 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.)

# DECEMBER 14, 2025

# **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



John the Baptist had disciples of his own and while in prison he sent some of them to Jesus. At John's request, the disciples asked Jesus if he was the Messiah or were they to wait for another. Jesus did not answer them directly, but pointed to the miracles he had performed in the name of God's love. If John himself did not wonder, it was likely that his followers did. Jesus did not fit the image of "Messiah," and so it was possible that people began to doubt their original perception. Today is the day we light the third candle on our Advent wreath, the pink one! Pink represents joy, and our families should come to know that it is with joy we await the return of Jesus. Ask each member of the family how he/she will bring joy to someone's life this week.



#### **Parish Contacts**

#### **Pastor**

Very Rev. Robert J. Kantor

#### **Parochial Vicars**

Rev. Binu Joseph

Rev. Alan Baldarelli

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**Hugh Muller** 

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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 15 - 21

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

Tuesday, December 16

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

Wednesday, December 17

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

Thursday, December 18

Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;

Mt 1:18-25

Friday, December 19

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

Saturday, December 20

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

Sunday, December 21

Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 (7c, 10b);

Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

DECEMBER 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, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm  K of C Breakfast after 7:30am & 9:00am Masses  9:15am Breaking open Scriptures (PC Hall, CL #1)  6pm HS Youth Group (PC)	15 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 7pm Sisters in Spirit (YR)	16 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 9am-4pm Adoration (Code required after 4pm) (PR) 9am Breakfast with Fr. Bob (PC Hall) 9:30am The Gospel of Matthew - Fr. Boyer (PC Hall) 5pm Advent Penance Service (CH) 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) 6pm Living Nativity Practice (PC Hall) 6:30pm Hombres de Emaús (CP) 6:30pm Choir Practice (CH) 7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #1)	18 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)  YOUTH GROUP 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 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 10:15am Children's Choir (CP) 4pm Mass (CH) 5:15am Live Nativity (PC Hall)
21 Masses 7:30am, 9am, 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish, 5pm  Live Nativity Presentation 10:15am - English 12:15pm - English 2:30pm - Spanish (PC Hall)  9:15am Breaking open Scriptures (CL #1)  12pm English Baptism Class (CR)  6pm Church Decorating for Christmas (CH)	22 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 6pm Cub Scouts (PC Hall) 7pm Spanish Book Club (CL #1)	23 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)	24 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)  Christmas Eve Masses  4pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH)  5pm Christmas Vigil Mass (PRHS)  7pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH)  Midnight Mass (CH)  Parish Office Closed	Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Spanish  Parish Office Closed	26 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP)	27 8:30am Mass (CP)  9-10am Confessions (CP)  9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room)  10:15am Children's Choir (CP)  \$\pi_{\pi_1\pi_1} \pi_{\pi_1\pi_1}\$  4pm Mass (CH)

# **ADORATION SUSPENDED**

Eucharistic Adoration is suspended from Monday, December 22 at until Monday, January 5 at 9 a.m. for the Christmas holiday.

We are thankful for all of our adorers!



#### The Ladies of St. Agnes Thank You!

We could not succeed without the generous support of our parishioners who contribute to our annual bazaar, bake sale, and raffle. Your kindness and generosity make all the difference. God bless you!

# BEHOLD

"This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you."

MATTHEW 11:10

# St. Agnes Mass

at Palmetto Ridge High School

# **SUNDAYS AT 10AM**

Now through April 26

*Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)* 

## GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

# The Fourth Sunday of Advent Matthew 1: 18-24

Next week we get an early Christmas gift from Matthew, Saint Joseph. He must have died a thousand deaths caring for that woman and child, both of whom he accepted as his own by faith even though they really belonged to God just as every parent must someday realize that their child really belongs to God. In Matthew's Gospel, everything depends upon Joseph who puts aside his own plans in confusion open to God's plan which is different from his own. I never like images of Joseph looking like an old man. I think he was most likely young and vigorous, excited about a future with a woman he loved so much that he ignored two bad options to follow an angel's order. God gambled on Joseph, and today, God gambles on you and me. In return, our faith is a gamble that God's love will lead us in times of confusion and disappointment. Joseph never says a word in all the Gospels. Yet, his actions speak loudly with a simple message: worry less and pray more. God can and does work great wonders out of chaos, confusion, and disappointment. Fear has no place in the hearts of those open to the will of God. Lest we think that the Kingdom of God depends upon someone sinless or immaculate, there comes Joseph to remind us that without people like Joseph, people like us, God's plan would never have a chance.

