



# ST. AGNES ACADEMY

# BEAR NEWS

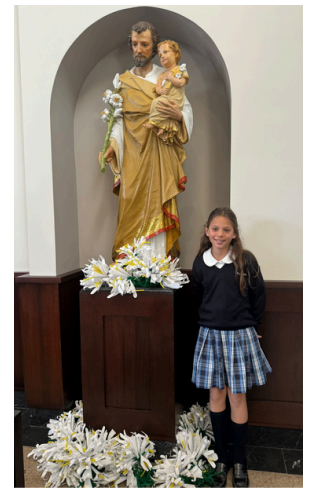


Week of March 25th, 2024

## THIS WEEK AT ST. AGNES



## DONUTS WITH DADS CELEBRATING THE FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



**Patron of the Universal Church:** Saint Joseph is revered as the Patron of the Universal Church. This title was bestowed upon him by Pope Pius IX in 1870. As the earthly father of Jesus Christ, he played a crucial role in God's plan for salvation. His unwavering faith, obedience, and protection of the Holy Family make him a model for all Christians.

**Role in Salvation History:** Saint Joseph's role in the life of Jesus and Mary is pivotal. He cared for and protected the infant Jesus, ensuring His safety during the flight to Egypt. His obedience to God's messages through dreams exemplifies trust and humility.

**Silent Witness:** Saint Joseph's life is marked by quiet strength and fidelity. He worked as a carpenter, providing for his family. His humility and selflessness serve as an example for believers. Despite not having any recorded words in the Bible, his actions speak volumes.

**Guardian of the Holy Family:** Saint Joseph was entrusted with the care of Mary and Jesus. His role as a protector and provider underscores the importance of family life. He embodies virtues such as love, responsibility, and sacrifice.

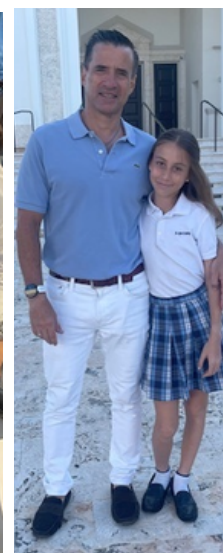
**Model for Fathers and Workers:** Saint Joseph is a model for fathers, husbands, and workers. His dedication to his family and vocation inspires men to fulfill their roles with love, integrity, and devotion.

**Feast Day Celebration:** The Feast of Saint Joseph, celebrated on March 19, is a day of joy and gratitude. It allows us to honor this saint, seek his intercession, and reflect on his virtues. It is also a time to appreciate the value of family bonds and the dignity of work.

In summary, Saint Joseph's feast day serves as a reminder of his holiness, his role in salvation history, and his relevance as a guide for all believers. Catholics honor him as a powerful intercessor and seek his protection for their families and daily lives.

# DADS ARE GUARDIANS OF OUR FAMILIES

We celebrated our St. Agnes dads, that like Joseph, are guardians of our families.



# SPENDING TIME WITH OUR DADS



KINDNESS

# Retro Bill Presentation



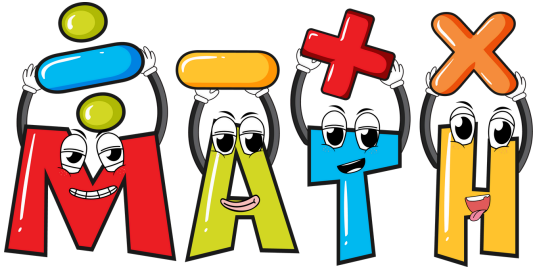
Respect



Our students attended a special presentation by motivational speaker for kids, Retro Bill. Retro Bill teaches kids K-12 the Six Pillars of Character: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. He boosts students self-esteem while celebrating diversity and encouraging goal-setting, good grades and making safe choices at school, home and on the internet.

