

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 5PM

Sunday: 7AM, 9AM, 10:45AM & 5PM

Daily Mass in the Chapel at 8AM

Monday - Saturday

(Communion Service on Wed.)

Confessions: Saturday 3:30PM

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Dear Friends.

I would like to announce that it is time for the Bishop's Appeal in our parish and in our diocese. This is a yearly appeal that assists our diocese in funding a variety of ministries, services, and programs that benefit many throughout the East Bay. It reaches out to help those most in need.

I realize that many of you have been most generous to Reclaiming Christ's Mission Together, the diocesan capital campaign. Some of you are still paying your pledges to the capital campaign, and I thank you for that. While the capital campaign focuses on six specific areas, the Annual Bishop's Appeal provides support for the day-to-day operations of our ministries and services essential to our Church of the East Bay.

THIS IS NOT A SECOND COLLECTION. This is a vital, annual commitment that you can spread out over ten months.

In 2016, our parish raised \$21,825 for the appeal. This year, our overall parish goal is \$34,703.50, the same as last year. I know we can reach that goal, and when we exceed it, our parish will receive 100% of all funds back to us to address some of our own needs. A gift to the Appeal truly extends to both the local and larger community.

We have taken the first step. Starting this week, we will pray at Mass for the success of the Appeal throughout the diocese. This will continue for the next few weeks. You will be hearing more about the Bishop's Appeal and receiving information in the mail over the next few weeks.

All of us have been blessed by God in some way—in health, with family, and our resources. With a gift to the Appeal, we can “set the world on fire” as this year's theme urges us to do.

We realize that everyone's financial situation is different. The decision you make is between you and God. Discuss your pledge to the Bishop's Appeal with your family, and prayerfully reflect upon the graces that God has bestowed on you and your loved ones. I know that through prayer and reflection, you will come to a meaningful response. We will ask you to make your commitment on or by the weekend of March 4 & 5.

In closing, I ask you to please prayerfully consider these words. While this is our parish, our spiritual home, we are also part of a much larger, universal family, and we have responsibilities to them as well. If we act together as members of one family united in Christ's love, we can realize and accomplish great things.

Fr. Johnson

SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR FEBRUARY 19: \$10,674.00

Includes Faith Direct Giving

We thank you for your Stewardship.

Calendar for the Week

Mass Intentions

Saturday, February 25, 2017

5:00 p.m. Pauline Bevans—Repose
Tomas Legaspi, Sr.—Repose
Rolf & Josefina Stolz—Repose

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:00 a.m. Milton Hain—Repose
9:00 a.m. Kevin McCauley—Repose
Joaquin Perez—Repose
Gloria Schmidt—Repose
10:45 a.m. Peggy, Cy & Neal Coenen—Repose
Mary Catherine Dunn—Repose
Amanda Maltez—Repose
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Monday, February 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
Fernando Cortes—Special Intention

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Maureen Gregg—Special Intention

Wednesday, March 1, 2017

Masses at 7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. (School) and 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Ernest Cornella—Repose
Dustin Davis—Repose
Sal & Irene Lo Grasso—Repose

Friday, March 3, 2017

8:15 a.m. Ramon Santos—Repose

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:00 a.m. Salud Villanueva—Repose
5:00 p.m. For the People of St. Agnes,
Living and Deceased

Sunday, March 5, 2017

7:00 a.m. Milton Hain—Repose
Fr. Peter Loffredo—Special Intention
Peggy Stephens—Special Intention
9:00 a.m. Raymonde B. Hamel—Repose
Gloria Schmidt—Repose
Janine Snook—Repose
10:45 a.m. Arnulto Hores—Repose
Andres Maniti—Repose
Ron Artale—Special Intention
5:00 p.m. Audie Arenas-Vergara—Repose

Parish Events and Meetings

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Stewardship Enrollment Weekend

Hospitality Weekend

8:00 a.m. Couples for Christ—Cauchi Hall
8:30 a.m. RCIA—A.R.
10:45 a.m. Friends and Family Mass
6:00 p.m. Life Teen—Cauchi Hall

Monday, February 27, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
5:00 p.m. Children's Faith Formation—School
7:00 p.m. Father-Daughter Dance Mtg—A.R.
7:00 p.m. EDGE—Cauchi Hall

Tuesday, February 28, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Wills & Trusts—Cauchi Hall

