

# Saint Agnes Catholic Church

December 22nd, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Advent



## *From the Gospel of Luke*

“When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, ‘Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me?’”

*Lk 1:39-45*

## This Week's Mass Intentions

### Sunday, December 22

- 7:30 a.m. Laura Harriman  
(*Tara Telesha*)
- 9:00 a.m. † David Sault  
(*Ken & Thuy Sault*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Monday, December 23

- 6:30 a.m. † Bishop William Curlin  
(*The Saunders Family*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Matilde Winder  
(*Carmen Guardia*)

### Tuesday, December 24

- 6:30 a.m. NO MASS
- 9:00 a.m. † Paul & Olga Dugan

### Christmas Eve Masses

- 5:00 p.m. † Clara and Paul Dugan
- 8:00 p.m. The Saunders Family

### Wednesday, December 25 | Christmas

- 9:00 a.m. The Haissig Family
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

### Thursday, December 26

- 6:30 a.m. NO MASS
- 9:00 a.m. † Jeffrey Flippin  
(*The Pirozzoli Family*)

### Friday, December 27

- 6:30 a.m. NO MASS
- 9:00 a.m. † Michael Arduini  
(*Tara Telesha*)

### Saturday, December 28

- 7:30 a.m. Sr. Monica Baptiste Whelan, O.P.  
(*Maggie Wynne*)
- 9:00 a.m. Charlotte D'Ooge  
(*Ruth Foster*)

### Vigil

- 5:00 p.m. Fr. James Joseph  
(*The Pirozzoli Family*)

### Sunday, December 29

- 7:30 a.m. † Juan & Silvio Vindel  
(*Ligia Santos*)
- 9:00 a.m. † Dolores Rodriguez  
(*Carmen Guardia*)
- 11:00 a.m. All Living and Deceased Parishioners

† indicates person is deceased

## Scripture Readings Week of December 22nd, 2024

- Sunday Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
Mi 5:1-4a; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; Heb 10:5-10;  
Lk 1:39-45
- Monday** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14;  
Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4, 5, 27 and  
29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday The Nativity of the Lord**  
**Vigil Mass:** Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29;  
Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25
- Mass during the Night:** Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3,  
11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
- Mass at Dawn:** Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12;  
Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
- Mass during the Day:** Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4,  
5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
- Thursday Feast of Saint Stephen, First Martyr**  
Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc  
and 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday Feast of Saint John, Apostle and Evangelist**  
1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a and 2-8
- Saturday Feast of the Holy Innocents, Martyrs**  
1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7-cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph**  
Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28; Ps 128:1-2,  
3, 4-5 or Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17  
or 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52

## Keep Them in Your Prayers

### For those who are sick in our midst:

Walter Quinn, William Thomas, Carol Naill,  
Cathy Sheehan-Wilson, Marlise Yetter, Paz Speer,  
Jake Williams, Mary Pace, Jodi Borisinco, David Lounsbury,  
Helen Rebull, Caio Rabello, Allen Ashby, Judy Bosco,  
Carlos Porras, Patricio Martinez, Seamus Hasson,  
Audrey Gawda, Alzira Medeiros, Alice Paxton,  
Susan Donahue, John Tuohy, Joseph Elegido,  
Marjorie Meyers, William James Hall, Warren Duerbeck,  
Ava Gloria Laranjeira Wescher, Larry Mead,  
Maerose Naduvilukunell, Benjamin Griffith,  
Residents of Cherrydale Health and Rehabilitation

### The repose of the souls who have recently passed:

Kathleen Cronin, Juanita Fadul, Richard V. Allen,  
Margaret "Peggy" Palizzi, Marilyn Jerussi, Helen Foley,  
Gerald Philip Andre, Anne Sullivan

# Saint Agnes Essentials

## Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5:00 p.m. (Vigil)  
Sunday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Mass

Monday – Friday: 6:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.  
Saturday: 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m.

