

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24, 2021
PATRONAL FEAST OF SAINT AGNES (OF)
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY (EF)



CHURCH OF
SAINT
AGNES

Clergy

Reverend Mark Moriarty, Pastor
Reverend James McConville, Parochial Vicar
Deacon Nathan Allen
Reverend Cassian DiRocco, in residence

Sunday Masses

Saturday 5:15pm Vigil OF English Mass
7:00 am OF English Low Mass
8:00 am EF Latin Low Mass
9:00 am OF English Mass with Hymns ([Livestreamed](#))
10:30 am OF Latin Sung Mass with *Schola* ([Livestreamed](#))
12:15 pm OF English Low Mass

Weekday Masses

Monday through Friday 6:30 am English Low Mass
First Fridays 5:15 pm English Low Mass
Saturday 8:00 am OF Latin Sung Mass with *Schola* ([Livestreamed](#))

Sacrament of Penance

Every Tuesday after Novena 7:30–8:00 pm (Chapel)
First Fridays 3:30–5:00 pm before First Friday Mass (Chapel)
Every Saturday 3:30–5:00 pm during Adoration (Church)

Adoration and Devotions

Sunday: 12:15 pm Angelus/Regina Caeli during Easter Season (Church)
2:00 pm Vespers and Benediction (Church)
Tuesday: 7:00 pm Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Chapel)
7:30 pm Confessions, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Rosary
First Fridays: 7:00 am Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction (Chapel)
Saturday: 3:30 pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until 5:00 pm
5:00 pm Benediction (Church)

Anointing of the Sick and Last Rites: As requested. Contact clergy.

Funeral Masses: Contact clergy or parish office.

Baptisms: Contact Fr. McConville or parish office.

The Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm; Friday: closed except for deliveries.

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PRAYERS & READINGS: THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (OF)

Entrance Antiphon [Introit]

O sing a new song to the Lord; sing to the Lord, all the earth. In his presence are majesty and splendor, strength and honor in his holy place. Psalm 96:1,6 [Roman Missal]

Dominus secus mare Galilaeae vidit duos fratres, Petrum et Andream, et vocavit eos: Venite post me: faciam vos fieri pescatores hominum. Ps. Cæli enarrant gloriam Dei: et opera manuum eius annuntiat firmamentum. [Gregorian Missal, p.437]

Collect

Priest: O Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ...All: Amen.

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah, saying: "Set out for the great city of Nineveh, and announce to it the message that I will tell you." So Jonah made ready and went to Nineveh, according to the LORD'S bidding. Now Nineveh was an enormously large city; it took three days to go through it. Jonah began his journey through the city, and had gone but a single day's walk announcing, "Forty days more and Nineveh shall be destroyed," when the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw by their actions how they turned from their evil way, he repented of the evil that he had threatened to do to them; he did not carry it out.

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice and teaches the humble his way.

R. Teach me your ways, O Lord.

Second Reading

1 Cor 7:29-31

I tell you, brothers and sisters, the time is running out. From now on, let those having wives act as not having them, those weeping as not weeping, those rejoicing as not rejoicing, those buying as not owning, those using the world as not using it fully. For the world in its present form is passing away.

Alleluia

Mark 1:15

The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the Gospel. R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." As he passed by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting their nets into the sea; they were fishermen. Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men." Then they abandoned their nets and followed him. He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John. They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him.

Offertory Antiphon

Psalm 118:16-17

The right hand of the Lord is exalted; the right hand of the Lord has struck with power. I shall not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

Dextera Domini fecit virtutem, dextera Domini exaltavit me: non moriar, sed vivam, et narrabo opera Domini. [Gregorian Missal, p.440]

Prayer over the Offerings

Priest: Accept our offerings, O Lord, we pray, and in sanctifying them grant that they may profit us for salvation. Through Christ our Lord. All: Amen.

Communion Antiphon

Psalm 34:6

Look toward the Lord and be radiant; let your faces not be ashamed.

Venite post me: faciam vos pescatores hominum: at illi, relicts rebus et navi, seuti sunt Dominum. Mt 4:19-20 [Gregorian Missal, p.441]

Prayer After Communion

Priest: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, receiving the grace by which you bring us to new life, we may always glory in your gift. All: Amen.

Congratulations to parishioner, Ruby Kubista, who received the St. John Paul II Champions for Life Award, which recognizes individuals who strive to protect life at all stages.

Ruby has been an active volunteer and employee with MCCL since 1979. She organizes and sets up MCCL booths at all 83 Minnesota County fairs each year and is the main contact person for more than 200 chapters in the State. As a former teacher and mother of 10 (which includes Father Paul Kubista of this Archdiocese), she discovered a need for materials for children to learn about life issues. She authored "My Mom and Me," a 36-page activity-coloring booklet about how babies grow in the womb and care they need after birth. She also authored word games and crossword puzzles. The materials are sold at county fair booths and on the MCCL website.