Wednesday, March 1, 2017—Ash Wednesday

Masses at 7:00am, 9:00am (School) and 7:30 pm

Thursday, March 2, 2017

8:00 a.m. Daily Mass—Chapel
9:30 a.m. Bible Study—A.R.
6:00 p.m. Children's Choir Practice—Church
7:00 p.m. CYO Meeting—G.P.
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Practice—Church

Friday, March 3, 2017

8:15 a.m. First Friday Mass—Church
1:00 p.m. School Mass, followed by
School Stations of the Cross
5:30 p.m. Lenten Fish Fry—Church Hall
6:45 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet—Chapel
7:00 p.m. Dance Class—Cauchi Hall
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross—Church

Saturday, March 4, 2017

8:30 a.m. Lector Practice—Church
9:00 a.m. Work Party

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

Monday: Julian Calendar Lent begins
Wednesday: Ash Wednesday; Fast and Abstinence
Friday: St. Katharine Drexel; Abstinence;
First Friday; World Day of Prayer
Saturday: St. Casimir; First Saturday

Parish News and Activities



NEXT MEETING: St. Agnes Retired Seniors (StARS) will meet next on Tuesday, March 7, at 11:00 AM, in the Church Hall. Our special guest for this meeting is Sister Ann Weltz, who will tell us the story of the Bay Area Crisis Nursery.

All seniors and their guests are invited to attend. There are no reservations necessary for this luncheon, and there are no fees or dues for belonging to this organization. March is a pot luck luncheon, so attendees are asked to bring a dish to share. Choose either a main dish, or a side dish, or a salad, or a dessert.

CASINO BUS TRIP: StARS is planning a Bus day trip to Red Hawk Casino, near Placerville, on Tuesday, April 18.

For further information, stop by the Welcome Table after weekend Masses or the Church Office during the week.

SPECIAL PRAYER REQUEST

We ask for your special prayers for the youth in our Confirmation Program. Please pray that they be open to the message from the Holy Spirit and experience the vivid sense of God's presence in the world. We also ask that you pray for our confirmation leaders and helpers. May they keep faithful to their vocation and to the proclamation of God's message.

BI-MONTHLY YOUTH MASS

Did you know that we offer two Youth Masses a month? On the 2nd and the 3rd Sundays at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. All teens and young adults are welcome and encouraged to get involved in these liturgies by being Lectors, Greeters, Ushers, Altar Servers, Eucharistic Ministers or members of the Youth Band. Please share your gifts with fellow parishioners. Contact Linda at lindastagnes@gmail.com or 689-0838.

RICE BOWLS

Rice Bowls will be available after Masses on Ash Wednesday, and after all Masses March 4 & 5. Please take one home and enjoy the wonderful prayers and activities from the Rice Bowl Program.



SAVE THE DATE for our first Lenten Soup Supper, Wednesday, March 8 at 6:00 p.m. in the Church Hall. Bring a bowl and spoon and enjoy two great soups and a presentation from our youth in the La Morita Mexico Youth Mission. Supper begins at 6:00 p.m.; the program is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Wills, Living Trusts and Estate Seminar

Are you thinking about having a will or living trust updated, or created? Do you have a question that you would like answered about a will or a living trust? If so, please join us at **7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th in Cauchi Hall** when David Hornsby, a local attorney from Walnut Creek, will give a presentation on the importance of having a current will or living trust in place. David will also talk about the benefits of having a Living Trust compared to a Will. Mr. Hornsby made a similar presentation to Parishioners several years ago. The feedback from that session was excellent. We hope you will be able to attend on February 28th.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 28 Wills, Trust & Estate Seminar, 7:00 pm

MARCH

- 1 Ash Wednesday Mass Times:
7:00 am, 9:00 am (School) & 7:30 pm
- 3 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 pm
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 pm
- 7 STARS Luncheon, 11:00 a.m.
- 8 Lenten Soup Meal, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 Fish Fry, Knights of Columbus, 5:30 p.m.
Stations of the Cross, 7:00 p.m.

Dining at St. Agnes

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FISH FRY Beginning Friday, March 3, 5:30-6:45 p.m.

During the Lenten season, the St. Agnes Knights of Columbus will be hosting Friday Night Fish Fry in the Church Hall. Please come out early and enjoy a fish dinner before you attend the Stations of the Cross program held in the church.