## Sacramental Emergency:

Please call (703) 525-1166 Ext 1.

## Infant/Child Baptism:

Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays after the 11:00 a.m. Mass. Please contact [sacraments@saintagnes.org](mailto:sacraments@saintagnes.org) to learn more about having your child baptized.

## Marriage Preparation:

Call the Parish Office for Pre-Cana at least seven (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:

Call the Parish Office to request visitation.

## How to become Catholic:

Interested in joining the Catholic Church or want to learn more? Contact [adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.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 parish office or you can register online on our website. Let the parish office know about any address changes.

## Sacramental Records or Sponsor Forms:

Please contact [sacraments@saintagnes.org](mailto:sacraments@saintagnes.org) to request copies of your Sacramental records or for Godparent or Confirmation sponsor forms. Please allow five (5) business days to accommodate your requests.

## Mass Intentions:

Please visit the Parish Office to request Mass intentions. We are currently scheduling into the month of March 2025.



## Sacrament of Penance

Wednesday during Holy Hour 7:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.  
Saturday 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m., 3:00 – 4:00 p.m.  
and by appointment

## Parish Clergy

**Pastor** • Rev. Msgr. William Saunders  
**Parochial Vicar** • Rev. Andrew Haissig  
**In residence** • Rev. Steven Oetjen  
**In residence** • Rev. John Kist

## Parish Office

1914 N. Randolph Street  
Arlington, VA 22207-3046  
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**RCIA** • Ana Lisa Pinon  
[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)

**Adoration Chapel Volunteer** • Greg King  
[adoration@saintagnes.org](mailto:adoration@saintagnes.org)

## Saint Agnes School

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<https://school.saintagnes.org/>

**Principal** • Jennifer Kuzdzal [jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org](mailto:jkuzdzal@saintagnes.org)

**Assistant Principal** • Ann Reid [areid@saintagnes.org](mailto:areid@saintagnes.org)

## Christmas Office Hours

**December 24th-January 1st:** The Parish office will close at Noon on December 24th and will remain closed for Christmas and New Year.

**January 2nd:** The Parish office reopens at 9:30 a.m.

## 2024 Contributions

Contributions made in 2024 must be postmarked or received at the Parish Office no later than December 31, 2024. These contributions will be credited for the calendar year 2024. Contribution statements for 2024 will be mailed to those whose parish records indicate they have contributed during the year. If you do not receive your statement by January 31, please contact the Parish Office at parishoffice@saintagnes.org.

*Thank you for your stewardship of God's gifts and your generosity for the many needs of parish life!*

## Ministries & Groups at Saint Agnes

### Adult Faith Formation

- Bible Study—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- RCIA—[adultformation@saintagnes.org](mailto:adultformation@saintagnes.org)
- Spanish Bible Study—[gvegge@aol.com](mailto:gvegge@aol.com)
- Women's Bible Study—[stagneswvp@gmail.com](mailto:stagneswvp@gmail.com)

### Parish Service

- Arts & Crafts Guild—[gveggejr@gmail.com](mailto:gveggejr@gmail.com)
- Bethany Ministry—[bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org)
- Cherrydale Rehab Prayer Group—[biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Christ House Team—[Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com](mailto:Alice.paxton@paladinlifecare.com)
- Gabriel Project—[gabrielproject@saintagnes.org](mailto:gabrielproject@saintagnes.org)
- Gardening Angels—[jshirhall@gmail.com](mailto:jshirhall@gmail.com)
- Homebound Parishioners Visits—[homebound@saintagnes.org](mailto:homebound@saintagnes.org)
- Legion of Mary—[jbdugan45@gmail.com](mailto:jbdugan45@gmail.com)
- Respect Life—[saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com](mailto:saintagnesrespectlife@gmail.com)
- Saint Agnes Knights of Columbus Council—[StAgnesKofC@saintagnes.org](mailto:StAgnesKofC@saintagnes.org)
- St. Joseph's League—[StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com](mailto:StJosephLeague.StAgnes@gmail.com)
- St. Raphael Prayer Group—[moshimoshigcs@gmail.com](mailto:moshimoshigcs@gmail.com)

