



# St. Agnes Catholic Parish



## News Bulletin

Sept 29th, 2024



# PRIESTHOOD ✝ SUNDAY



SERVING THE PEOPLE OF GOD

# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

## PASTOR'S CORNER



### Reflections From Our Pastor

Sept. 29th, 2024

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

On this Priesthood Sunday, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your unwavering support, love, and the countless sacrifices you make for our St. Agnes community. Your kindness and dedication inspire us daily, giving us the strength and purpose to fulfill our vocation. You are the very heartbeat of our ministry, and your enthusiasm and affection, fuels our passion for serving both the Lord and you.

It is through God's divine mercy and grace that we strive to carry out our work with faithfulness, humility, and love. Our deep connection with you, our amazing community, has empowered us to continue to grow in our faith and in compassion. You have enriched our ability to counsel you through your triumphs and trials, allowing us to lead and serve you to the best of our ability through Christ.

We are immensely blessed and grateful to each of you for allowing us to be a part of your lives. Please pray for us and all the priests around the world to continue to serve you with love and joy.

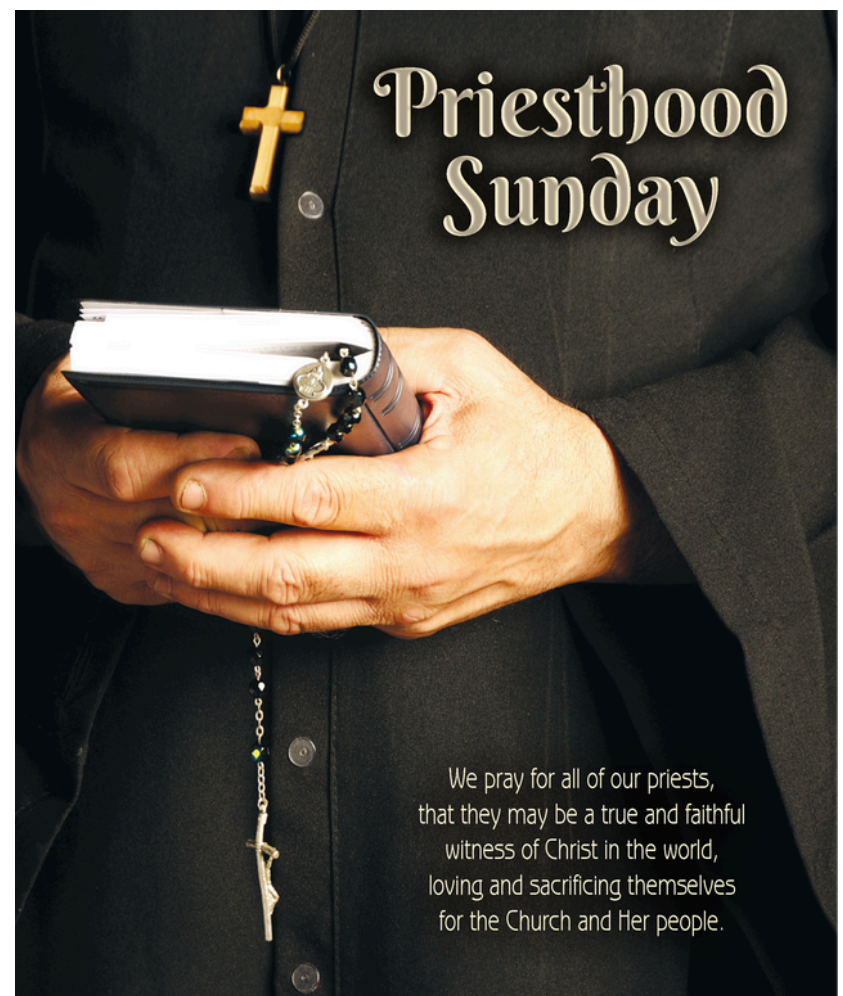
May God bless you always,

Rev. Juan C. Paguaga  
Pastor

## TOGETHER WE ARE ST. AGNES



Father Juan Carlos  
Paguaga



We pray for all of our priests,  
that they may be a true and faithful  
witness of Christ in the world,  
loving and sacrificing themselves  
for the Church and Her people.

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St. Agnes Catholic Parish  
Welcomes



**DR. GRAZIE CHRISTIE**

## **Understanding the Truth About Amendment 4**

**Mon. Sept. 30th, 2024**

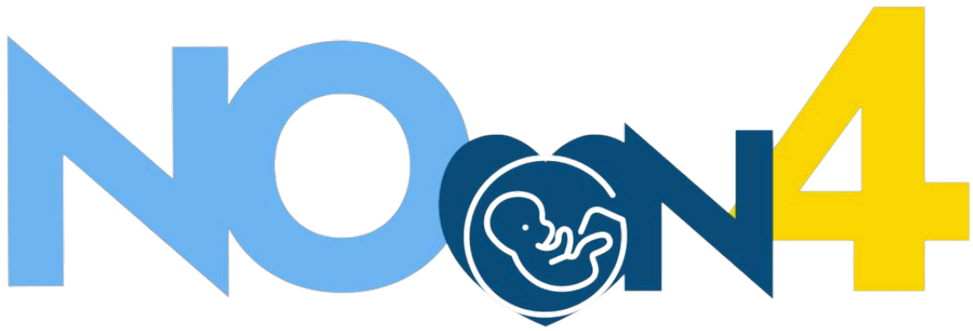
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**Albertson Hall**

