



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)

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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.)

DECEMBER 21, 2025

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Matthew recounts the circumstances of Jesus' birth by telling us the story of Mary's engagement to Joseph and the child she carried originating from the Holy Spirit.

This reality made no sense to Joseph, but he did not want to dishonor Mary so he planned to quietly divorce her. An angel came and told Joseph not to be afraid, that Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit and that they should call him Emmanuel meaning, "God is with us." Light the fourth candle on your family's Advent wreath. Ask each person to recall one time during this Advent season when they were confused, unsure, or frightened about something. Encourage each person to share how Jesus helped them . . . or how they will call on Jesus the next time they're in a frightening situation.



Parish Contacts**Pastor**

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Parochial Vicars

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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 22 - 28****Monday, December 22**

1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd;
Lk 1:46-56

Tuesday, December 23

Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and
14; Lk 1:57-66

Wednesday, December 24

Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

Thursday, December 25

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29
(2a); Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or
1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,
11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11); Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:
1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c); Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
or 1:1-5, 9-14

Friday, December 26





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

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1);
Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

DEC 2025 JAN 2026			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
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) <div>Christmas Eve Masses</div> 4pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH) 5pm Christmas Vigil Mass (PRHS) 7pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH) Midnight Mass (CH) Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas	25  Masses 7:30am, 9am, 11am, 1pm Spanish Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas	26 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) Parish Office Closed Merry Christmas	27 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 10:15am Children's Choir (CP)  4pm Mass (CH)
28 Masses 7:30am, 9am , 10am PRHS, 11am, (Children's Liturgy of the Word) 1pm Spanish , 5pm 9:15am Breaking open Scriptures (PH, CL #1) 11am Clase de Bautismo (CR)	29 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 5pm K of C. Assembly Officer Mtg. (CL #1) 	30 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 6pm K of C Officer's Mtg. (CL #1)  7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP) 	31 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) Parish Office Closed	1  Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses 8:30am, Noon, 7pm - Bilin- gual (CH)  Parish Office Closed	2 8:30am Mass (CP) 7:45am Rosary (CP) 9am Divine Mercy Chaplet (CP) 4pm First Friday Holy Hour (CH) Parish Office Closed	3 8:30am Mass (CP) 9-10am Confessions (CP) 9am Oración Centrante (Cry Room) 9am Family Holy Hour (CH) 10:15am Children's Choir (CP)  11am Catholics for Cuba (CL #5) 4pm Mass (CH)

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



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!

ST. AGNES MASS

at Palmetto Ridge High School

SUNDAYS AT 10AM

Now through April 26

Includes Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

SPANISH MEMORIAL MASS

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28 AT 1PM

Laudencia Peredo de Gonzalez, Sonia Guerrero
Guadalupe Muñoz, Matilde Rebolledo, Efrain Vasquez
Aldegunda Carvajal, Edilberto Restrepo
Nelson Restrepo Arias, John Restrepo, Carlos Portal
Consuelo Arias, Gladys Restrepo, Maria Jacinta Navarrete
Ramon Barreto, Gregorio Rebolledo, Matilde Rebolledo
Evangelina Landin, Lazaro Sosa, Berta Claro, Oscar Giha
Violeta Villiers, Antonio Santos, Humberto Gonzales
Maria Lastenia Romero, Vicente Magaña

GOSPEL REFLECTION FOR NEXT SUNDAY

The Holy Family

Matthew 2: 13-15 & 19-23

I grew up with images of the Holy Family that made my family look like the Clampetts of that silly old TV series. There were those images on holy cards, Christmas cards, and calendars where Joseph always had a lily in his hand.

I never saw my father hold a lily. Then there was that boy gazing at his holy parents waiting to obey their next command. That family sure didn't live in Oklahoma.

If they did, they belonged to some other parish. That whole image is a recipe for discouragement these days. It is one more blow to single parent families, to mothers who can't seem to raise that perfect child with the help of a perfect husband. In front of that image stands every father, frustrated, defeated, tired and anxious looking at that perfect family wondering if he did something wrong. That "holy" family lived through confusion, fear, strange journeys, a lost child, the early death of the father, and a cruel unjust death of the son. I think this feast is really for parents who just do the best they can and those torn apart by divorce and death, and because of it all cannot find their way to church anymore. No matter what, family is the ultimate school where we learn to be sensitive to others, share, love, forgive, be responsible, respect, and best of all, to pray. It is the first and best school of holiness.

-Fr. Tom Boyer



THANK YOU!