-Fr. Tom Boyer

"Hope, peace, joy, and love— Christ draws near."

# 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.

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

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams

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

## **3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

First Reading: Isa 35:10 Second Reading: Jas 5:7

Gospel: Mt 11:4-5

4:00 p.m.

7:30 a.m.

9:00 a.m.

11:00 a.m.

1:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

**Adults:** What would Jesus see to praise about you right now? ¿Qué vería Jesús en ti que mereciera elogios en este momento?

Children: What good thing have you done so far during Advent to be like Jesus?

¿Qué buenas acciones has realizado hasta ahora durante el Adviento para ser como Jesús?



MASS INTENTIONS					
Saturday	December 13	Requested by:			
8:30 a.m.	St. Agnes Memorial Mass				
4:00 p.m.	+Janet & Ellen Stanley	Bruce & Diane Stanley			
Sunday	December 14				
7:30 a.m.	+Theresa & Nicholas Pappa	dakis John & Josette Pappadakis			
9:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family				
PRHS 10 a.m.	+Frances Yuvienco Hilado	Emma Go			
11:00 a.m.	+Sebastian Mejia	Lucia Bethes			
1:00 p.m.	+Nanita Quijano de Martine	Z Rafael Martinez, hijos y nietos			
5:00 p.m	+James & Mary Short	Corinne Riccardi			
Monday	December 15				
8:30a.m.	+Peter & Olga Athans	Gerald Saltzer			
Tuesday	December 16				
8:30 a.m.	+Zachary Cloutier	BC & Gina Cloutier			
Wednesday	December 17				
8:30 a.m.	+Anna Marie O'Gara	Kaly Boland			
Thursday	December 18				
8:30 a.m.	+Veronica E. Devine	Jim & Ronnie Devine			
Friday	December 19				
8:30 a.m.	+Jennie Nolda	Marge & Bob Bartlett			
Saturday	December 20				
8:30 a.m.	+Harold Hebert	Velatini Family			

## \*The Masses will also be live streamed

Joe Pisterzi

Gino Falleti

**Gustavo Cueto** 

Nieto Carrero (Irina)

Philip & Annette Sinato

### PRIEST SCHEDULE subject to change

All Souls in Purgatory

December 21

+Albert Pisterzi

+Barbara Falleti

+Maria Bodino

+Isabel Villanes

**Our Parish Family** 

PRHS 10 a.m. Eduardo Nieto

Saturday	December 13	Saturday	December 20
4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alan	4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Orsi
Sunday	December 14	Sunday	December 21
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Binu	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Bob
9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Alan	9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Binu
PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Binu	PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Alan
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Alejandro	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bob
1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro	1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Bob	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Alan



# WINE AND HOSTS

In Honor of Our Parish Family

# We pray for:

Francis Pignone Nancy Pignone Jennifer Craig Owen Pignone Sue Merrill Michelle Castellucci Rene Mandujano Virginia Rojas Jaqueline Solarski Matthew Solarski Nancy Geikie Sam Solarski Pamela Calvani Irene Ramos Wendy C. Lager Eileen Bode Timothy Miller John A. Michaud Robert Twomey Joseph Damone Carol Griffin Jennifer Craig Linda Clifford Robert J Deteso Lorraine Marino Joann Slawson John Knapp Dixie Dion Karen Haupt Liz Bammerlin Fran Poston Daphne Ouezada Karelys Ng Cassie Puffenberger Megan Shramovich John McKeon Kim Wilt Lucille Netz Ann McKeon Kathryn Shapiro Bill Santillo Tim Miller Carla Carelli Holly Michalke John F. Maul Fr. Corey Piccinino Ron Oliver Michael Panzano Bertha Pineda Rhonda Dillon Stephan Santalis Eileen Matia John F. Maul Pat Conway Gene Gavin Bob Deteso Stephan Santalis Stephen Kapish Carolyn Webb Artie Flynn James Webb Jeanne Flynn Jesus Emiliano Flores Frank Scandale Liz Giglio Daniel Angelo Laurie Mussoline Vitorio DiBenedetto Eleanor Furlong Jimmy Harper Carrie Griffin Janice DeSalvo Jack Griffin Mary Lee Martin Augusta Lombardi Barbara Sowa Sam Farris Victoria Donlon Peggy McCarthy Mia Tristan Tricia Monahan Pamela Calvani Laura Suleta Beatriz Cano Jaemi Rice