**Join our interactive & open forum  
to learn how this severe  
amendment would affect us.**

## AMENDMENT 4

# REMOVES ALL COMMON SENSE HEALTH AND SAFETY REGULATIONS FROM ABORTION FACILITIES.



**The place where late term abortions take place will be less regulated than a colonoscopy center. The mothers will be at great risk, not just the babies.**



**BALLOT SUMMARY: Amendment to Limit Government Interference with Abortion** - No law shall prohibit, penalize, delay, or restrict abortion before viability or when necessary to protect the patient's health, as determined by the patient's healthcare provider. This amendment does not change the Legislature's constitutional authority to require notification to a parent or guardian before a minor has an abortion.

### **WHY FLORIDIANS SHOULD VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 4**

Amendment 4 would enshrine UNREGULATED ABORTION in our state constitution, making Florida one of the MOST PRO-ABORTION states in the nation. The amendment language is MISLEADING, and its proposed outcomes are DANGEROUS

- **PUTS WOMEN AT RISK:** Amendment 4 would jeopardize existing laws and prohibit new ones that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.
- **ALLOWS SECOND AND THIRD TRIMESTER ABORTIONS:** Though not defined in the amendment, "viability" is defined in Florida law as the stage of development when the life of a fetus is sustainable outside the womb (Ch. 390.011(15)), generally accepted to be 22-24 weeks of pregnancy, or about 6 months.
- **CREATES A BROAD "HEALTH" LOOPHOLE:** "Patient's health" is not defined in the amendment, allowing post-viability, extremely late-term abortions for treatable, temporary health concerns. Emotional health would justify an abortion when a child could survive outside the womb.
- **WEAKENS MEDICAL DOCTOR REQUIREMENT:** "Healthcare providers" – not just physicians – could determine if an abortion is "necessary" to protect the mother's "health." Even some employees of abortion clinics, such as nurses and counselors, could approve late-term abortions.
- **ELIMINATES PARENTAL CONSENT:** While preserving parental notification in our state constitution (Article X, Section 22), the amendment would invalidate the current law that requires parental consent for a minor to have an abortion (Ch. 390.01114(5)), making abortion the only medical decision for which parents have no say.

To learn more about Amendment 4 and find additional resources visit:

[miamiarch.org](http://miamiarch.org) & <https://flaccb.org/abortion-amendment>

# FLORIDA CONFERENCE OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS

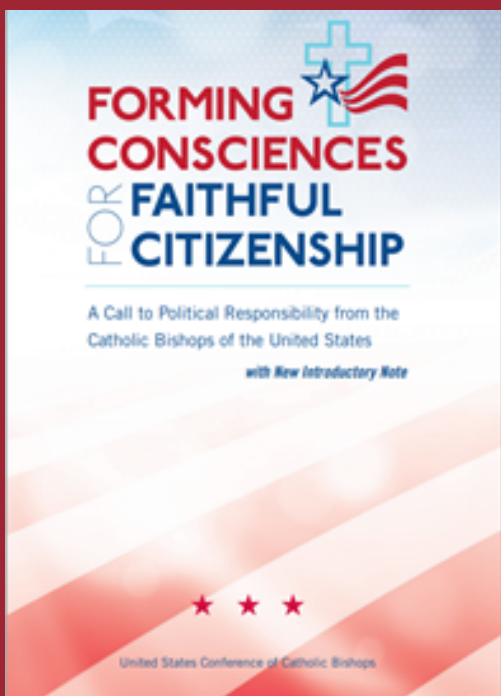
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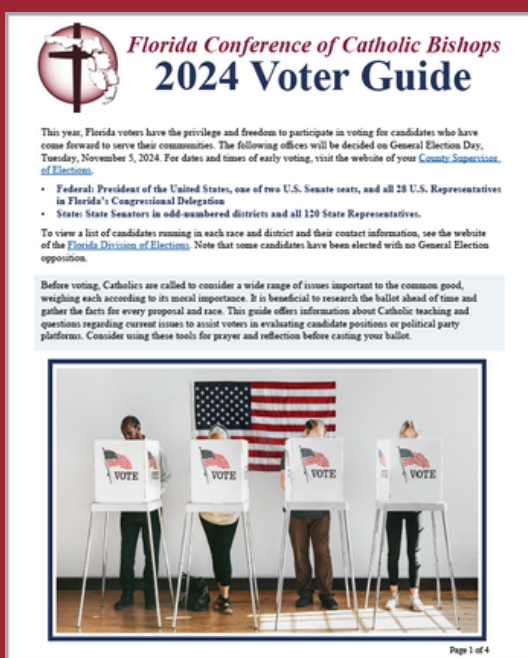
## FLORIDA CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