- The Borgo Gift Store—[theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)
- Young Adults—[youngadults@saintagnes.org](mailto:youngadults@saintagnes.org)

### Liturgy

- Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion—[dkcwhelan@gmail.com](mailto:dkcwhelan@gmail.com)
- Flower Guild—[dfowen@aol.com](mailto:dfowen@aol.com)
- Lectors—[biehlerj@aol.com](mailto:biehlerj@aol.com)
- Parish Choir—[musicdirector@saintagnes.org](mailto:musicdirector@saintagnes.org)
- Sacristans—[ruthefoster@earthlink.net](mailto:ruthefoster@earthlink.net)
- Ushers—[jholl2473@aol.com](mailto:jholl2473@aol.com)

### Youth Activities

- Challenge Club—[kefoley2@pefoley.com](mailto:kefoley2@pefoley.com)
- Conquest Club—[kefoley2@pefoley.com](mailto:kefoley2@pefoley.com)
- Cub Scouts / Boy Scouts—[mallen@americanpublic.us](mailto:mallen@americanpublic.us)
- CYO Sports—[dan.r.madigan@gmail.com](mailto:dan.r.madigan@gmail.com)
- Girl Scouts—[pamelasnichols@gmail.com](mailto:pamelasnichols@gmail.com)
- Youth Group—[youth.ministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:youth.ministry@saintagnes.org)

## Adoration Chapel Christmas Schedule

The Adoration Chapel will be closed Tuesday, December 24th through Wednesday, January 1st, 2025. It will reopen at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, January 2nd, 2025.



## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

### Christmas Eve Daily Mass

- Tuesday, December 24th: 9:00 a.m. Mass ONLY

### Christmas Mass Schedule

#### Tuesday, December 24th

- 5:00 p.m. (Christmas Choral Music starts at 4:30 p.m.)
- 8:00 p.m. (Christmas Choral Music starts at 7:30 p.m.)

#### Wednesday, December 25th:

- 9:00 a.m.
- 11:00 a.m.

### Christmas Week

- Thursday and Friday, December 26th-27th: 9:00 a.m. Mass ONLY
- Monday and Tuesday, December 30th-31st: 9:00 a.m. Mass ONLY

### Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of God Mass Schedule

- Tuesday, December 31st: 5:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, January 1st: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Dear Parishioners,

As we draw closer to our Christmas, please know that I and my brother priests are praying for you and all of your family members. During Advent, we pray, “*O come, O come, Immanuel,*” that is “*Come, God, be with us.*” He did come. Our Savior, true God, entered this world becoming also true Man, and was born that first Christmas. He came to perfectly reveal God’s love and truth, so that we who believe could live in justice and find peace now, and one day have eternal peace in Heaven. The words of Jesus should resound in our hearts, “*God so loved the world that He gave us His only begotten Son, not to condemn the world but to give everlasting life to those who believe.*” (John 3:16)

Let us open our hearts and receive the beautiful gift of Jesus once again this Christmas. As we continue our Advent preparation, we must pause and ask ourselves again, “How can I better open my heart to receive this gift—Jesus—and cherish Him with all my love? What gift can I give in return? Simply, our Lord offers to each of us His infinite love, and each of us must offer our love in return.

Therefore, take time to pause and do a spiritual inventory: Do I take time for daily prayer? Sunday Mass? An hour of adoration each week? Regular confession? Take time to pause and do an intellectual inventory: Am I filling myself with God’s truth by attending the Bible Study or Walking with Purpose? The Inquiry Class? Saint Joseph’s League?

