



St. Agnes Catholic Parish



News Bulletin

Dec. 1st, 2024

ADVENT

season of hope

“You are the God
who saves me,
I put my hope in you
all day long.” Psalm 25:5

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The 1st Sunday of Advent encourages us to prepare our hearts and lives for Jesus' coming. In Advent, hope reminds us that God is with us and has promised a future filled with His presence and peace. Lighting the first Advent candle of hope serves as a reminder of the light that Jesus brings to a world in darkness.

Masses	Confessions	Rosaries	Adorations
<p>Monday - Friday 8:00 AM (English) 6:00 PM (Spanish)</p> <p>Saturday 9:00 AM (English) 5:00 PM (English Vigil)</p> <p>Sunday 8:30 AM (English) 10:00 AM (English Family) 11:30 AM (English) 1:00 PM (Spanish) 7:00 PM (Spanish)</p>	<p>Monday 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM 8:40 PM - 9:20 PM at Singing Adoration</p> <p>Wednesday 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM</p> <p>Friday 5:00 PM - 5:50 PM</p> <p>Saturday 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Monday - Friday 7:30 - 8:00 AM (English) 5:30 - 6:00 PM (Spanish)</p> <p>Saturday 8:30 - 9:00 AM (English)</p> <p>Sunday 12:30 - 1:00 PM (Spanish)</p>	<p>24 hrs a day / 7 days a week</p> <p>Visit Jesus anytime at the Blessed Sacrament Chapel located at the right of the main entrance of the church.</p> <p>Monday 8:30 - 9:30 PM Singing Adoration by Agnes Live on IG @agneschoir</p>

PASTOR'S CORNER



Reflections From Our Pastor

Dec. 1st, 2024

My Dear St. Agnes Family,

Blessings! Advent, which comes from the Latin word “ad-venir” meaning “to come to,” marks the beginning of the Church’s liturgical year. It is a four-week season dedicated to anticipating the arrival, of Jesus of Nazareth, the long-awaited Messiah and King. It is a period of preparation and reflection, directing us to both Christ’s second coming and the celebration of His birth. Like Lent, Advent is also time of penance, where we focus on quieting our hearts and spiritually forming ourselves for the joy of Christmas.

As we enter this sacred season, we’re invited to pause and contemplate its unique meaning. Advent calls us to holy waiting with patience, and to preparing our hearts with love. The rhythms of Advent inspire us to reflect on the weekly themes of hope, peace, joy, and love which are symbolized in the candles we light during the four Sundays. It is an opportunity to deepen our faith, renew our hope, and grow in our longing for the Lord.

I want to encourage each of you to rediscover Advent as a season of quiet anticipation. Rather than rushing into Christmas, let us embrace the “now and not yet” of our faith--the Christ who has come and is yet to come. May we open our hearts fully to the beauty of Advent, making space for the wonder and yearning that prepare us to receive the newborn King.

Let us journey together during this season of Advent as we await the birth of Jesus,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "J. Paguaga".

Rev. Juan Carlos Paguaga
Pastor

**TOGETHER WE
ARE ST. AGNES!**



**Father Juan Carlos
Paguaga**

The Season of Advent



Advent week 1 – Hope:
Prophecy Candle (purple)

Advent week 2 – Peace:
Bethlehem Candle (purple)

Advent week 3 – Joy:
Shepherd’s Candle (pink)

Advent week 4 – Love:
Angel’s Candle (purple)

season of

Advent

hope



Prophecy Candle

Jesus is Coming.

It takes us back to Isaiah's foretelling of the birth of Christ and all of the promises God gave us in the Old Testament that would be fulfilled by the birth of Jesus.

peace



Bethlehem Candle

Kingdom of Peace is Coming.

Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem reminds us that after so much division & destruction, Jesus is finally coming, and so is His Kingdom of Peace on earth.

joy



Shepard's Candle

Joyful Anticipation

The third candle takes us back to the joyful anticipation of the shepherds who journeyed to see Jesus in Bethlehem, even before the wise men.

love




Angel's Candle

Love of God

The fourth candle of Advent represents the ultimate love of God. He loves us so much, that he sends His only Son for us. It leads us to eagerly await the new Kingdom of God on earth.