# 2024 General Election Resources

The 2024 election season is upon us and faithful citizens can use this time to form their consciences, learn about the issues, and research the candidates as they prepare to cast their ballots. The following resources are offered by the Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops (FCCB) to assist in this endeavor. Additional resources intended to help voters make informed decisions can be found on the [Election Materials and Guidelines](https://flaccb.org/election-materials-and-guidelines) page of the FCCB website: <https://flaccb.org/election-materials-and-guidelines>.



The USCCB offers this teaching document to guide Catholics in the exercise of their rights and duties as participants in our democracy. Pastors, lay and religious faithful, and all people of good are urged to use this statement to help form their consciences; to teach those entrusted to their care; to contribute to civil and respectful public dialogue; and to shape political choices in the coming election in light of Catholic teaching.



Before voting, Catholics are called to consider a wide range of issues, weighing each according to its moral significance. Gaining familiarity with the candidates' positions on issues involving human life and dignity is essential to responsible, faithful citizenship. It is beneficial to research the ballot ahead of time and gather the facts for every proposal and race. The FCCB Voter Guide provides information about Catholic teaching, offers considerations on key topics, and poses questions regarding current issues to assist voters in evaluating candidate positions or political party platforms.

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# Florida Catholic Bishops Introduce USCCB's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship



**In a new video, Florida's Catholic Bishops have come together to introduce the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishop's Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship and encourage Catholics to read and utilize the document in preparation for this year's election. Whether running for office, working for a political party, or casting a vote, Catholics are obligated to form and consult our consciences. A well-formed conscience, shaped by sacred scripture and the teachings of the Church, will help guide our decision-making and ensure our actions help build a society that is more respectful of human life and dignity and more cognizant of the Christian obligation to seek peace and justice.**



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– Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, No. 49, U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops, 2023

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### IMMIGRATION/REFUGEES

In 2021, as vice president, Harris began leading the Biden Administration’s efforts to address the root causes of migration from countries in Central America, citing the need for a multilateral approach and encouraging private-sector investment. In her keynote at the Democratic National Convention, Harris pledged to bring back a bipartisan border package that would have dramatically limited the number of people allowed to claim asylum at the U.S.-Mexico border, while increasing resources for local communities receiving migrants.

At the July 2024 Republican National Convention, Trump promised to launch the “largest deportation operation in the history of the United States.” In 2018, the Trump Administration implemented a “zero tolerance policy,” an escalated effort to prosecute individuals entering the U.S. unlawfully, resulting in the separation of thousands of children from their parents, some of whom remain separated today. As president, Trump implemented policies such as the “Migrant Protection Protocols” and “Title 42,” which severely limited access to asylum along the U.S.-Mexico border, and set the lowest refugee admissions ceiling since the resettlement program was created in 1980.

### IN VITRO FERTILIZATION (IVF)

In a March 2024 social media post, Harris said, “President @JoeBiden and I will always protect access to IVF.”

In an August 2024 speech, Trump said, “[U]nder the Trump administration, your government will pay for — or your insurance company will be mandated to pay for — all costs associated with IVF treatment.”

### POVERTY

In a proposal released in August 2024, Harris pledged to send Congress proposed federal limits on price increases for food producers and grocers. The proposal also called for creating a \$40 billion innovation fund for businesses building affordable rental housing units, expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit for some frontline workers, and reducing taxes on healthcare plans offered on the marketplace created by the Affordable Care Act. Harris also supports raising the federal minimum wage to \$15, supports expanding Social Security benefits by \$1,300 annually for those making less than \$16,000 a year, and has pushed for expanding SNAP (formerly Food Stamps) through the SNAP for KIDS Act.

Trump signed the Reducing Poverty in America by Promoting Opportunity and Economic Mobility executive order that calls on federal agencies to reevaluate welfare regulations. He favors mandatory work requirements for social welfare programs, and called for \$8.8 billion in affordable housing cuts in his fiscal year 2019 budget request. During his 2016 campaign, Trump suggested raising the federal minimum wage to at least \$10 but also expressed belief that the decision should rest with states. He has stated in the past that the federal government should not cut Social Security benefits. The Trump Administration proposed cuts to SNAP (formerly Food Stamps).

### RACIAL EQUITY

In an op-ed Harris wrote, “People are protesting because Black people have been treated as less than human in America. ...[O]ur country has never fully addressed the systemic racism that has plagued our country since its earliest days. ...No longer can some wait on the sidelines, hoping for incremental change. In times like this, silence is complicity.”