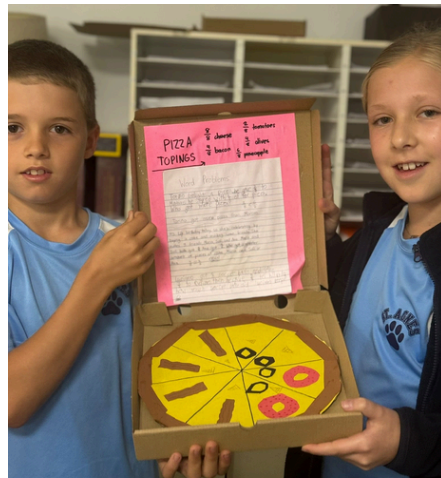
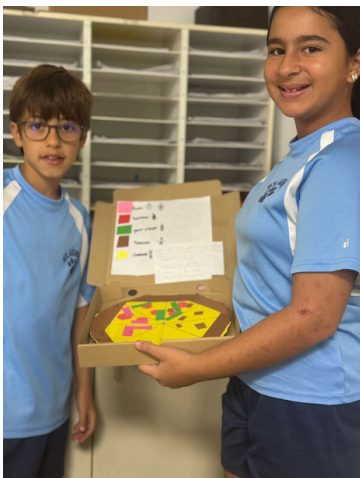
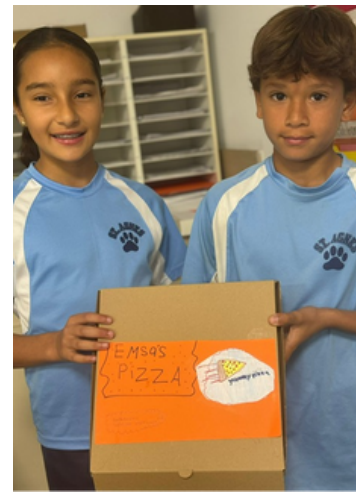


# 4th Grade Math



## FRACTIONS

4th grade students had a hands-on learning experience creating their own pizzas based on appropriate situational fractions. Students had to identify equal-size pizza slices, then partition pizzas into fractions, add toppings to pizzas to make fractions, make word problems and then answer them.



# National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)



A group of high achieving students were selected to become members of the prestigious National Junior Honor Society. This honor is given to students who have excelled in scholarship, service, leadership, character, and citizenship. Congratulations to the new inductees and to the current members. We are proud of your accomplishments and example.

# 8th Grade Homeless Retreat



Our 8th graders participated in their Homeless Retreat last week. It was a morning to reflect on the sufferings of those who are homeless, build compassion in our hearts, pray for them, and do a work of solidarity by organizing the toiletry donations for them.

# 8th Grade Missionaries of Charity



The day after their Homeless Retreat, 8th graders went to the Missionaries of Charity. They took the donations they collected from our St. Agnes community, they served the homeless and cleaned the center. May we all participate in creating a new culture and civilization of love!





**ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH**

# **LIVING**

# **WAY OF THE CROSS**

**Holy Wednesday**

**March 27th at 7PM (After Mass)**



**Come experience the impactful live interpretation of  
The Way of the Cross by our St. Agnes  
parishioner volunteers in English and in Spanish.**



St. Agnes Catholic Church \* 100 Harbor Drive \* Key Biscayne, FL 33149



# St. Agnes Catholic Church HOLY WEEK



## Palm Sunday



**March 24th**

English Masses  
 Sat. 5:00 PM Vigil  
 Sun. 8:30 AM  
 Sun. 10:00 AM  
 Sun. 11:30 AM

Spanish Masses  
 Sun. 1:00 PM  
 Sun. 7:00 PM

## Holy Monday



**March 25th**

English Mass  
 Mon. 8:00 AM

Spanish Mass  
 Mon. 6:00 PM

Confessions  
 Mon. 5:00 PM

## Holy Tuesday



**March 26th**

English Mass  
 Tues. 8:00 AM

Spanish Mass  
 Tues. 6:00 PM

## Holy Wednesday



**March 27th**

English Mass  
 Wed. 8:00 AM

Spanish Mass  
 Wed. 6:00 PM

LIVING  
Way of The Cross  
 Wed. 7:00 PM  
 (Bilingual)

Confessions  
 Wed. 7:00 PM

## Holy Thursday



**March 28th**

Bilingual Mass  
 Thur. 7:00 PM

- Only one mass on this day
- The mass will include the "Washing of the Feet"
- Directly after mass, there will be a **procession of the Blessed Sacrament to the Monument** in Albertson Hall where it will be open until 7AM Friday.