Take time to pause and do a charitable giving inventory of time and talent: Am I serving my parish in some way by participating in a liturgical ministry (usher, lector, server, or choir member) or a parish organization (Knights of Columbus, Bethany Ministry, Young Adults, Youth Group, Arts and Crafts Guild, Boy Scouts, or Gardening Angels)? Take time to pause and do a charitable giving inventory of treasure: With all that the Lord has given to me, do I offer a fair “first fruits” sacrificial tithe?

On behalf of Fr. Haissig, Fr. Oetjen, Fr. Kist, I wish you each a blessed Christmas. May the Lord dwell in your hearts and homes this Christmas.

Msgr. William P. Saunders  
Pastor

## HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

### ***MERRY CHRISTMAS!***

**YG returns from break on January 7**



**WorkCamp registration is now open.** Visit our website for more information.

Arlington WorkCamp is an annual program culminating in a week-long overnight camp providing high schoolers with an opportunity to encounter Christ through service, faith, and fellowship. Meetings begins January 2025.

 [tinyurl.com/STAGYG-Home](http://tinyurl.com/STAGYG-Home)

 @stagnesyouth

 Sign up for updates by visiting

[StAgnesYG.flocknote.com](http://StAgnesYG.flocknote.com)

or by texting [StAgnesYG](http://StAgnesYG) to 84576



## Baby Item Collection

### & FAMILY DAY OF SERVICE

*We love babies, yes we do!  
We love babies, how about you?*

Show some love to mothers and babies in need by donating baby items from December 1st - January 12th. Collection boxes can be found in the Church vestibule and will benefit various crisis pregnancy centers in our area.

Items most needed are: *Newborn diapers. Newborn baby hats. Infant bibs. Infant hand covers. Baby baths. Onesies sizes Newborn, 0-3 months, and 3-6 months (preferably long-sleeved). Hooded baby towels. Receiving blankets. Swaddlers. Pacifiers. Baby wash (8oz-10oz bottles or smaller). Diaper rash cream. Baby wipes. Burp cloths. Infant teethingers. Baby toys. Baby rattles. Baby books.*

*We also accept gently used baby clothes and small baby items.*

Donate online or view our Wish List using the QR code below.

Your family can also help assemble the layette at our **Family Day of Service on Saturday, January 25, 2025**  
Sign up using the QR code below.

**DONATE  
ONLINE**



*For more info,  
contact Kathryn Foley at  
kefoley2@pefoley.com*

**VOLUNTEER  
HERE**





Did you know that the Saint Agnes Legion of Mary coordinates the scheduling of the Pilgrim Virgin (Our Lady of Fatima) to homes in the Parish? Would you consider it?

Your family will receive MANY BLESSINGS!

If you would like to host the Pilgrim Virgin scan the QRC and sign up! You can also contact the Legion of Mary at [Kenneth.sault@proton.me](mailto:Kenneth.sault@proton.me) or text a request to 808-754-5437



# THE BORGO AT SAINT AGNES

named for the Borgo Pio in Rome  
the shop-lined street leading to the Vatican

**HOURS**      **Sundays after Mass**

✉ [theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)      📷 @theborgo

Please note, The Borgo will be **closed SUN 12/29**

**Questions or Appointments?**  
[theborgo@saintagnes.org](mailto:theborgo@saintagnes.org)



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Christmas 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Christmas celebrates the reason for our hope, as Sacred Scripture proclaims: “For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah and Lord.” (Luke 2:11) The coming of the Lord offers us a sure hope no matter our challenges or circumstances. Our hope for true peace in the world, for unity rather than division, and for a better future for ourselves and our loved ones—we draw all these hopes from Christ and our union with him.

This Christmas, Pope Francis will inaugurate the opening of the Holy Year of 2025, a Jubilee Year in our Church, with the theme “pilgrims of hope” and strengthening us with the words of Saint Paul: “Hope does not disappoint” (Romans 5:5). As one family of faith, may our lives this Christmas and throughout the Holy Year be marked by the hope that does not fade, so that by God’s grace, we may faithfully and lovingly journey with one another toward eternal happiness with our Father in Heaven.