On his website, Trump said, “Joe Biden recently signed a very sinister executive order mandating that almost every federal department and agency establish a Marxist ‘equity’... enforcement squad to implement a woke takeover of the entire federal government... Instead of treating everyone equally...‘equity’ means that benefits are awarded and policies are enforced based on skin color and sexual identity. We don’t think that’s a good idea. ...I will revoke this executive order on my first day back in office.”

### RELIGIOUS FREEDOM

As Senator, Harris co-introduced the Do No Harm Act that states that the Religious Freedom Restoration Act (RFRA) “should not be interpreted to authorize an exemption from generally applicable law that imposes the religious views, habits, or practices of one party upon another.” The measure was first introduced in 2017 in response to the Supreme Court’s 2014 Burwell v. Hobby Lobby Stores decision, which held that applying the HHS contraceptive mandate to closely held corporations violated RFRA.

Trump signed an Executive Order Promoting Free Speech and Religious Liberty to ensure that faith-based organizations would not be forced to compromise their religious beliefs as they serve their communities. This includes defending the rights of religious orders to care for the infirm and elderly without being fined out of existence for refusing to facilitate access to services that violate their faith. In June 2024 Trump said, “When I return to the White House, I will, once again, aggressively defend religious freedom in all of its forms.”

### UKRAINE AND THE MIDDLE EAST

In 2024 Harris said, “Russia’s aggression is...an attack on international rules and norms and the principles embodied in the U.N. Charter. ...President Joe Biden and I will continue to support Ukraine and continue to impose costs on Russia.” Regarding the Middle East, Harris said, “It is time for this war to end and end in a way where Israel is secure, all the hostages are released, the suffering of Palestinians in Gaza ends, and the Palestinian people can exercise their right to freedom, dignity, and self-determination.”

In his 2024 Republican National Convention speech, Trump said, “I will end every single international crisis that the current administration has created, including the horrible war with Russia and Ukraine, which would have never happened if I was president. And the war caused by the attack on Israel, which would never have happened if I was president.”

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# Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops

## 2024 Voter Guide



This year, Florida voters have the privilege and freedom to participate in voting for candidates who have come forward to serve their communities. The following offices will be decided on General Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 2024. For dates and times of early voting, visit the website of your [County Supervisor of Elections](#).

- **Federal: President of the United States, one of two U.S. Senate seats, and all 28 U.S. Representatives in Florida's Congressional Delegation**
- **State: State Senators in odd-numbered districts and all 120 State Representatives.**

To view a list of candidates running in each race and district and their contact information, see the website of the [Florida Division of Elections](#). Note that some candidates have been elected with no General Election opposition.

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*"We are called to bring together our principles and our political choice our values and our votes to help build a civilization of truth and love."*

*Forming Consciences For Faithful Citizenship: A Call to Political Responsibility with New Introductory Letter, USCCB, 2023.*

### **Human Life and Dignity**

Every human being has God-given value, from conception to natural death. The dignity and sanctity of all human life must be recognized and protected, beginning with the unborn child in the womb. The threat of abortion remains a preeminent issue, given the sheer number of lives taken. Other crucial priorities include addressing serious threats to human life and dignity such as racism and gun violence, human trafficking, physician-assisted suicide, and the death penalty. As Christians, we all have a duty to respect life and work toward a society free from violence and marginalization of any kind.

- *Does the candidate support further limits on abortion, as well as policies that assist women experiencing difficult pregnancies?*
- *Does the candidate support protecting life from conception to natural death, such as ending the use of the death penalty (especially by protecting defendants with serious mental illness), preventing human trafficking, and opposing efforts to legalize physician-assisted suicide?*

### **Justice System Reform**

In recent years, the justice system has learned it is more effective to be "smart on crime" rather than simply relying on harsh punishments. A Catholic approach to criminal justice begins with calling for all to be free from crime and violence, while pursuing just solutions that encourage rehabilitation over retribution.

- *Does the candidate support rehabilitation programs for those who were incarcerated to help them become productive members of society upon release?*
- *Where does the candidate stand on sentencing guidelines that reflect an individual's threat to society rather than mandatory minimum sentences?*

### **Immigration**

Catholics are sensitive to the reasons why families flee their home country and migrate to the United States, such as war, dire poverty, unjust governments, lawlessness, gang violence and authoritarian regimes that suppress religious freedom. A lack of food, water, health care, or other necessities also play a role. Comprehensive reform of our broken immigration system is needed, which would offer a path to citizenship or "legal status", treat workers fairly, and promote expedited family reunification while protecting border integrity and addressing root causes of migration.

- *Will the candidate leave immigration policy to Congress where the courts have indicated responsibility resides so as to avoid an unconstitutional patchwork of state policies?*

### **Education**

Parents are the first and primary educators of their children and have the fundamental right to choose the educational environment that best suits their children. Florida has a robust system of school choice. Elected officials have a duty to preserve and strengthen this system and to provide public, charter, private, and home school educational options that promote the common good, right reason, personal responsibility, and genuine human flourishing. It is important for lawmakers to support policies that protect these values in the realm of both private and public education, where so many Catholic young people are educated.