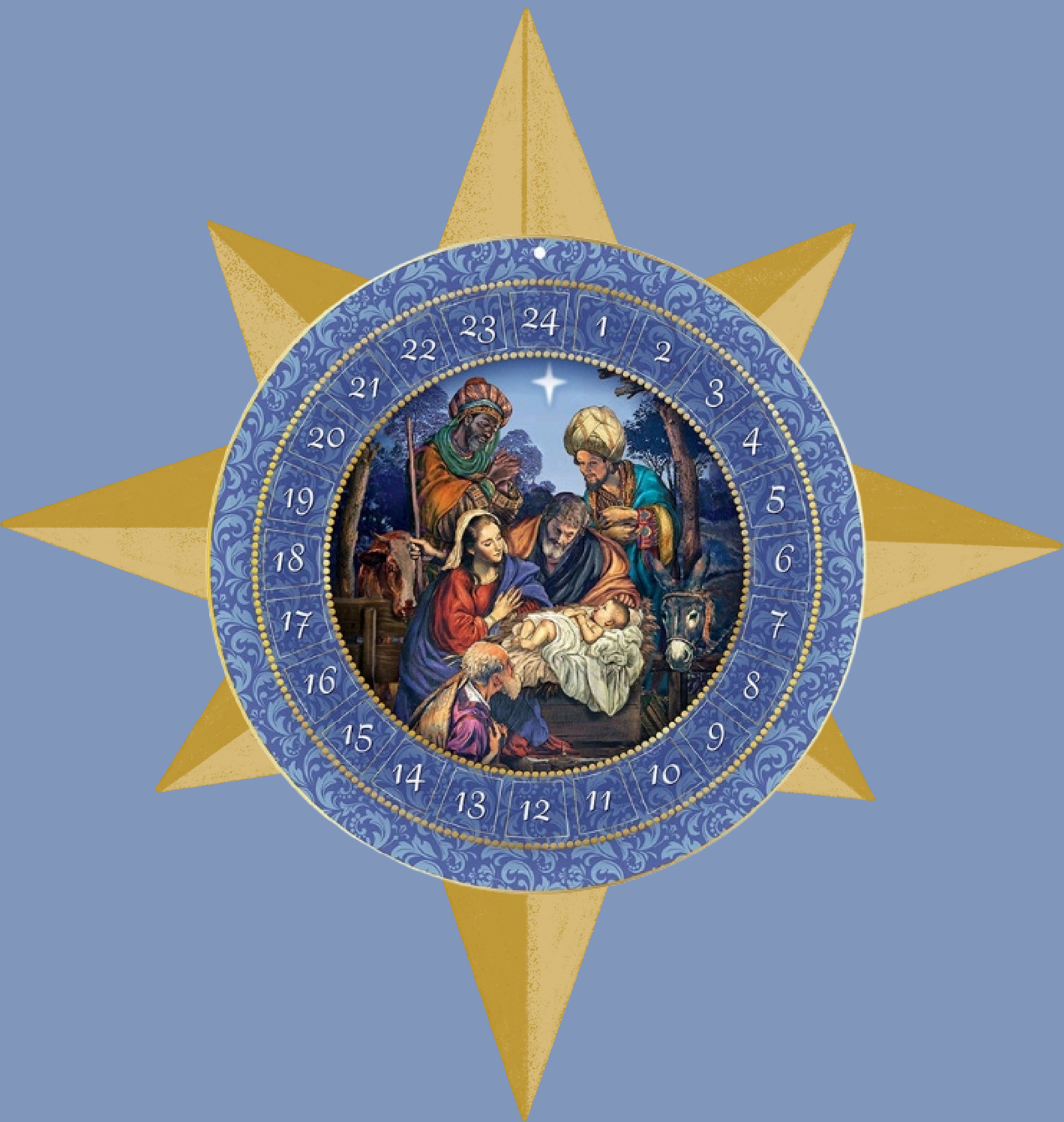
Advent Calendar 2024

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
<p>1</p> <p>The First Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Begin your Advent journey by blessing your Advent wreath. Light the first violet candle and sing “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel.”</p>	<p>2</p> <p>What can you do this Advent to prepare your heart and life for the coming of Christ?</p>	<p>3</p> <p>In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: “The LORD our justice.” Jeremiah 33:16</p>	<p>4</p> <p>“By his perennial presence in the life of the pilgrim Church, the Holy Spirit illumines all believers with the light of hope. He keeps that light burning, like an ever-burning lamp, to sustain and invigorate our lives.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 3</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Make plans to receive the gift of God’s mercy in the Sacrament of Penance during this Advent season.</p>	<p>6</p> <p>In honor of Saint Nicholas, known for his generosity to those in need, in this season of giving, make a gift of your time or treasure to an agency that works with those who lack the necessities of life.</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Consider joining the Walk with One Initiative (Walk With One Eucharistic Revival Initiative for the Year of Mission) to invite someone into a deeper relationship with Christ and to accompany them on their spiritual journey.</p>
<p>8</p> <p>The Second Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Second Sunday of Advent, light two violet candles on your Advent wreath and ask God for the strength to be like John the Baptist, preparing the way of the Lord.</p>	<p>9</p> <p>This year, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is observed today. Attend Mass and complete it until pray the Rosary, if the day of Christ possible.</p>	<p>10</p> <p>I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to Jesus. Philippians 1:6</p>	<p>11</p> <p>In the bustle of the holiday season, spend some time this week in silence and prayer, possibly before the Blessed Sacrament, to prepare your heart to receive the Lord at Christmas.</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Today is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Our Lady of Guadalupe reminds us that God’s unfailing love encompasses all of us, regardless of immigration status, race, nationality, and all other differences. Learn more at Our Lady of Guadalupe – Justice for Immigrants.</p>	<p>13</p> <p>On this Memorial of Saint Lucy, patron saint of persons who are blind, consider ways that your parish, community, and other groups can become more welcoming to persons with disabilities.</p>	<p>14</p> <p>“We need to recognize the immense goodness present in our world, lest we be tempted to think ourselves overwhelmed by evil and violence. The signs of the times, which include the yearning of human hearts in need of God’s saving presence, ought to become signs of hope.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 7</p>