Thank you to all who contributed to St. Vincent De Paul's Thanksgiving Day collection. During the last couple of years, the needs of our neighbors have increased. Your generous contributions will enable us to continue to provide rental and utility assistance to those in need in our area of Collier County. Thank you for your continued support of the work of the St. Vincent De Paul Society. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

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
Sgt 1st Class John Bentsen, USA

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



4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**First Reading:** Isa 7:14**Second Reading:** Rom 1:7**Gospel:** Mt 1:20-21**Adults:** Whom do you find it difficult to welcome in your life? What can you do to overcome that?

¿A quién te resulta difícil acoger en tu vida? ¿Qué puedes hacer para superar esa dificultad?

Children: What could you do this week to make someone feel welcome, as Joseph welcomed Mary?

¿Qué podrías hacer esta semana para que alguien se sienta bienvenido, tal como José recibió a María?

**MASS INTENTIONS**

Saturday	December 20	Requested by:
8:30 a.m.	+Harold Hebert	Velatini Family
4:00 p.m.	All Souls in Purgatory	
Sunday	December 21	
7:30 a.m.	+Albert Pisterzi	Joe Pisterzi
9:00 a.m.	+Barbara Falleti	Gino Falleti
PRHS 10 a.m.	+Eduardo Nieto	Nieto Carrero
11:00 a.m.	+Maria Bodino	Philip & Annette Sinato
1:00 p.m.	+Isabel Villanes	Gustavo Cueto
5:00 p.m.	Our Parish Family	
Monday	December 22	
8:30 a.m.	+Connie Mortillaro	Donald & Elaine Marvin
Tuesday	December 23	
8:30 a.m.	Sherry Nichlus	Margie Berlan
Wednesday	December 24	
8:30 a.m.	+Bryan Almora	St. Agnes Staff
4:00 p.m.	+Francis & Femie Karolasz	The DeStefano Family
PRHS 5 p.m.	+Sebastian Mejia	Daniel, Alejandro & Catalina
7:00 p.m.	Deceased Members of Krause & Krauser Families	Merrily Krauser
Midnight	+Mia Vendlinski Reichard	Paula & John Vendlinski
Thursday	December 25	
7:30 a.m.	Our Parish Family	
9:00 a.m.	+Timothy Talbott, M.D.	Talbott Family
11:00 a.m.	+Luke Cuccia	Judy Vazyo
1:00 p.m.	Miembros fallecidos de la familia Orozco, Hernandez y Franco Arbelaes	Martha Orozco Franco
Friday	December 26	
8:30 a.m.	+Eugene Biela	Dolly Biela
Saturday	December 27	
8:30 a.m.	+Shawn Graham	Mary Orlando
4:00 p.m.	+Edward John Hendrickson	Aunt Catherine & Uncle Mike Balletto
Sunday	December 28	
7:30 a.m.	+Pope Francis	Ladies of St. Agnes
9:00 a.m.	+Richard Shea	Barbara Shea
PRHS 10 a.m.	Deceased Members of the Nickler Family	George & Diane Davis
11:00 a.m.	Our Parish Family	
1:00 p.m.	Spanish Memorial Mass	
5:00 p.m.	+Joseph A. Lampiasi	Sal & Angela Lampiasi

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

Saturday	December 20	Saturday	December 27
4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Orsi	4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Bob
Sunday	December 21	Sunday	December 28
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Bob	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Alan
9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Binu	9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Bob
PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Alan	PRHS 10 a.m.	Fr. Binu
11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bob	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Alan
1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro	1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro
5:00 p.m.	Fr. Alan	5:00 p.m.	Fr. Binu
Tuesday	December 24	Wednesday	December 25
4:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alan	7:30 a.m.	Fr. Binu
PRHS 5 p.m.	Fr. Binu	9:00 a.m.*	Fr. Tom
7:00 p.m.	Fr. Alan	11:00 a.m.	Fr. Bob
Midnight	Fr. Bob & Concelebrants	1:00 p.m.*	Fr. Alejandro

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

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

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



STEWARDSHIP

**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

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
Julio y Claudia Toledo
Laurie Drouillard
Rose Chambers
Daisy Ramirez
Robert Massey
Robert Massey

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

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 Ramirez
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

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

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

Your Life as a Quest

Sometimes we feel so much fear and anxiety, and identify so closely with our suffering, that our pain masks the questions. Once pain or confusion is framed or articulated by a question, it must be lived rather than answered. The first task of seeking guidance then is to touch your own struggles, doubts, and insecurities – in short, to affirm your life as a quest. Your life, my life, is given graciously by God. Our lives are not problems to be solved but journeys to be taken with Jesus as our friend and finest guide.

