

Saint Agnes Catholic Church

December 5th, 2021—Second Sunday of Advent



From the Gospel of Luke

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight His paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low.”

Lk 3:1-6

This Week's Mass Intentions

Sunday, December 5

- 8:00 a.m. † Martin Edlefsen
(The Chase Family)
- 10:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 12:00 p.m. † Phillip M. Reiss
(His children)

Monday, December 6

- 6:30 a.m. The Whelan Family
(The Hazzard Family)
- 9:00 a.m. † Roger Manning
(Thomas Di Filippo)

Tuesday, December 7

- 6:30 a.m. † Tracy Zimmer Mills
(Warren and Norma Duerbeck)
- 9:00 a.m. In Thanksgiving to St. Anthony
(Mary Anthony)

Wednesday, December 8

- 6:30 a.m. Michelle Kelley
(Family of Michelle Kelley)
- 9:00 a.m. Michaela Hogan
(Michelle Kelley)
- 7:00 p.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

Thursday, December 9

- 6:30 a.m. † Patrick Tracy
(Thomas Di Filippo)
- 9:00 a.m. † Douglas Maxwell
(Michael and Dannaher Families)

Friday, December 10

- 6:30 a.m. † Dr. Joseph Braddock
(The Hofer Family)
- 9:00 a.m. † Symantha Milton
(John Milton)

Saturday, December 11

- 7:30 a.m. † Robert T. Blakely, Sr.
(Delia and Kapil Tyagi)
- 9:00 a.m. † Charles Brown
(Jim and Claire Capretta)

Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. † Robert Young, Jr.
(The Kalitka Family)

Sunday, December 12

- 8:00 a.m. † Galileo Leone DeAscanis
(Delia and Kapil Tyagi)
- 10:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners
- 12:00 p.m. † Kenneth Peterson
(The Nachmann Family)

† indicates person is deceased

Scripture Readings

Week of December 5th, 2021

- Sunday** **Second Sunday of Advent**
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6;
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
- Monday** **Saint Nicholas, Bishop**
Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12,
13-14; Lk 5:17-26
- Tuesday** **Memorial of Saint Ambrose, Bishop
and Doctor of the Church**
Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac,
11-12, 13; Mt 18:12-14
- Wednesday** **Solemnity of the Immaculate
Conception of the Blessed Virgin
Mary**
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4;
Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
- Thursday** **Saint Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin**
Is 41:13-20; Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11,
12-13ab; Mt 11:11-15
- Friday** **Our Lady of Loreto**
Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6;
Mt 11:16-19
- Saturday** **Saint Damasus I, Pope**
Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac and 3b,
15-16, 18-19; Mt 17:9a, 10-13
- Sunday** **Third Sunday of Advent**
Zep 3:14-18a; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
Phil 4:4-7; Lk 3:10-18

Keep Them in Your Prayers

For those who are sick in our midst:

Judy Shack, Walter Quinn, Helena Metzger,
William Thomas, Lauren and Jessica Makuh,
Paul Carder, Those suffering from COVID-19,
Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Edward Owen, George Towner, Dick Costello,
Reed Albrittain, Carol Cusack,
Victims of COVID-19

Will you adore
our Lord
one hour
a month?





Saint Agnes Essentials

Sacramental Emergency:

Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the Noon Mass. Please contact the Parish Office to learn more about having your child baptized.

Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least 7 months prior to your wedding.

Anointing of the Sick:

Call the Parish Office to request Anointing of the Sick. Anyone with a serious illness should request this sacrament before being admitted to the hospital.

Homebound Visitation:

Contact the Parish Office at (703) 525-1166.

How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact Ana Lisa Piñon at analisapinon@arlingtondiocese.org.

Holy Orders and Consecrated Life:

Is the Lord calling you? For information about priesthood, the permanent diaconate, or the consecrated life, contact one of the priests or the Diocesan Vocations Office at (703) 841-2514.

Registration/Change of Address:

Forms can be found in the church, parish office, or on our website. Return completed forms to the parish office or parishoffice@saintagnes.org.

Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into April 2022.

Parish Clergy

Pastor • Rev. William Saunders
Parochial Vicar • Rev. Peter McShurley
In residence • Rev. Anthony Pinizzotto
In residence • Rev. Steven Oetjen

Parish Office

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Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)
Sunday: 8:00 a.m., 10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (in parish hall)
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.



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Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

There will be an additional Mass on Wednesday, December 8th, for the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception at 7:00 p.m. in the Church.

Suffering after Divorce?

The St. Agnes community wants to support and remind you of the healing and restoration possible only through Jesus Christ. Starting January 8, the gatherings will take place the second Saturday of every month from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall and will include a short presentation, time for discussion, and prayer. All are welcome. For more information or to register contact Francisco Solares at francisco.j.solares@gmail.com or Patricia Lizarazo at patricia.lizarazo@gmail.com.