## Good Friday



**March 29th**

Way of the Cross  
 Fri. 2:00 PM (English)

Divine Mercy Novena  
 Fri. 2:45 PM (Bilingual)

The Passion of the Lord  
 Fri. 3:00 PM (English)

Via Crucis  
 Fri. 6:00 PM (Spanish)

The Passion of the Lord  
 Fri. 7:00 PM (Spanish)

Confessions  
 Fri. 10:00 AM  
 Fri. 5:00 PM

## Holy Saturday



**March 30th**

Divine Mercy Novena  
 Sat. 3:00 PM  
 (Bilingual)

Easter Vigil Mass  
 Sat. 8:00 PM  
 (Bilingual)

## Easter Sunday



**March 31st**

English Masses  
 Sun. 8:30 AM  
 Sun. 10:00 AM  
 Sun. 11:30 AM  
 Sun. 5:30 PM  
 (extra mass only today)

Spanish Masses  
 Sun. 1:00 PM  
 Sun. 7:00 PM

Divine Mercy Novena  
 Sun. 3:00 PM (Bilingual)



# Your Guide To HOLY WEEK



## Palm Sunday

Holy Week begins with Palm Sunday, a day that echoes with the elated cries of “Hosanna in the highest heaven!” (Matt. 21:9). Jesus enters Jerusalem, where crowds lay palm branches at his feet, recognizing him as the long-awaited Messiah. The symbolic act of laying down palm branches was a gesture of homage reserved for kings and dignitaries in ancient Israel, in this case acknowledging Jesus as the rightful King of Israel (Mark 11:1–11; Luke 19:28–40; John 12:12–19). As Jesus enters the holy city riding a donkey, the crowd is filled with anticipation, reverence, and jubilation.



## Holy Monday

Upon leaving Bethany the next morning, Jesus and disciples passed by a fig tree that was full of leaves but was completely fruitless. Jesus cursed the tree for being fruitless, and it withered by the next day. Jesus was about to judge a generation of those who practiced rites and rituals of a fruitless religion. He used the moment to teach the disciples about genuine faith – such that faith even the size of a mustard seed could move mountains when it is aligned with God’s will (Matthew 21:21-22). Jesus returned to Jerusalem and cleared the Temple. He overturned the tables of corrupt money changers, declaring, “My Temple will be a house of prayer, but you have turned it into a den of thieves” (Luke 19:46).



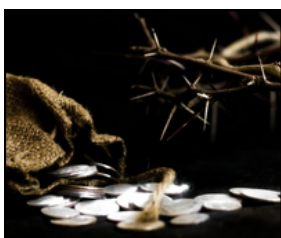
## Holy Tuesday

On Tuesday morning, Jesus and his disciples returned to Jerusalem. At the Temple, Jewish religious leaders were enraged at Jesus for establishing himself as a spiritual authority. They arranged an ambush with the intent to put him under arrest. But Jesus eluded their traps and declared severe judgments on them. Later that day, Jesus left Jerusalem and went with his disciples to the Mount of Olives, which overlooks the city. There Jesus delivered the Olivet Discourse, an extensive revelation about the destruction of Jerusalem and the end of the age. He speaks, as usual, in parables, using symbolic language about the end times events, including His Second Coming and the final judgment.



## Holy Wednesday

On Wednesday of Holy Week, Judas Iscariot, one of the twelve apostles, decides to betray Jesus, handing Christ over to the high priests and Temple guards: So he agreed, and sought an opportunity to betray him to them in the absence of the multitude (Luke 22:6). With Judas acting as their spy, this day has become known as “Spy Wednesday.”



## Holy Thursday

Maundy Thursday, also known as Holy Thursday, commemorates the Last Supper. On Holy Thursday, Jesus institutes the Eucharist and washes the feet of his apostles. This is captured in John 13:5, washing the humility, service, and love of Christ that we, his disciples, are called to emulate. In a culture where washing feet was a task relegated to servants, Jesus, the Son of God, takes on the role of a servant and thereby ordains His apostles as the first ministerial priests of the New Covenant (see Matt 20:25–28; 18:1–4). The Holy Thursday foot washing ceremony has deep religious significance: according to Tradition, it represents the service and charity of Christ, who came “not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” (Matt. 20:28). **The season of Lent ends on the evening of Holy Thursday, which commences the Easter Triduum or “Paschal Triduum,” a three-day period named after Jesus’s offering Himself as the New Covenant Passover Lamb of God, and which concludes with Evening Prayer (Vespers) on Easter Sunday.**



## Holy Friday

**Good Friday, the most solemn day of Holy Week, commemorates the Passion of Jesus Christ.** It is a day of reflection, penance, and deep contemplation on the ultimate sacrifice made for the redemption of humanity. Christ’s Passion, culminating in his crucifixion and death, reminds us of the weight of our sin and the unfathomable love of God. Catholics around the world participate in solemn liturgies, reflecting on our Lord’s redemptive suffering, venerating the Cross, and receiving Holy Communion. They also pray the Stations of the Cross, in which the faithful meditate on our Lord’s journey to Calvary, a place also called “Golgotha,” meaning “skull.”