- *Does the candidate support parental rights of children attending public schools, including the strengthening of Florida's vibrant school choice system?*
- *Does the candidate support education policies that promote objective truth about biological sex, the dignity of the human person, and human virtue?*



## Labor and Economy

The Gospels reveal that Jesus saw the dignity and value of every person and called His followers to care for those on the margins. His example of sacrificial love is one we should embody by serving the poorest and most vulnerable in society. Catholics are called to consider how candidates will support policies that improve economic conditions and address structural causes of poverty.

- Does the candidate promote policies that foster economic participation and job creation to provide decent working conditions and just wages?
- Does the candidate support policies that allow increased access to basic needs, such as affordable housing, education, and health care?

## Religious Liberty

The U.S. Constitution guarantees each individual the right to freely exercise his or her religion. To some in the political arena, this sacred principle is no longer paramount. While the Constitution prohibits the government from establishing a state religion, neither does it permit the government to establish a purely secular public square by excluding all religions. Elected officials are urged to re-invigorate religious liberty for all by promoting the active civil engagement of all religious peoples and protecting the participation of religious institutions in government programs.

*While recognizing the human dignity of all, does the candidate support the right of religious individuals and institutions to operate and/or participate in government programs while serving according to their deeply held beliefs regarding life, marriage, family, sexual orientation, and so-called gender identity?*

***“Sometimes we hear: a good Catholic is not interested in politics. This is not true: good Catholics immerse themselves in politics by offering the best of themselves***

## Faith and Politics

In the days and weeks leading up to the election, Florida Catholics have a responsibility to consider how they can best serve their communities through election choices and contribute to a climate of civility in the face of divisiveness and disagreement. During the election, and perhaps just as importantly in their daily lives, Catholics are reminded to allow their faith to guide their politics. The principles of faith that govern daily life should also guide political viewpoints, and when necessary, “transform the political party to which we belong.”<sup>1</sup>

Prior to casting their ballots, Catholics have the opportunity to ask:

- What does God want me to do?
- How will my voting choice help to promote the common good and protect human life and dignity
- How can I speak up about the issues that matter in a respectful way?

Following in the footsteps of Jesus, it is the lifelong responsibility for Catholics “to do good and oppose evil,” including in election choices.<sup>2</sup> To distinguish between right and wrong, people of faith turn to their conscience: a tool that relies on the “judgement of reason” and Scripture to offer guidance for decision-making.<sup>3</sup> Each Catholic is called to develop a “well-formed” conscience, internalizing their faith and the Word of God so they can apply it to real-life situations daily.<sup>4</sup>

## Conscience Formation

In the context of the upcoming election and the conscience formation process, the Catholic Church reminds people of faith that they are not alone. While the Church does not endorse candidates or instruct parishioners how to vote, it has particular responsibilities: sharing the moral truth about issues and encouraging believers to develop prudence. Prudence is a virtue that, if cultivated, assists individuals in “[discerning] our true good in every circumstance and [choosing] the right means of achieving it.”<sup>5</sup> Developing a well-formed conscience is not a one-time exercise, but requires ongoing prayer and commitment. For more information, see [Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship](#), by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.

## Florida Catholic Advocacy Network

- The Florida Catholic Advocacy Network (FLCAN) is a statewide, online community established by the bishops of Florida that exists to educate and mobilize Catholics across Florida’s seven dioceses on public policy issues pertaining to human life, dignity, and the common good.
- Subscribers receive via email: action alerts on key bills at both the state and federal levels that allow for quick and easy messaging to elected officials; reports, summaries, and educational materials that identify legislative proposals affecting issues important to our faith; and calls to prayer for the people of our state and nation, and for our elected leaders.
- Those who are interested can sign-up by visiting <https://flaccb.org/join-flcan>. The Florida Conference of Catholic Bishops does not share subscriber information with any other individuals, groups, or organizations.

## Children & Families

Strong communities are formed when stable and loving families are supported and encouraged. The Catholic Church teaches that marriage – the love of a man and woman in a life-long commitment – is a vocation for the purpose of rearing children and spousal unity. Public officials can support marriages and families through their positions and policies.

- Does the candidate support policies that acknowledge the reality of biological sex and promote a wholistic understanding of the human person?

## Health Care

The Church considers healing a central ministry of the Church and has long supported the right to quality, affordable, and life-affirming care.

- Does the candidate support adequate access to health care, including mental health care, for all Floridians?
- Does the candidate support the right of health care workers to exercise their conscience in regard to their deeply held beliefs?

## Care for Creation

Florida’s beautiful beaches, iconic Everglades, and delicate ecosystems reflect the beauty of God’s creation and represent a vital economic resource. Environmental degradation, pollution, sea-level rise, and over development threaten the well-being of all Floridians, especially the more vulnerable among us.