Bambinelli Sunday

On Sunday, December 12th, we celebrate Gaudete Sunday. During his pontificate, Pope St. John Paul II started the tradition of blessing the baby Jesus figurines that would be placed in the creches at home. This has become known as Bambinelli Sunday, which Pope Benedict and Pope Francis have continued.

Therefore, all are invited to bring baby Jesus to church for the special blessing after the 10 a.m. Mass this day.

Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study— Toddcotts@me.com
- RCIA— analisa.pinson@arlingtondiocese.org
- Walking with Purpose — stagneswvp@gmail.com

Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts — bkdanyliw@verizon.net
- Calix — gtrcity@yahoo.com
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group— biehlerj@aol.com
- Christ House Team — Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com
- Gardening Angels — jshirhall@gmail.com
- Knights of Columbus— jim@saenzmail.com
- Legion of Mary— jbdugan45@gmail.com
- Parish Charities— charity@saintagnes.org
- Remembrance Circle— remembrancecircle@saintagnes.org
- Respect Life— saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com
- St. Joseph's League— kkelly@ratereset.com
- St. Raphael Prayer Group— littlecubb@aol.com

Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion— dkcwhelan@gmail.com
- Flower Guild— dfowen@aol.com
- Lectors— biehlerj@aol.com
- Sacristans— ruthefoster@earthlink.net
- Ushers— jholl2473@aol.com

Youth Activities

- Challenge Club— kfoley2@pefoley.com
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts— mallen@americanpublic.us
- CYO Sports- ed.mcfadden@me.com
- Girl Scouts— monablake@gmail.com
- Youth Group and Young Adults— youth.ministry@saintagnes.org

Next weekend Catholic Charities Christmas Collection

The theme for the 2021 Catholic Charities Parish Christmas Collection is “Do This in Remembrance of Me.” Our Lord invites us to follow His example of serving others, and we do this in remembrance of Him.

Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift to this Collection next weekend of December 11-12 which helps those in need in our diocese.

Thank you for your generosity!

The next Extraordinary Form Mass will be held on Friday, January 7th at 7:00 p.m.



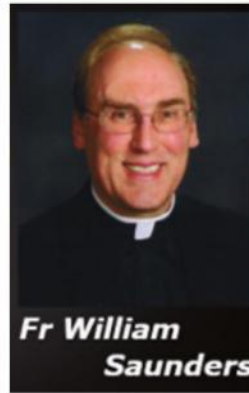
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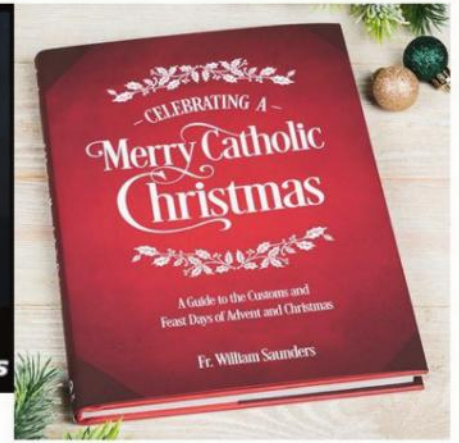
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Questions? Email below or contact Fr McShurley

Forms and links: <https://linktr.ee/stagnesyouth>
Email: youth.ministry@saintagnes.org



Fr William Saunders



Book

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You may stop by the office to purchase your book, or send in your check and pick-up your book on Sunday in the sacristy after Mass. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes Church.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Festivity Saturday, December 11, 2021



Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mystical Rose,

Make intercession for Holy Church, protect the sovereign Pontiff, help all those who invoke you in their necessities, and since You are the ever Virgin Mary and Mother of the true God, obtain for us from your Most Holy Son the grace of keeping our faith, of sweet hope in the midst of the bitterness of life of burning charity, and the precious gift of final perseverance.

Amen.

A candlelit procession from the 5 p.m. Mass will take one and all to the Parish Center for a dinner celebration accompanied by homemade Hot Chocolate and Sangria for all! A bilingual Spanish/English decade of the Rosary will be followed by Mariachi music and a Piñata for the children!

Please come join us for this festive feast day celebration!

*If you would like to donate money for the catering, \$ gift cards can be brought to the Parish Office anytime before December 9.

Please RSVP to celebrations@saintagnes.org so we may plan accordingly!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Lessons and Carols—12/19

Please join us for a concert of Advent and Christmas music on Sunday, December 19 at 7 p.m. The concert will be featuring the St. Agnes Schola Cantorum and the St. Agnes chamber players.