## Holy Saturday

**Holy Saturday is a day of vigil, a period of waiting and anticipation.** The Easter Vigil, the summit of the Paschal Triduum on Holy Saturday evening, is a profound liturgical celebration that takes place after nightfall. This ancient tradition, dating back to the fourth century, marks the high point of the Triduum and thus ignites the celebration of our Lord’s Resurrection from the dead. At the Easter Vigil Mass, the Paschal—or Easter—Proclamation is made, which is part of the ceremony to light paschal candle. Known in Latin as “The Exsultet,” the Proclamation and the Easter Vigil’s baptismal liturgy symbolize together our journey from darkness to light and death to new life in Christ.



## Easter Sunday

**On Resurrection Sunday, or Easter, we reach the culmination of Holy Week.** The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the most important event of the Christian faith. The very foundation of all Christian doctrine hinges on the truth of this account. Early Sunday morning, several women (Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Salome, and Mary the mother of James) went to the tomb and discovered that the large stone covering the entrance had been rolled away. An angel announced: "Don't be afraid! I know you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He isn't here! He is risen from the dead, just as he said would happen." (Matthew 28:5-6, NLT) On the day of his resurrection, Jesus Christ made at least five appearances. Mark's Gospel says the first person to see him was Mary Magdalene. Jesus also appeared to Peter, to the two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and later that day to all of the disciples except Thomas, while they were gathered in a house for prayer. **The eyewitness accounts in the Gospels provide what Christians believe to be undeniable evidence that the resurrection of Jesus Christ did indeed happen.** Two millennia after his death, followers of Christ still flock to Jerusalem to see the empty tomb. Sunday's events are recorded in Matthew 28:1-13, Mark 16:1-14, Luke 24:1-49, and John 20:1-23.





**ST. AGNES  
ACADEMY**

**SPORTS**



**AWARDS**

**May 8th & May 9th, 2024**

**5:30 PM**

**MORE DETAILS COMING SOON**

# Eucharistic Revival

**FAMILY RETREAT**

**ST. AGNES**



**NEW DATE!!**

**MAY 5, 2024**

**ST. AGNES AUDITORIUM  
2:00-6:00 PM  
CONCLUDES WITH A  
EUCCHARISTIC PROCESSION**



**Please join us  
Sunday, May 5th from 2 - 6 PM.  
The whole family is welcome.**

**RSVP Today!**





# ST. AGNES SUMMER CAMP 2024



\$60  
ONE-TIME  
REGISTRATION FEE  
+  
\$300  
A WEEK

MONDAY- FRIDAY  
9AM-1PM (SNACK INCLUDED)  
INCOMING PK-3 TO 4TH GRADE

SESSION 1: JUNE 17- JUNE 21

SESSION 2: JUNE 24- JUNE 28

SESSION 3: JULY 1- JULY 3

& PARTICIPATE IN THE ST. AGNES SUMMER CAMP 4TH OF JULY FLOAT

SESSION 4: JULY 8- JULY 12

ARTS & CRAFTS + SPORTS + WATER ACTIVITIES + EXPERIMENTS + FUN WITH FOOD  
DANCING + MOTOR SKILLS BUILDING + NATURE EXPLORATION + AND MUCH MORE...



REGISTRATION DEADLINE MAY 1, 2024



2024 ††† ABCD  
ARCHBISHOP'S CHARITIES & DEVELOPMENT DRIVE

# IMPACT

of your generosity

**33%** **DISCIPLES IN FAITH**  
EDUCATION & FORMATION OF  
SEMINARIANS, CLERGY, DEACONS &  
RELIGIOUS

**30%** **MISSIONARIES OF HOPE**  
MINISTRIES, EVANGELIZATION, &  
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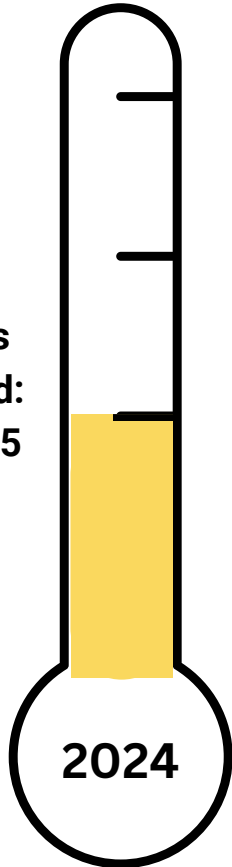
**37%** **SERVANTS FOR CHARITY**  
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\$327,407