- How will the candidate address environmental issues, particularly their impact on the poor?
- Does the candidate support policies that will protect the state’s natural resources and promote human flourishing?

# Important Voting Dates

# VOTE



## Voter Registration

The deadline to register to vote in the 2024 general election is Monday, October 7.

## Early Voting

The mandatory early voting period in Florida begins Saturday, October 26 and continues through Saturday, November 2, and starts earlier in some counties.

## Vote-By-Mail

The deadline to request a vote-by-mail ballot is 5 pm on October 24, 2024. A returned voted ballot must be received, regardless of postmark, by the Supervisor of Elections' office no later than 7:00 pm (local time) on Election Day. The United States Postal Service recommends that domestic nonmilitary voters mail back their voted ballots at least one (1) week before the Election Day deadline to account for any unforeseen events or weather issues.

## General Election Day - Tuesday, November 5

Early voting sites and hours, secure ballot intake stations for returning vote-by-mail ballots, and polling locations for election-day voting can be found by visiting the website of your county Supervisor of Elections. Additional information for voters is available on the website of the Florida Division of Elections

# St. Agnes Catholic Parish

100 Harbor Dr. Key Biscayne, FL 33149

## **OUR LADY OF FATIMA PILGRIM & FIRST CLASS RELICS OF SAINTS JACINTA & FRANCESCO**

**October 4th– 7th, 2024**

All events will take place at St. Agnes Catholic Parish



### **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 4th**

#### **4:45 pm:**

- Procession of Relics, crown, etc.
- Statue of the Blessed Mother and Relics will be exposed for Veneration.

**5:00 pm:** Holy Rosary & Meditation (Spanish)  
Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

**6:00 pm:** Daily Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

**6:45 – 8:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

### **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5th**

#### **8:00 am:** Holy Rosary & Meditation (English)

Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

**9:00 am:** Mass (English)

#### **10:00 am- 12:00 pm:**

- Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.
- Confessions

**12:00 pm:** Mass (English)

**1:00 - 4:15 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

**5:00 pm:** Vigil Mass (English)

**6:00 – 7:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

### **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6th**

Celebration of all Sunday Masses with the Relics & Image of the Blessed Mother exposed.

**8:30 am, 10:00 am & 11:30 am (English)**

**1:00 pm & 7:00 pm (Spanish)**

**2:00 – 4:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

**4:00 pm:** Holy Rosary & Meditation (English)  
Recitation of the Rosary with additional words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection.

**5:00 pm:** Mass in Portuguese

**6:00 – 7:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

**7:00 pm** Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

**8:00 - 9:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 7th**

**7: 30 am:** Holy Rosary (English)

**8:00: am** Daily Mass (English)

**9:00 – 11.30:** St. Agnes Catholic Academy

**\*\*STUDENTS ONLY, CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC\*\***

**12:00 pm:** Extra Mass (English)

**1:00– 5:00 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

**5:00 pm:** Holy Rosary & Meditation –Words directly from the Diary of Blessed Sister Lucia and Reflection (Spanish)

**6:00 pm:** Daily Mass (Spanish) / Misa en Español

**6:30 – 8.30 pm:** Brief presentation and Veneration of Relics.

**8:30 pm:**

- Singing Adoration
- Confessions

# MARKET YOUR BUSINESS TO OUR ENTIRE ST. AGNES COMMUNITY

ON OUR NEW WEBSITE



VISIT OUR PARISH & ACADEMY AT:

[WWW.STAKB.ORG](http://WWW.STAKB.ORG)

[bit.ly/StAgnesAd](https://bit.ly/StAgnesAd)



**ENROLL  
TODAY!**

# St. Agnes Catholic Parish

## Continuing Your Faith Formation 3rd – 6th Graders



St. Agnes offers classes to students who have received their First Holy Communion from 3rd – 6th grade the opportunity to continue growing in their faith & relationship with our Lord.



*Special  
Price!*  
**\$150**



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# St. Agnes Catholic Parish

## Respect For Life Ministry

B A B Y

# SHOWER

Our St. Agnes Respect For Life Ministry  
invites you to participate in our month-long  
Baby Shower collection from  
Oct. 1st - oct. 31st, 2024

We will have bassinets placed in the entrance of the church throughout the month. Please open your hearts & fill up the bassinets with baby items to donate to our South-Dade Pregnancy Center which helps mothers & babies in need.

### Baby Items List

- Outfits, Pajamas & Onesies for Boys & Girls: Newborns up to 6 months, & 18 & 24 month
- Diapers for Newborns and in Sizes 1 - 6
- Body Lotions, Baby Rash Cream, Shampoos
- New Diaper Bags
- Baby Towels/Burp Towels
- Baby Socks for Boys and Girls
- Baby Blankets for Girls
- Crib Sheets.