Jessica Camarero

Eileen Walsh

Joseph Walsh

Bill Fulton Richard Limbach Joan Lowe Frank Carillo Trishia Mortell Christine D'Angelo Kevin Pignone Kathy Burke Carlos Graniso Don Getrost Rose Getrost Joanne Nigro Angelica B. Sheahan Ditka Shiman Judy Fenton Antoinette Knapp Michelle Dawson Victor Donat Kathleen Selinga Thomas Golian Joe Jaeger Tina Norgard Robert Bennett Robert Pash Cynthia Stachowski John Webster Patricia Webster Molly Coulter Trish Webster Mary Condon Rohr Christine Harding Juan Castro Nicole Maenza Wendy Rose Bob Lamie Lucca Thompson Noelle Thompson Kevin Dempsey Nichole Dempsey Ken Gross Susan King Roseanne Liguori Ann Marie Moriety Nellie Taylor Boltrek Cheryl M

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.

Margie Alley

Ismael Perez

Paula Laguna

# Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes

Parish Groups and Ministries



**Contact** 

**Contact** 

Kathy Madura

José Eduardo Carias

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

**Prayer** Contact **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** Call the Office **Prayer for Priests** Welcome Retreats Deacon Hugh Muller

## Service Contact

**Betty Criss** Arimatheans Altar Stewards Call the Office Bereavement Mary Ann Okner Nile Costa Personas en Duelo Caridad Zulma Barberi Catholics for Cuba Estela Delgado Childcare Ministry **Rose Chambers Funeral Planning** Rosemary Panzano Dcn. Roberto Landrón **Funerales** 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

### Parish Councils and Committees

Respect Life

Seasonal Decorating

St. Agnes Senior Singles

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

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#### Catechetical

Call the Office **Baptism Preparation** Bible Study Call Faith Formation Catechist-Teachers-Aides Rose Chambers Catholic Thinkers-Men's Group Call the Office Children's Lit of the Word Michael & Marianne Shahla Estudio Bíblico Gladys Gómez **Rose Chambers** Family Faith Formation K-5 **Enriquecimiento Matrimonial** Mayra y Julio de Armas Marriage Preparation Coord. Laurie Droullard **OCIA** Rose Chambers Sisters in Spirit **Daisy Ramirez** Young Adults Ministry (Age 18-35) Robert Massey Youth Groups Robert Massey

#### Liturgical

Altar Servers - Children

Altar Servers - Spanish Francisco Ramírez Altar Servers Adults Ralph Webster Call the Office Choir (Adults) Call the Office Choir (Children) Call the Office Robert Vélez Coro **Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist** Vincent Petrosini **Denny Gant** Greeters Homebound and Hospital EME Judy Bohardt Lectors Rita Volmer Wendy Álvarez Lectores Ministros Extraordinarios de la Eucaristia **Elvis Vacares** Monica Osterhaus Sacristans Sacristán Margarita Castillo Sonidos y Pantallas Ricardo Cardett Sound and Screen Dan Anderson Ushers Tina Kaatz

#### **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** John Goddard Society of St. Vincent de Paul

# A Heart that Gives

Ujieres

Jan Moore

Call the Office

Monica Osterhaus

Do you know the incarnate God? In our world of loneliness and despair, there is an enormous need for men and women who know the heart of God, a heart that forgives, that cares, that reaches out and wants to heal. In that heart there is no suspicion, no vindictiveness, no resentment, and not a tinge of hatred. It is a heart that wants only to give love and receive love in response. It is a heart that suffers immensely because it sees the magnitude of human pain and the great resistance to trusting the heart of God who wants to offer consolation and hope.

Henri Nouwen



"Christ has no body but yours, no hands, no feet but yours."

- St. Teresa of Avila

St. Agnes Catholic Church

#### REJOICE IN THE WAITING: EMBRACING GAUDETE SUNDAY



This Sunday, called **Gaudete Sunday**, meaning "Rejoice," marks a shift in Advent from penitence to joy as we anticipate the coming of Christ. The liturgical color is often **rose**, symbolizing joy and hope. We have a vision of joy and renewal where:

- A vision of joy and renewal, where the desert blooms and the weak are strengthened.
- Encouragement to be patient and steadfast as we await the Lord.
- John the Baptist's question about Jesus, and Jesus affirming His mission through acts of healing and mercy.

**Reflection:** This Sunday reminds us to find joy in the waiting, trusting in God's faithfulness.

Stewardship Connection

• **Joyful Giving:** Gaudete Sunday aligns beautifully with stewardship, as it calls us to reflect on how we can joyfully share our time, talents, and treasures in

gratitude for God's blessings.