Henri Nouwen



STEWARDSHIP

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

— St. Teresa of Avila

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

ADVENT AND STEWARDSHIP



The Advent season is a cherished time in the Catholic calendar, a period of preparation and anticipation as we await the celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. It reminds us that the true essence of Christmas goes far beyond materialism and invites us into a deeper spiritual connection with God.

Stewardship — the responsible and generous use of our time, talents, and treasure — offers a meaningful framework for Catholics to live Advent in a way that honors the heart of the season.

The Fourth Sunday of Advent holds special significance for stewardship within the church community. This Sunday invites us to reflect on the foundational themes of Advent: hope, peace, joy, and love. It is a fitting moment to consider how we can respond to God's gifts with gratitude and generosity. Here are some meaningful ways to engage in stewardship during this sacred time:

- Make a conscious effort to include daily prayer and reflection in your Advent routine.
- Identify your unique talents and find ways to use them in the service of others.
- Allow stewardship to guide your financial decisions during a season often marked by commercial pressure. Take time to evaluate your resources and make a meaningful, generous offering. Consider supporting your parish's Advent collection or contributing to a charitable organization in need.
- Dedicate time to volunteer for parish Advent activities—organizing events, decorating the church, assisting with outreach programs, or participating in a Nativity play.

Advent is far more than counting down the days until Christmas; it is a journey of spiritual preparation, reflection, and hopeful anticipation. Through the responsible and generous use of our time, talents, and treasure, Advent becomes an opportunity to rekindle the true spirit of Christmas and strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ.

Ultimately, Advent reminds us that living out Catholic stewardship is not just a commitment but a way of life—one that draws us ever closer to the heart of Christ.

Blessed Christmas to all.

—Catholic Stewardship Consultants, edited by G. Carter

Christmas Schedule

Christmas Eve Masses

Wednesday, December 24, 2025

Christmas Eve Masses – Wednesday December 24, 2025

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.

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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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
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🎁 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
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🎁 First Communion preparation scholarships (20)	\$100 ea
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🎁 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
🎁 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

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Christmas Greetings from Fr. Bob

We have spent this Advent season preparing and anticipating, hopefully examining our relationship with the Lord and readying a path for Him to our hearts. Now, we celebrate! Christmas, this monumental event in human history, the birth of our Savior, brings great joy. I have fond memories of happy Christmases from my childhood. They were set in the cold and snow of western New York in the warmth of a loving and faithful family. Regardless of the geographic and cultural settings from which you come, each Christmas we are all united in the wondrous gift of the Father's only begotten son, Jesus.

Just as at the first Christmas, various peoples of all walks of life, from the shepherds to the Magi, were drawn to a stable, so too are we all drawn together here. Christmas is a time when people who have been away from active participation in their Faith return. For those who are new to our area and spending their first Christmas at St. Agnes, the celebration of the Mass here in a new spiritual home could be particularly powerful, knowing that Mary and Joseph were in a new place too as Jesus came into the world. God's tug on our hearts is alive and well. And the Eucharist draws us close to Him in the most profound way. We hope that this will be a grace-filled time that strengthens your relationship with our Lord and his Church.

The ups and downs of life in 2025 remind us that our world is not a perfect place. But our God calls us to see the beauty of the world he created in all its wonder and seek out light amidst the darkness. As a faith community, I pray that we can grow together in faithfulness and courage to communicate God's love, showing the face of Christ to all we encounter. May we be at peace in this world and have the strength to live the convictions of the Faith we profess.

As pastor, I am grateful for the opportunity to be a companion on people's journey with Christ. As we celebrate the King who came into the world in the humblest of ways, be assured that I will keep you and your families in my thoughts and prayers. On behalf of the clergy and staff of St. Agnes Parish, please accept my sincere wishes for a very merry, holy Christmas and may the New Year bring wonderful blessings from our magnificent God!

Fr. Bob



Saludos de Navidad del Padre Bob

Durante esta temporada de Adviento nos hemos preparado y hemos vivido en anticipación, ojalá examinando nuestra relación con el Señor y preparando un camino para Él hacia nuestros corazones. Ahora, ¡celebramos! La Navidad, este acontecimiento monumental en la historia humana, el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador, trae una gran alegría. Tengo gratos recuerdos de Navidades felices de mi infancia. Estaban ambientadas en el frío y la nieve del oeste de Nueva York, en el calor de una familia amorosa y fiel. Sin importar el entorno geográfico o cultural del que provengamos, cada Navidad todos estamos unidos por el maravilloso don del Hijo unigénito del Padre, Jesús.