# RESPECT LIFE

## *National Life Chain Sunday*



The St. Agnes Respect Life Ministry  
invites parishioners to join us in prayer at the

**“National Life Chain Sunday”**

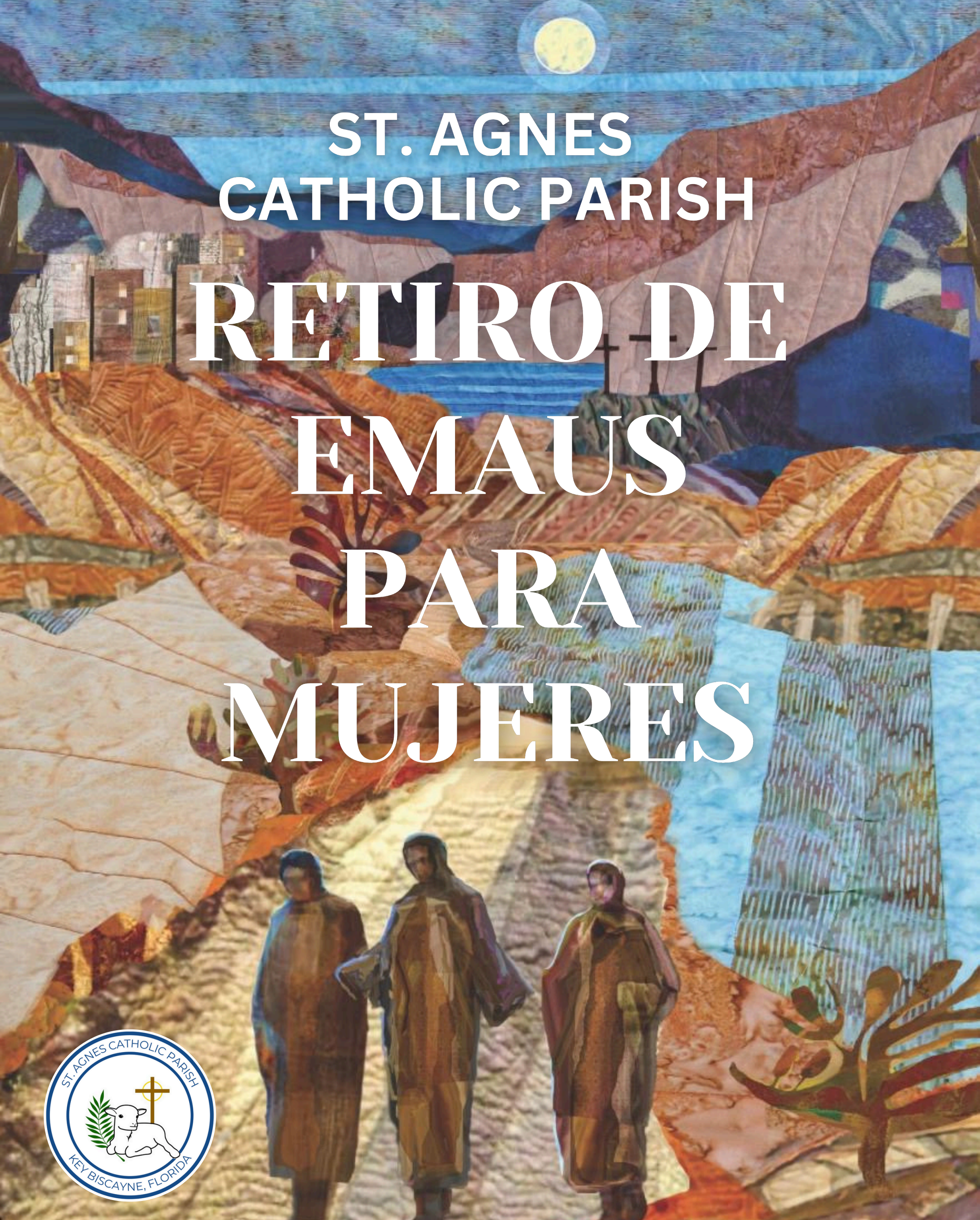
**Sunday October 6th,**

**2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.,**

**We will be standing along U.S. 1 between  
Maggiore St. & Rosaro Ave. in Coral Gables.**

**Please bring your rosaries.**

**We will witness for life, pray for an end of abortion and the  
change of hearts and minds of everyone involved in the  
abortion industry. [www.lifechain.net](http://www.lifechain.net)**



ST. AGNES  
CATHOLIC PARISH  
RETIRO DE  
EMAUS  
PARA  
MUJERES



**“No sabes lo que Dios haría de ti  
si te pusieras enteramente  
en sus manos”**

**San Ignacio de Loyola**

**25-27 de octubre, 2024**

**[bit.ly/RetiroEmausMujeres47](https://bit.ly/RetiroEmausMujeres47)**





# Marriage



## Covenant Retreat

**Nov. 1 - 3, 2024**

Join us for an amazing weekend with other couples dedicated to strengthening your marriage bond through useful and interactive activities & resources.