<p>15</p> <p>The Third Sunday of Advent</p> <p>Today is the Third Sunday of Advent, Gaudete Sunday. At this halfway point in the season of Advent, light two violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and Rejoice! For the Lord is near!</p>	<p>16</p> <p>According to custom, the Christmas tree is set up before Christmas and remains in place until the Solemnity of Epiphany. Share this blessing with your family and friends.</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Today marks the beginning of the “O Antiphons.” This tradition, which comes from Evening Prayer, has been around since at least the eighth century.</p>	<p>18</p> <p>The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love. Zephaniah 3:17</p>	<p>19</p> <p>“All of us, however, need to recover the joy of living, since men and women, created in the image and likeness of God (cf. Gen 1:26), cannot rest content with getting along one day at a time, settling for the here and now and seeking fulfillment in material realities alone.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 9</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Use this blessing to bless the nativity scene in your home: Blessing of a Christmas Manger or Nativity Scene USCCB</p>	<p>21</p> <p>As winter begins in the Northern hemisphere, consider how you can share the light and warmth of Christ with others, especially those on the margins, in the new year.</p>
<p>22</p> <p>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</p> <p>On this Fourth Sunday of Advent, light all three violet candles and the rose candle on your Advent wreath and pray that the light of Christ will enter your heart so that you may share the warmth of God’s love with those you meet.</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Spend a family evening eating cookies and drinking hot chocolate while you read the Christmas cards you have received. Before bed, pray an Our Father and a Hail Mary for all your beloved family and friends.</p>	<p>24</p> <p>“Through our witness, may hope spread to all those who anxiously seek it. May the way we live our lives say to them in so many words: ‘Hope in the Lord! Hold firm, take heart and hope in the Lord!’ (Ps 27:14). May the power of hope fill our days, as we await with confidence the coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and glory, now and forever.” Pope Francis, <i>Jubilee Bull of Indiction</i>, no. 25</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Before opening presents, gather at your Nativity Scene and read the Christmas story (Luke 2:1-20) from your family Bible.</p>			



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Celebrate Advent



Advent is a season of preparation for Christmas and the birth of Jesus Christ. It's a time of reflection, prayer, and spiritual preparation that leads to the celebration of the Incarnation, the Eucharist, and the Second Coming.

**Buy your \$4
Advent Calendar**
bit.ly/MyAdventCalendar





Thanksgiving Mass

Thursday, November 28, 2024

11:00 AM English

Friday, November 29, 2024 11:00 AM English

★ The parish office will be closed both days.
There will be confessions on Friday.