Así como en la primera Navidad diversas personas de todo tipo —desde los pastores hasta los Magos— fueron atraídas a un establo, también nosotros somos reunidos aquí. La Navidad es un tiempo en el que personas que han estado alejadas de la práctica activa de su fe regresan. Para quienes son nuevos en nuestra área y pasan su primera Navidad en Santa Inés, la celebración de la Misa aquí, en un nuevo hogar espiritual, puede ser especialmente conmovedora, sabiendo que María y José también estaban en un lugar nuevo cuando Jesús vino al mundo. El llamado de Dios a nuestros corazones sigue vivo. Y la Eucaristía nos acerca a Él de la manera más profunda. Esperamos que este sea un tiempo lleno de gracia que fortalezca su relación con nuestro Señor y con su Iglesia.

Los altibajos de la vida en 2025 nos recuerdan que nuestro mundo no es un lugar perfecto. Pero nuestro Dios nos llama a ver la belleza del mundo que Él creó en toda su maravilla y a buscar la luz en medio de la oscuridad. Como comunidad de fe, oro para que podamos crecer juntos en fidelidad y valentía para comunicar el amor de Dios, mostrando el rostro de Cristo a todos los que encontremos. Que podamos vivir en paz en este mundo y tener la fortaleza para vivir las convicciones de la fe que profesamos.

Como párroco, estoy agradecido por la oportunidad de ser compañero en el camino de cada persona con Cristo. Al celebrar al Rey que vino al mundo de la manera más humilde, tengan la seguridad de que los llevaré a ustedes y a sus familias en mis pensamientos y oraciones. En nombre del clero y el personal de la Parroquia de Santa Inés, reciban mis más sinceros deseos de una muy feliz y santa Navidad, y que el Año Nuevo traiga maravillosas bendiciones de nuestro magnífico Dios.

Fr. Bob



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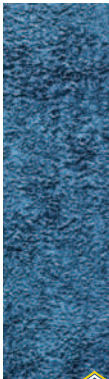


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If you would like to help at the festival with a particular culture, please call the appropriate contact person from the list below. If you would like to represent a country that is not listed please contact

Daniel Muro (239) 537-9895 or Martha Velasco at 239.687.8038.

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

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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.

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REFLEXIÓN PARA EL IV DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO



Hoy, en el cuarto domingo de Adviento, la Iglesia nos invita a fijar la mirada en la Virgen María, ya pronta para dar a luz. Desde aquel "¡Sí!" pronunciado en la Anunciación, María comenzó a preparar su hogar humilde al mismo ritmo con que preparaba su corazón para acoger al Hijo de Dios, Jesús, nuestro Salvador.

La Virgen del Adviento se muestra siempre cercana a quien está en necesidad; acude solícita, como Madre, a ofrecer auxilio y consuelo. En su vientre santísimo se gestó todo el amor del mundo. ¡Benditos nueve meses en los que la humanidad entera esperó, suspendida en esperanza, la llegada del Redentor!

Con esta sabiduría, la Iglesia nos recuerda que es María, la llena de gracia, quien nos abre de par en par las puertas de la Navidad. Ella es la señal segura de que el cielo es alcanzable, porque ya lo llevó primero en su seno.

Que este día sea ocasión para amar más profundamente a Jesús, contemplando el modo en que su Madre lo amó: con humildad, con disponibilidad total y con un corazón encendido de esperanza.



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4º DOMINGO DE ADVIENTO

"Daré a luz un hijo y tú le pondrás el nombre de Jesús, porque él salvará a su pueblo de sus pecados".
- Mt 1, 21

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

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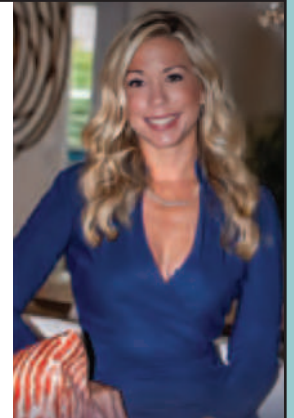
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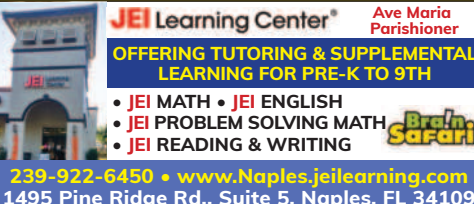


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