**[bit.ly/MarriageCovenantRetreat16](https://bit.ly/MarriageCovenantRetreat16)**



# Pages To Heaven

## BOOK CLUB

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A spiritual reading club for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of their Christian faith through literary classics. Spiritual reading is a cornerstone of Catholic practice, as it inspires our hearts and conforms our minds to Christ.

This month, we will discuss the book:

***Mere Christianity*** by C.S. Lewis. In the book, Lewis Lewis argues for the logical validity of Christianity. He explains that moral law isn't just an arbitrary human invention—it's actually a real, timeless thing—invented by an all-powerful being who stands outside the confines of material space and time, and reveals itself to humans through moral law.

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### FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

# MERE CHRISTIANITY

BY C.S. LEWIS

**TUES. OCT. 15TH, 2024  
AT 7:30 PM**

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH  
IN THE PASTORAL CENTER RM 405

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Join Our Book Club



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# MORNING RETREAT

**MY MONTHLY ENCOUNTER WITH GOD**

**Thursday, Oct. 10th, 2024**

**9:00 - 11:20 am**

**Meeting In**

**St. Agnes Catholic Parish**

**Confessions,  
Meditation, Talk &  
Benediction**



**MORNING RETREAT FOR WOMEN UNDER THE  
AUSPICES OF OPUS DEI. IN SPANISH.**

**A MONTHLY DAY OF RECOLLECTION IS A TIME  
SET ASIDE SPECIFICALLY FOR A CHRISTIAN TO  
SERIOUSLY GO DEEPER INTO HIS OR HER  
RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.**

# TESTIGOS DE LA FE



## Santa Faustina

Formada en la escuela del  
Corazón Misericordioso

Todos están invitados a participar  
en el grupo de formación y oración:  
Testigos de la Fe basado en las enseñanzas  
de Madre Adela Galindo, fundadora de SCTJM.  
Nos reuniremos una vez al mes  
y las charlas serán en español.

Lunes 7 de Octubre, 2024

9:00 AM

St. Agnes Catholic Parish  
Salon 403 Centro Pastoral

Coordinadora: Andrea Távara (305) 815-6542

Sin Costo

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH

# BAPTISMS

Blessings and  
welcome to  
God's family.

CARLOTA CRISTINA  
DI RUGGIERO OTAOLA

Sept. 21, 2024 at 11:00 AM





**Our church is supported SOLELY by your contributions to the offertory collection.**

### DID YOU KNOW...

- **Your financial support to St. Agnes is tax deductible**
- **Our collection hasn't increased proportionately to inflation.**
- **Village code requires St. Agnes to keep the lights on throughout the night.**
- **Our collection always goes down during the summer months due to travelling parishioners.**

## WHY SET UP RECURRING ONLINE GIVING?

### BENEFITS FOR YOU

**Convenient:**

Set up only once. No need to have cash or check.

**Better Planning:**

Allows you to plan what you want to contribute for the year.

**Give when you want:**

Flexible - weekly, monthly, quarterly gift options.

**Give how you want:**

From checking, savings, debit or credit card accounts.

**Material Benefits:**

Gain miles or points on credit card.

**Greater Long-Term Support:**

Allows you to donate more over time than in a one-time gift.

### BENEFITS FOR ST.AGNES

**Improved Cash Flow:**

Steady stream of income

**Better Planning:**

Predictable revenue. We can count on your support even when you are travelling.

**Cost Effective:**

Easy & efficient for staff

**Long-Term Support:**

More funds received over time

**Increased Donor Loyalty:**

To support our mission



**WWW.STAKB.ORG/GIVENOW**

## STEWARDSHIP/OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**St. Agnes depends on your generosity to continue its mission**

**WWW.STAKB.ORG/GIVENOW**

**TEXT 2 GIVE  
305-363-1467**

**SET UP A  
RECURRING GIFT**



**ONE-TIME SETUP  
Easy ● Safe ● Fast**

NEED HELP?

VISIT [WWW.STAKB.ORG/SUPORTUS](http://WWW.STAKB.ORG/SUPORTUS)  
OR CONTACT

[STEWARDSHIPSTAGNESKB.ORG](http://STEWARDSHIPSTAGNESKB.ORG)  
305-361-2351 EXT 207

Week	Online Donors	Online Giving	Envelopes	Anonymous	Total
9/22/2024	225	\$ 9,827.00	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 5,096.00	\$ 16,298.00
9/15/2024	226	\$ 10,353.00	\$ 2,135.00	\$ 5,221.00	\$ 17,709.00
9/8/2024	226	\$ 11,137.00	\$ 2,384.00	\$ 4,491.00	\$ 18,012.00
9/1/2024	241	\$ 14,086.00	\$ 4,845.00	\$ 5,210.00	\$ 24,141.00
8/25/2024	224	\$ 10,573.00	\$ 2,299.00	\$ 4,918.00	\$ 17,790.00

Contribution statements can be downloaded Visit [www.stakb.org/statements](http://www.stakb.org/statements) for instructions

# Together we are St. Agnes!