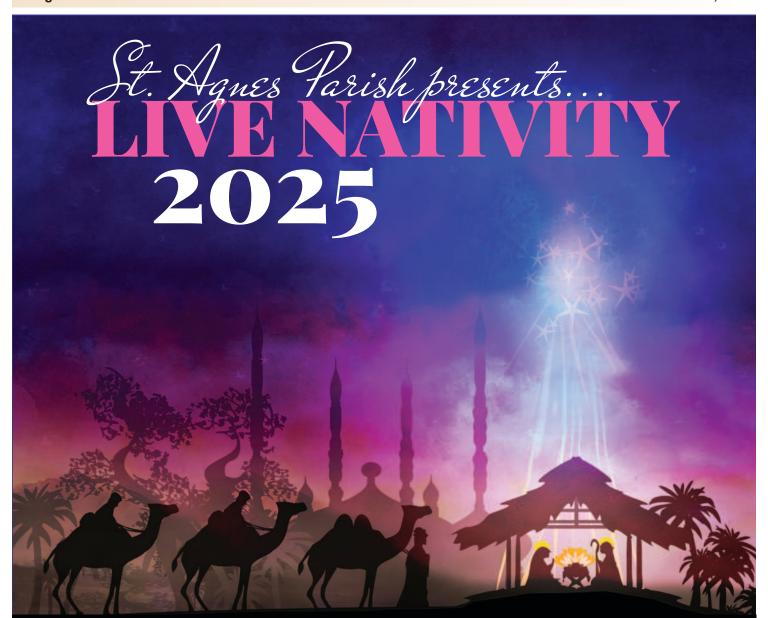
## **Practical Applications:**

- Acts of generosity, supporting parish ministries, or helping those in need during the Advent season.
- Highlight the importance of being stewards of hope and joy, spreading kindness and uplifting others in preparation for Christ's coming.
- Use this time to reflect on how stewardship is not just financial but also about nurturing relationships and caring for creation.

### **Ideas for Integration:**

- Liturgical Suggestions: Hymns and prayers that celebrate joy and gratitude.
- **Community Engagement:** The Giving Tree in the Narthex.
- Personal Reflection: Meditate on how you can be a steward of God's joy in your daily life.

This combination of themes invites us to rejoice in God's promises while actively participating in His mission through stewardship.



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: sabado, 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



#### 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!

# 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

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

## Faith Formation/Youth Group

ii Vacation Bible School set/decor	\$1000
ii Children's Missals for cry room (20)	\$15 ea
ii First Communion preparation scholarships (20)	\$100 ea
in Confirmation preparation scholarships (20)	\$100 ea
ii College Scholarship for HS Seniors	
with parish service record (4)	\$500 ea
ii 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
in Ping Pong Table	\$700

#### **Music Ministry**

\*\*Church Sound System Upgrades \$3,000-\$5,000 Our sound system needs improvements. Your support toward this important need is deeply appreciated and will enhance the worship experience for our entire parish community.

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 do	nate the following item(	s)	
l agree to ma	ake a financial contributi	on in the amount of \$	to be used for the purchase of the following item(s)
Name:		Address:	
City:	State:	Zip:	
Phone #:		Email:	



# Christmas Schedule

# Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

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Musical Prelude at 3:30 p.m. 4 p.m. Mass - Children's Choir 5 p.m. - Palmetto Ridge High School Musical Prelude at 6:30 p.m.

7 p.m. Mass - Adult Choir Musical Prelude at 11:15 p.m.

Midnight Mass - Cantor and Guests Musicians

# Christmas Day Masses

Thursday, December 25, 2025

(Musical Prelude 15 minutes before 9 & 11 a.m. Masses)

7:30 a.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing

9:00 a.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing

11:00 a.m. - Cantor & Congregational Singing

1:00 p.m. - Spanish Choir & Congregational Singing

# Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 2026

Masses 8:30 a.m., noon and 7:00 p.m. (Bilingual)

Masses in red will be live streamed for our homebound parishioners.





# Join the St. Agnes Children's Choir

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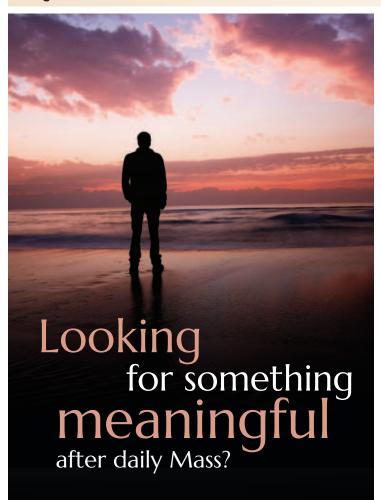
Rehearsals are Saturdays at 10AM in the Church