December Special Mass Schedule

Tuesday December 24, 2024
Vigil of the Nativity of the Lord

4:00 PM	English
6:00 PM	English - Children's mass
8:00 PM	Spanish

Wednesday December 25, 2024
Nativity of the Lord
(Holy Day of Obligation)

10:00 AM	English
12:00 PM	Spanish
5:00 PM	English
7:00 PM	Spanish

Tuesday December 31, 2024
Vigil of Mary Holy Mother of God

4:00 PM	English
6:00 PM	Spanish

Wednesday January 1, 2025
Solemnity of Mary Holy Mother of God

10:00 AM	English
12:00 PM	Spanish
5:00 PM	English
7:00 PM	Spanish



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ON GIVING TUESDAY

Support your
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Advanced Giving
starts Nov 18

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2

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For your Parish,
School, or Ministry

3

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Support St. Agnes Catholic Parish



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#iGIVECATHOLIC

#iGiveCatholic is a bishop-led initiative in collaboration with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and dozens of individual dioceses to bring the Catholic community together. Through generosity and motivated by our Catholic faith, #iGiveCatholic empowers people and ministries to impact their communities.



O Lord, giver of life, we know that all we are, and all we have are gifts from You. We live in a world that celebrates consumption. But You call us to be good stewards of all You have entrusted to us. May this #GivingTuesday prompt us to gratitude and generosity, that brings nourishment to the hungry and hope to the hopeless. We pray that #iGiveCatholic may be a miracle of loaves and fishes, where every gift shared lovingly from a grateful heart becomes bread for the multitudes, and the ordinary becomes extraordinary. In this giving and receiving, may our hearts rejoice in You alone, who are Lord for ever and ever. Amen

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FREE RESOURCES

From The
Parish Life Office



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Create an account with your ADOM Email for FREE Ongoing Adult Faith Formation



FORMED



Free account for videos and programs through your Parish



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Podcasts, videos, articles and bookstore.



DYNAMIC CATHOLIC



Lent reflections, Catholic content for kids, weekly reflection and books store for kids and adults.



CATHOLIC ANSWERS



Online radio, podcasts, videos, bible navigator, news, book store and free books with subscription.



USCCB



Daily readings Calendar (Bilingual), Mass times, news and events calendar.

TESTIGOS DE LA FE

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 2 de diciembre, 2024
9:00 AM

St. Agnes Catholic Parish
Salon 403 Centro Pastoral

El Adviento de María Santísima

Coordinadora: Andrea Távora (305) 815-6542

Sin Costo

SPREAD THE CHRISTMAS

JOY



Donate to buy gifts for low-income parish families in Homestead & Flagler.

bit.ly/SpreadChristmasJOY



Our St. Agnes Religious Education pre-confirmation & confirmation classes will share the Christmas message, spend time with the families & deliver their gifts on 12/8, 12/10 & 12/11.





La Purisima

*¿Quien Causa
Tanta Alegria?*

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6TH

Everyone is invited to the traditional Nicaraguan “La Purisima” feast and “La Gritería” celebration in Albertson Hall at after 6PM mass.



Join us for our annual

St. Agnes
Christmas Bazaar

DECEMBER 8TH, 2024
10 AM TO 7 PM





The Solemnity of The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Monday, December 9, 2024

Masses

8 AM, 12 PM (Eng.) & 6 PM (Span.)

The Immaculate Conception of Mary refers to how Mary was preserved from the time of her conception from Original Sin, in anticipation that she was to bear God's Son. No sin would touch her, so that she would be a fitting and worthy vessel of the Son of God.

Prayer for The Immaculate Conception of Blessed Virgin Mary

Totally yours,
Immaculate Conception,
Mary my Mother,
Live in me, Act in me,
Speak in me and through me,
Think your thoughts in my mind,
Love through my heart,
Give me your dispositions and feelings,
Teach, lead me and guide me to Jesus,
Correct, enlighten and expand my thoughts
and behavior, Possess my soul,
Take over my entire personality and life,
replace it with Yourself,
Incline me to constant adoration,
Pray in me and through me,
Let me live in you and
keep me in this union always.

--Pope John Paul II

GRIEF SUPPORT ADORATION BEFORE THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



**Tuesday, December 10, 2024
at 7 pm in our Church**

The Bereavement Ministry also welcomes all those who have experienced some type of loss or hardship to a special Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. This is an opportunity for you to pray and to experience the depth and power of Christ's love, comfort, mercy, and healing.