May our Lord Jesus bless you and fill you with his peace at Christmas and always, and may the hope he inspires be shared with all those you encounter in the new year to come.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Reverend Michael F. Burbidge  
Bishop of Arlington

### Gabriel Project Gift of Life Fund

offers financial assistance to pregnant women who need help paying their medical bills, rent, etc.

**Donation cards are on the Advent Giving**

**Tree**. Thank you for your generosity!

[arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife](http://arlingtondiocese.org/giftforlife)

*“Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled.” (Luke 1:45)*

Like Mary, you are called to trust in God’s plan for your life. If you feel that God is asking you to serve as a priest or religious brother or sister, believe in His promise and follow with courage. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (703) 841-2514 or via email: [vocations@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:vocations@arlingtondiocese.org).



Catacombs Cafe

open FRIDAYS

after the 6:30 am Mass

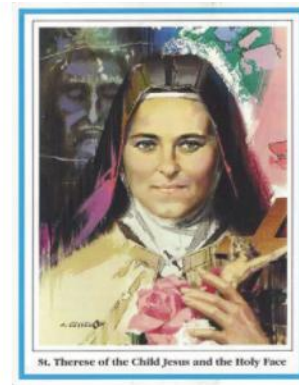
serving coffee, espresso drinks and light treats

Want to have the Café open for your meeting?

Email: [bethanyministry@saintagnes.org](mailto:bethanyministry@saintagnes.org)

## St. Therese of Lisieux Women's Silent Retreat

St. Therese of Lisieux's spiritual doctrine is easily understood and can be applied in our day-to-day lives. Her counsel can ably assist us in enduring and embracing difficulties in prayer, overcoming scruples, and patiently putting up with challenging people. Join Fr. Jack Riley at the feet of Jesus at San Damiano to learn more about this great saint. The retreat begins at 5 p.m. on Friday, January 24th, and ends at 1 p.m. on Sunday, January 26th, 2025. Retreat cost is \$285 per person. For further information or to register, please contact Deacon Mark Maines at [mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:mark.maines@arlingtondiocese.org).