Sign up now at: stagnesnaples.org/children-choir

For more information or questions Please contact: Richard Dittus Rich@stagnesnaples.org | (239) 307-4272





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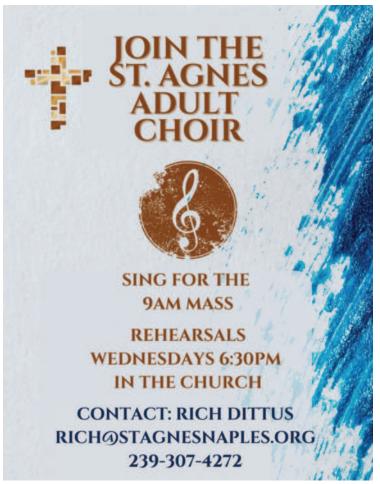
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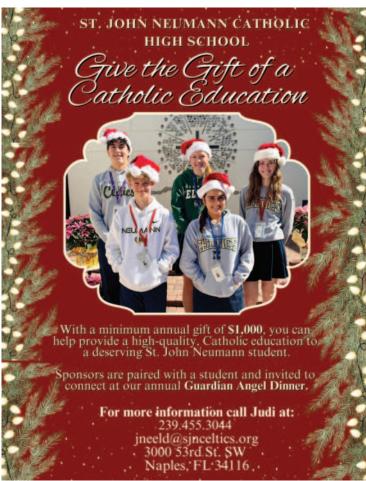
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All are welcome!

FOR CHILDREN AGES 5-10\* DURING 11AM MASS EVERY SUNDAY

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

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

**Where:** The children are dismissed from the main assembly to the chapel building 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

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

# Advent Penance Services in our Area



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



# Oh Come All Ye Faithful

**Help Decorate your Church!** 

We need and welcome your help decorating St. Agnes for Christmas on Sunday, December 21 at 6 p.m.
There are bows to make, wreaths to fluff, trees to put up and more in the church, chapel and grounds.

Please join use for fellowship and fun!

# 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.







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



## **Contact Information:**

Argentina: Luis Meira (239) 860-1115 Bolivia: Maggie Pomacusi (239) 272-6161

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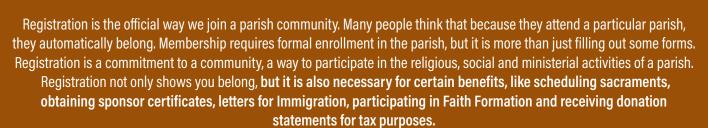






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- Registration: Active members are formally registered in the parish
- Worship: Active members attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (except for illness or emergency)
- Stewardship: Active members serve the community in various ways by 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.

# **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.

# DOMINGO DE GAUDETE O DE LA ALEGRÍA



Hoy se enciende la vela rosada, que representa la Alegría, destacando uno de los frutos propios del misterio de Cristo. Su denominación se inspira en el antiguo anuncio del profeta Zacarías: "Alégrate y goza, Sión, porque voy a habitar en medio de ti". O, como dice el profeta Sofonías: "Alégrate, hija de Sión, porque el Señor está en medio de ti", junto con otros anuncios similares del Antiguo Testamento que la Iglesia interpreta muy bien como referidos al nacimiento de Jesús y la llegada del Reino de Dios.

Hoy escuchamos en la lectura del Santo Evangelio que los signos que identificaban al enviado de Dios se hicieron realidad, cuando Jesús hizo que

los ciegos vieran y los paralíticos caminaran, los leprosos fueran purificados y los sordos oyeran, los muertos resucitaran y la Buena Noticia fuera anunciada a los pobres.

Que la oración que elevamos hoy a nuestro Señor sea para que nos libere de nuestras ataduras, del pecado que cierra nuestros sentidos y endurece nuestros corazones, porque sabemos que la alegría que Él entrega no se compara con nada de lo que podemos obtener en este mundo material. Que logremos acoger a Jesús como Salvador y reconocerlo como el Mesías que viene a dar su vida por nosotros, el Cordero de Dios que extirpa el pecado que habita en el hombre y le impide ser feliz, porque el pecado termina siempre llevando al hombre a la tristeza, la angustia y la ansiedad, ya que le impide fiarse de Dios.

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# **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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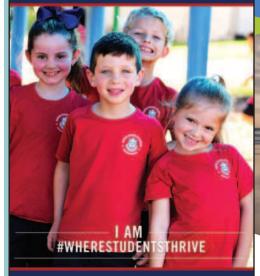


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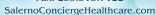
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