IN SEARCH OF: 20 VOLUNTEERS

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Work with a team preparing high schoolers for service next summer. Various roles available depending on availability, skill.

OPCYP: Must pass background check, may require VIRTUS training.

More information: Dec. 11 at 1 PM

location TBD - email youth.ministry@saintagnes.org for updates

Real WorkCamp returns for 2022!

Wondering what this means? Forgot how to prepare? Bring your questions to our **info meeting, Dec. 11 at 1 PM** (location TBD). Sign up at <https://sites.google.com/saintagnes.org/sayg> Registration opens Dec. 6. Please contact youth.ministry@saintagnes.org for instructions.

WorkCamp is open to all current high schoolers ('22-'25) and includes accessibility options where needed.

WORKCAMP

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INFO MEETING: DEC. 11 / 1 PM

ADVENT

Young Adult Social

Friday, December 17th, 7:00 PM
St. Agnes Church, Parish Center

Praise and Worship, Adoration,
and Confessions followed by a
social with drinks and dessert.
All young adults are welcome and
encouraged to bring a friend!

Questions? Contact Megan Youngblood, megan.youngblood@gmail.com.

Catholic Charities Giving Tree

Pick up an ornament from our Giving Tree in the section of the church near the organ.

Please return gift cards to the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 15th.

Give a special gift to families in need this Christmas through the St. Agnes Giving Tree!

Contact charity@saintagnes.org with any questions.



ADVENT & CHRISTMAS

MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

Every Saturday	8:00-9:00 AM & 3:00-4:00 PM
Tuesday, December 21st:	7:00 PM until the last person

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Friday, December 24th:	5:00 PM 7:30 PM 10:00 PM
Saturday, December 25th*:	Midnight Mass (Extraordinary Form Latin Mass) 9:00 AM 11:00 AM

CHRISTMAS WEEK

Sunday, December 26th:	8:00 AM 10:00 AM 12:00 PM
Monday-Friday, December 27th-31st:	9:00 AM Daily Mass ONLY

**SOLEMNITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY,
MOTHER OF GOD MASS SCHEDULE**

Friday, December 31st:	5:00 PM
Saturday, January 1st*:	9:00 AM 11:00 AM

*** NO VIGIL MASS on Saturdays December 25th & January 1st.**



Worldwide Marriage Encounter weekend


“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” Sign up today to prepare your marriage to follow the Lord by attending one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences on Feb 7-28, 2022 in CHANTILLY, VA, and Jan 28-30, 2022 in NORTH MYRTLE BEACH, SC. Early sign up is recommended.

For more information visit our website at: RenewMarriage-VANorth.org or contact us at applications@renewmarriage-vanorth.org or 703-646-1521.

Days of Recollection for Men and Women Discerners!


Could Christ be calling you to the priesthood or religious life? Take a step to find out and enjoy some quiet prayer time this Advent. Both are Sunday December 19: the Men’s Day of Recollection is with diocesan seminarians and Franciscan Friars; the Women’s Day of Recollection is with the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy. These events are for those 18-35 years old interested in deepening their prayer life and exploring their vocation. For more information and to register contact the Office of Vocations, 703-841-2514 or vocations@arlingtondiocese.org. Deadline to register is Friday, December 10.

Saint Agnes Catholic School



St. Agnes School is a Catholic community centered on the teachings of Jesus Christ and strengthened by the partnership between parents, who are the primary educators of our students, and our dedicated teaching staff.

We believe in the mission to educate our students so that they become loving Christians, inspired learners, outstanding achievers, natural communicators, and strong servants of God.




*Congratulations to the November Virtue of the Month winners. This month we practiced the virtue of **Stewardship**. This month's winners are: Connor D, Elana K, Evie H, Riley P, Liam C, Brendan N, Anthony A, Charlie K, Julian S, Fabiana M, Freja M, Cara M, Lucy E, Lola J, Alexia M, Evan C, Bridget P, Grace B, Adara H, Harrison C, Oleena F, and Lilianna D.*

Saint Agnes Religious Education

Important Reminders!

- ◆ Confession/Adoration for RE on Dec. 7
- ◆ RE Nativity Play and Party on Dec. 14

Family Gospel Chat

Have you ever felt overwhelmed or anxious in the busyness of Christmas preparation? John the Baptist reminds us that the best way to have a meaningful, peaceful and joyful Christmas is to be reconciled with God and each other.

Q: *What can you do to promote peace and reconciliation in your family?*

Did You Know?

December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is a Holy Day of Obligation. Many people get confused and think that this refers to the conception of Jesus in Mary's womb. Rather, this Feast celebrates the fact that Mary was free from Original Sin from the very moment of her conception in the womb of her mother, St. Anne. It is an important and holy event in salvation history to prepare for the coming of Jesus Christ.



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