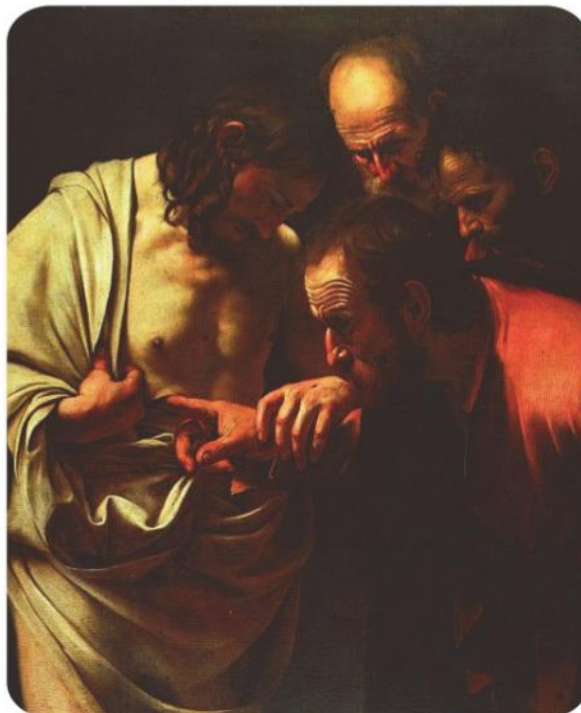


St. Therese of the Child Jesus and the Holy Face

## Treasures from Our Tradition

In ancient pagan Rome, these days in mid-December were a time for general slacking off at work and far too much rejoicing. The period of leisure after the harvest and a whole cluster of pagan festivals were a force for the church to reckon with. The Saturnalia, breaking out on December 17th, was a time of high living and loose morals. Christians were advised by their bishops to drop out of the mayhem and do some serious fasting. A famous church council at Saragossa in Spain made a season of fasting mandatory from December 17th to December 23rd, exactly coinciding with the Saturnalia. The bishops at that time were perhaps less concerned with preparing for Christmas than with resisting the kind of loose living going on. Modern times have restored a bit of the Saturnalia spirit to our culture, so that a general period of partying with a vague connection to religion is now upon us. How does a Christian keep balance? The practice of charity by remembering the poor in our gift-giving, of hospitality in finding a place at our holiday tables for the poor and lonely, and of daily prayer in the home and at church are great helps. Although Advent is not a penitential season like Lent, it is a time for making room in our lives for what matters most.

- Rev. James Field



## Healing the Whole Person

*Do you need healing?*

*Do you know someone who needs healing?*

*Know that God wants to be a part of your story. He wants to speak to the deepest places of your heart.*

**Begin your journey to transformational healing and restoration.**

**This in person 8 week seminar will consist of prayer, videos and reflections that will touch on God's healing grace with Ana Lisa Pinon as the live facilitator.**

**The video series, produced by the John Paul II Healing Center, is led by Dr. Bob Schuchts and Sr. Miriam James Heidland.**

**WHEN: Saturday Mornings,  
9:45AM - 11AM**

**DATES: January 4, 11, 18,  
February 1, 15, March 1, 15, 22**

**VENUE: Saint Agnes Catholic Church Parish Hall, 1910 N Randolph St. Arlington, VA**

**COST: \$35 one time fee**

**Type web address to register <https://bit.ly/HTWPworkshop>**



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Contact: [Analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org](mailto:Analisa.pinon@arlingtondiocese.org)



Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Toy Drive. 230 toys were delivered to Western, NC. In addition, 86 toys and some monetary donations have been delivered directly to the Church in Asheville and continue to trickle in. The volunteers and families from Asheville send their heartfelt appreciation for your generosity.




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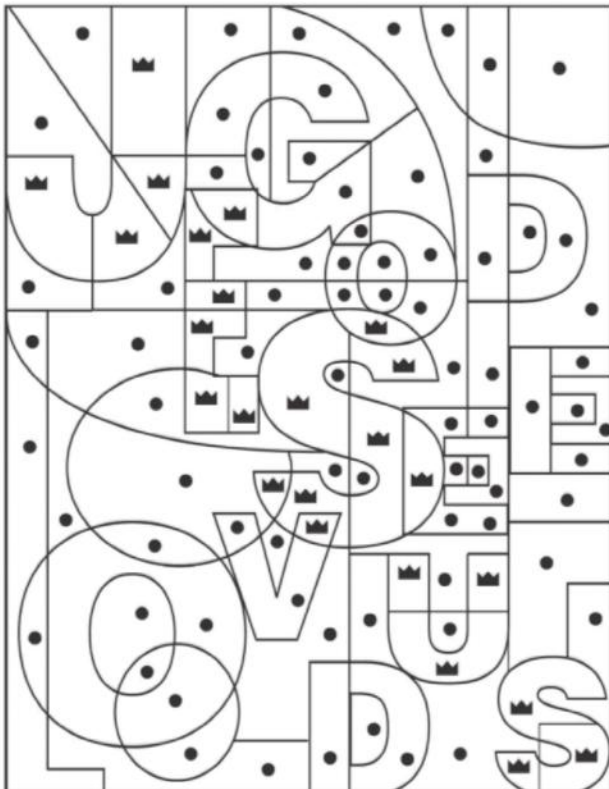
Ages 3+

December 22, 2024 • Micah 5:2-5

## A Ruler Will Come from Bethlehem

This Ruler will be great.

What ruler came from Bethlehem?  
Shade in the 's.



# Children's Worship Bulletin™

Ages 7+

December 22, 2024 • Luke 1:39-45

## Mary Visits Elizabeth

What did Elizabeth ask?