The Fish Fry Menu:

Fried Fish (2 pieces)

French Fries, Salad, and Coleslaw

Beverage—Soda, water available for additional cost.

Cost: \$7, kids 3 and under are Free.



Other dates include March 10th, 24th, 31st and April 7th. For more information, contact Carlos Garcia at cmgarcia@astound or Earl Koski at ekoski@astound.net.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER Friday, March 17

Wear a bit 'o green when you attend the St. Patrick's Day Dinner on Friday, March 17th, in the Church Hall. The evening opens at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar and is followed by dinner at 7:00 p.m. The feast includes corned beef, cabbage, carrots and potatoes along with salad, bread and dessert.

The **price for adults is \$20**, and children 12 and under are \$5. Contact Lynda Conlow at 925-899-1911, Tim McGallian at 925-408-5349 or the church office for further information.

Tickets can be purchased after Masses at the Welcoming Table in the back of the church and weekdays at the church office. The deadline for ticket sales is March 6th. There will be no tickets sold the day of the dinner.

There is also a way that you can make this dinner a wonderful event, by offering baskets or items for the Raffle Table. Drop these items off at the church office.

Community Activities

FREE FEDERAL AND STATE INCOME TAX PREPARATION FOR THE YEAR 2016

AARP's Tax-Aide program offers **free** Federal and State Income tax preparation for all taxpayers who need help filing a tax return, with special attention to seniors over 50. All AARP's Tax-Aide counselors are IRS and State trained, tested and certified.



For appointments at the Concord United Methodist Church, 1645 West Street, Concord, call **925-405-5234** (leave your name and phone number and an appointment scheduler will return your call). Appointments are available **Wednesdays and Thursdays** between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Bring all your **2016** tax information, photo ID, Social Security Cards, medical insurance, deductions, broker statements and education expenses **for everyone on your tax return**. Also bring a copy of your 2015 Federal and State returns.

For other Tax-Aide locations, call 925-726-3199. Any questions, call Walt Hubrig at 925-685-0260.

LA MORITA YOUTH MISSION

Stop by after all Masses this weekend and see the model home that our youth will be building for three families in Tijuana during Easter week. You can help our new non-profit corporation "La Morita Mexico Youth Mission" build the homes, by purchasing a door, a window, a wall or roof panel, or even a cement slab. You can shop on the spot, or mail in your donation later. No donations will be collected in the collection or at the Ministry Center. For more information, contact the Waltons at 925-212-7679 or e-mail jdwalton@astound.net.





Bishop Michael C. Barber has chosen “All God’s People – United in Faith” as the theme for the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.

For most of us, our experience of Church is at our parish. The Church is, however, much more than that. We are all called in mission to serve the Church and its people through our parish, our diocese and universally.

The Annual Bishop’s Appeal in the Diocese of Oakland is but one way to serve our fellow parishioners and the broader community as we demonstrate our unity as Catholics of the Diocese of Oakland. We are asked to pray for our fellow parishioners, our clergy and leadership, for those who are served by the many ministries and programs offered by the Church, and for the success of the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal.

Every member of the faith community of our local Church is also asked to participate in whatever way possible by making a gift. All gifts to the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal are equally important. As responsible stewards of our faith and the many gifts that God has generously bestowed on each of us, we are asked to make a sacrificial, proportionate and thoughtful gift. Those who are blessed with more are challenged to give more, but everyone is asked to respond. Imagine what can be done in the name of our local faith community if every parishioner were inspired by “All God’s People – United in Faith” and participated in our annual Bishop’s Appeal.

While parishes rely on the financial support of parishioners through weekly offertory collections, the diocese also relies on these same parishioners to make possible the many services it provides to literally thousands of individuals each year. The Bishop’s Appeal supplies annual funding to many ministries which provide services throughout the Diocese of Oakland.

By sharing your time, talent and treasure with our sisters and brothers and our Church of the East Bay, you are making a sacrifice and returning to God a small portion of the many gifts he has given to you. By embracing “All God’s People – United in Faith” through the 2017 Bishop’s Appeal, you are contributing greatly to building up the Kingdom of God here in the Church of the East Bay.

Your Generosity in Action

The Bishop’s Appeal provides funds to offset some of the following expenses:

- Parishes and Schools in Need \$913,000
- Pastoral Ministries and Services \$2,031,000
- Clergy Formation and Retirement \$3,511,000
- Religious Education and Formation \$1,014,000