Pledges  
Received:  
\$163,595  
50%



STILL NEED:  
\$163,812

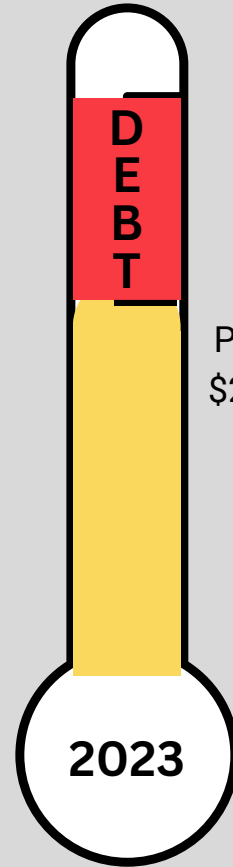


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A GIFT NOW**

## ABCD 2023 QUOTA

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Pledges:  
\$212,657  
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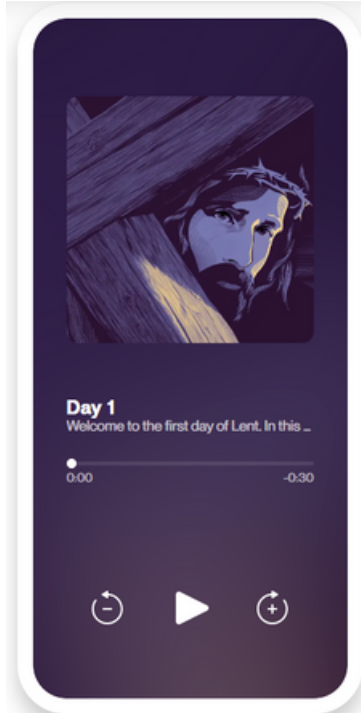


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PAID BY OUR CHURCH**

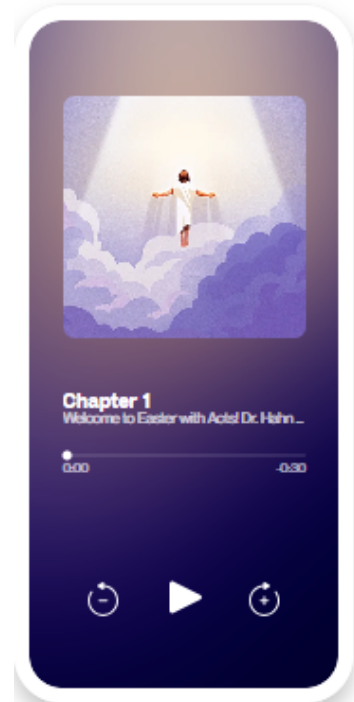




# Pray With Hallow



**Sign Up For  
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Months  
With St. Agnes  
For A Limited  
Time  
Through  
5/19/24**



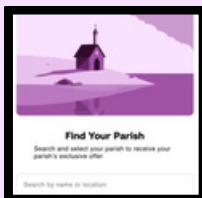
Great news - St. Agnes is excited to invite our parishioners to access the Hallow prayer app this Lent for 3 months. Sign up today to access Hallow's premium app content beginning now through May 19th, 2024 for FREE! Through prayer and meditation rooted in the Catholic faith, Hallow helps people grow closer to God and find peace. Follow the steps below to access your free content.

## Step-by-Step Registration Process

**Step 1: Follow this link to find your parish page:**

<http://hallow.com/holyday>

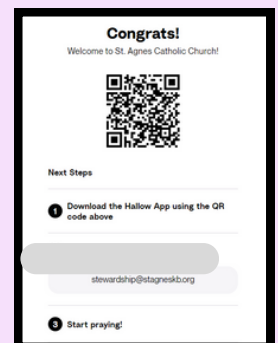
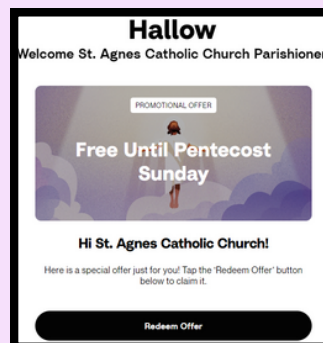
**Step 2: Search for your parish by name or location in the search box. Click Continue.**



**St. Agnes  
Catholic Church  
Key Biscayne**

**Step 3: If you have an existing account please log into it. If you don't have an account you can create one by choosing any of your three options here. (Note: if you have an account with an email already and you login with the wrong password you will get the error that this account already exists, simply reset your password and try again)**

**Step 4: After you hit register you will come to this screen and now all you need to do is download the hallow app and login the same way you just did.**



**Step 5: Confirm in your Account Settings that you have a free subscription through May 19th, 2024!**