Solve the sudoku puzzle. All numbers must be used only once in each row, column and box. Then use the letter code to fill in the blanks.

1	8	9	6	4		E	
H	6		2		3	5	
5	4		8		S	1	9
	5		M		2	4	
4	2		3	8		1	
		7	6		D	9	3
	U	5	2	R	9	L	7
2		O	3	7	6		
7	9		8	3	1		

Elizabeth asked: "But why am I so favored, that the \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ favored, that the \_\_\_\_\_ t \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ c \_\_\_\_\_ to me?"





# Saint Agnes Religious Education

## Important Dates!

- ◆ **January 7th:** Family Faith Formation
- ◆ **January 12th:** Confirmation Sunday
- ◆ **January 25th:** Family Day of Service

For more information, contact Lisa Orosa at [dff@saintagnes.org](mailto:dff@saintagnes.org).



*“Christ made my soul  
beautiful with the  
jewels of grace and  
virtue. I belong to Him  
Whom the angels  
serve.”*

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADE: \_\_\_\_\_

## Sunday Mass Journal

4th Sunday of Advent  
Luke 1:39-45

Sunday, 22 December 2024

- CHURCH & MASS TIME: .....
- PRIEST & COLOR OF VESTMENTS:.....
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### Gospel Reflection

After Mary receives Jesus in her womb, she goes to Elizabeth “in haste”, knowing she will need help. When you receive Jesus in the Eucharist, where is God calling you to go “in haste”?

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I am thankful for...

I will pray for...

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My Spiritual Goal for the Week

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age/Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I am a...



# ST. AGNES RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FAITH BINGO



## DECEMBER 2024

Do 5 activities in a row. Submit this card at the end of the month to the RE Office after the last Sunday of the month to collect your prize!

Light the 1st purple candle of the Advent wreath on Dec 1st and pray the Advent Wreath Blessing Prayer	The Gospel for 12/1 is about preparing for Jesus' coming. Think of good ways to prepare for Christmas.	Decide as a family how you can volunteer and help others during the season of Advent	Have some Asian food in honor of St. Francis Xavier (Dec 3) who preached all over Japan, India & China	Pray the Joyful Mysteries with your family this month
In honor of St. Nicholas (Dec 6), do the tradition of placing your shoes outside your door to be filled with candies	Find as many titles of Mary as you can on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (Dec 8)	Light the 1st & 2nd purple candle of the Advent wreath on Dec. 8 and sing O Come Emmanuel	The Gospel for 12/8 is about John the Baptist. Draw a picture of John the Baptist preaching.	Attend the Our Lady of Guadalupe celebration at St. Agnes
Read the celebration of Las Posadas and act out the story using figures from your Nativity set	John the Baptist says in the Gospel for 12/15 to share their food and clothes. Decide as a family how you can do this.	<b>GO TO MASS EVERY SUNDAY!</b>	Light the 2 candles and the pink candle of the Advent wreath and celebrate Gaudete Sunday on Dec 15	Learn about the Christmas story by attending the St. Agnes Nativity Play & Party on Dec 17
Filipinos do a novena of masses to prepare for Christmas. Attend one of the Filipino novena masses near you and feast on Filipino food after.	The Gospel for 12/22 is about the Visitation. Go visit someone who is homebound and tell them that God loves them.	Light all the candles of the Advent wreath (12/22) and discuss how Jesus is the light of the world and how we can be little lights of Jesus	Take a walk around the neighborhood and marvel at the Christmas decorations.	Do some thoughtful Christmas shopping at the Borgo, the St. Agnes gift shop
Go to Mass on Christmas Day, a holy day of obligation	Bake a cake and sing Happy Birthday to Jesus	Find out the names of the elephant, camel and horse in the St. Agnes Nativity display by the altar	Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family (12/29) by making a fun comic strip about your family	Plan ahead with spiritual New Year resolutions and share it with your family





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