ST. AGNES CATHOLIC ACADEMY

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ADMISSIONS INFORMATION

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Jesus first
Others second
Yourself last

Admissions Application
www.stakb.org

Admissions Applications Deadline
December 11, 2024

Entrance Exam Screening Day
January 11, 2025

By appt. only. Only students with a completed Admissions file, will receive an appointment email.

Late Application Window Opens
January 13, 2025

Decisions Emails Sent
January 31, 2025

At St. Agnes Catholic Academy, we are proud to provide an education that shapes not only our student's intellect but most importantly, their moral character rooted in God's image. Join us on our journey to inspire a generation of compassionate, virtuous, and service-minded individuals who will make a difference in our world.



Our Lady of Guadalupe

Thursday, December 12th, 2024 at 6:00 PM

**Come join the mass honoring
Our Lady of Guadalupe
featuring a Mariachi serenade.**

**The celebration will continue following
the mass at in Albertson Hall.**

MORNING RETREAT

MY MONTHLY ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

**Thursday, Dec. 12th, 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.**

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH PILGRIMAGE



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14, 2024

JOIN US



REGISTER HERE
TO WALK
WITH US



“Madres de rodillas logran hijos de pie”



Oración de las Madres



Todos los **jueves**

🕒 **8:30** am.

St. AGNES Catholic Church
Key Biscayne. FL.
(Después de misa de 8:00 am.)

Pages To Heaven BOOK CLUB

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 continue to 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.

FEATURED BOOK OF THE MONTH

**MERE
CHRISTIANITY**
BY C.S. LEWIS

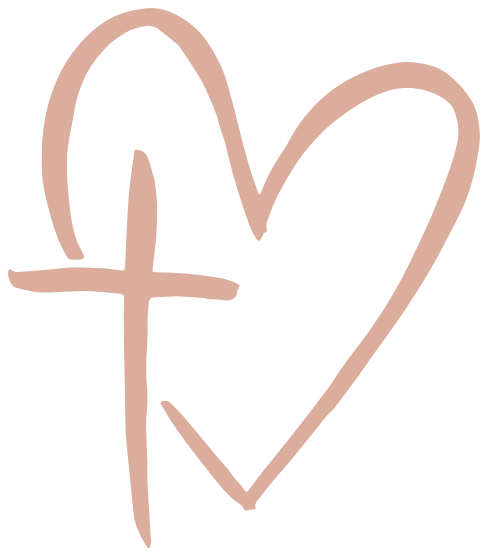
**TUES DEC. 17TH, 2024 AT
7:30 PM**

ST. AGNES CATHOLIC PARISH
IN THE PASTORAL CENTER RM 401

Join Our Book Club



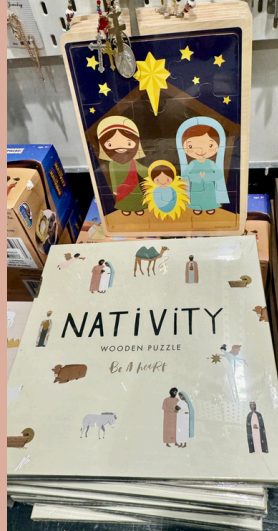
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Located in the entrance of the church.

We invite you to visit our St. Agnes Catholic Parish gift shop. It is filled with a beautiful and broad selection of artisanal and exquisite religious items from around the world.



STORE *hours*

Wednesday

Sunday

11AM - 2PM

11AM - 2PM



AGNES CHOIR
SINGING
ADORATION
BEFORE THE
BLESSED SACRAMENT



MONDAYS
8:30 - 9:30 PM
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Long-Term Support:

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Week	Online Donors	Online Giving	Envelopes	Anonymous	Total
11/17/2024	221	\$13,150	\$2,067	\$5,246	\$20,463
11/10/2024	224	\$12,608	\$2,781	\$5,109	\$20,498
11/3/2024	245	\$12,136	\$4,623	\$5,834	\$22,593
10/27/2024	231	\$10,569.00	\$1,830.00	\$5,589.00	\$17,988.00
10/20/2024	227	\$10,591.00	\$2,393.00	\$5,981.00	\$18,965.00



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