On the cover: detail from a 7th-century mosaic of Saint Agnes in the basilica of Saint Agnes Outside the Wall, Rome. She is arrayed in the bejeweled robes of Byzantine royalty. Public domain via Wikimedia Commons.

PASTOR'S COLUMN

Saint Joseph, Most Chaste

"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?...Therefore glorify God in your body." St. Paul, in his first letter to the Corinthians, is exhorting us to realize that the body is not for immorality but for our Lord. He wants us to see the connection between the gift of our bodies and the ultimate purpose of glorifying God. This is what chastity is all about.

Let us first consider Joseph of Egypt who serves as a type of Saint Joseph. After he was sold into slavery he is purchased by and works for Potiphar. Potiphar's wife tries to seduce Joseph. Joseph resists and says, "How, then, can I do this great wrong and sin against God?" (Gen 39:9) It is good for us to realize that when we sin against the sixth commandment we are not sinning against an arbitrary rule; we are sinning against God's plan for us, God's plan for the intimacy between husband and wife, God's plan for the procreation of children, and God's particular plan for our vocation.

Chastity comes from the Latin word, *castus*, meaning clean or pure. To be chaste is more than only saying "no". Nor is chastity equivalent to virginity. Everyone needs to practice chastity no matter their state in life, whether it be married, single, consecrated or priestly. Chastity is critical during youth and even before one knows his or her vocation. Purity in every aspect of our being allows us to, first and foremost, serve God single heartedly: "teach me, Lord, your way that I may walk in your truth, single-hearted and revering your name." (Psalm 86) God must be most important in our lives. We recognize that only He satisfies. Only He is the source of our happiness. Our thoughts, words and actions are transformed. We do not use or exploit or take advantage of others; instead, we look to serve God and neighbor. We might have pleasure in lesser things but not in a manner that is sinful. Yes, we need to avoid sinning against the sixth commandment: we should not corrupt God's plan for life and love, the intimacy between husband and wife. Still the most essential question to ask ourselves is, how are we giving ourselves to God? In the Gospel of Luke we hear, "for where your treasure is, there also will your heart be." (Luke 12:34) We must treasure God above all else, above all other pleasures. God must be our ultimate goal, our ultimate satisfaction.

We find a concrete example of single-heartedness in the Gospel for the 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time. John the Baptist says what we are about to hear at Mass, "Behold the lamb of God!" Two of John's disciples heed his voice, look up, see our Lord and follow after Him. This depicts purity or single heart-



edness because John knows what he sees and so too does Andrew and the other disciple. They know and follow. They are not simply looking at Jesus as a potential customer, someone who might buy their fish. They have not reduced Jesus to some thing. They see him in a pure way that is not objectifying. They immediately ask where Jesus is residing so they can get to know him better. They give their hearts and their lives. This is a beautiful example of seeing with pure eyes and a pure heart.

We too should see others around us not as objects or problems but as fellow sons and daughters of God, not as those to take advantage of or to use but those we should serve as we serve God. So, my brothers and sisters, again it is not just a matter of 'don't do this', 'we shouldn't think that' or 'we shouldn't say this'. Primarily it is about giving ourselves to God.

Joseph of Egypt was called Joseph the Chaste but St. Joseph is called Most Chaste. St. Joseph lived a life of chastity from the earliest years of his youth. That prepared him to be as worthy as he could be in regards to his vocation of being the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and, of course, in his role as foster-father of Jesus. Fr. O'Rafferty, in his Discourses on St. Joseph, wrote this, "How pure then were St. Joseph's thoughts, always centered on God. How holy his desires and affections which came from a heart filled with God's love. How peaceful his eyes which were never disturbed by any unholy object. How pure his tongue which was never used except to praise God and promote his glory. How holy his hands, his manner, his entire behavior." Are we glorifying God in our thoughts, word and actions?

Let us ask St. Joseph Most Chaste to help us first and foremost to pour ourselves out as a gift to God, giving ourselves and our love to Him who is the most beautiful, to Him who will satisfy us in heaven, He who is our ultimate fulfillment. Then we will see other humans in a way that isn't objectifying, isn't using, isn't corrupting, isn't selfish. And we will look upon the goods of this world as they ought to be viewed and more readily avoid that which will take us from God, rob us of His life.

Tuesday, February 2, we celebrate the Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas Day. We are scheduling an additional Mass at 5:15 pm that day (in addition to 6:30 am). We will have Blessing of Candles after both Masses. You may bring your own candles and have them blessed. We will also have a small supply of candles you may pick up for a donation.

Wednesday, February 3, we celebrate the Feast of St. Blaise and will also schedule an additional Mass at 5:15 pm. Throats will be blessed at both Masses - 6:30 am and 5:15 pm.

Lenten Vocation Retreat for Young Women

Where: St. Agnes Convent
When: Sunday, February 28, 1-5 pm
Who: 17-32 year-old women
What: Bring mask and rosary
RSVP: stpaul@sisters of mary.org



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Youth Conference Hosted by Saint Agnes

Saint Agnes was blessed to be able to host part of the Archdiocesan Youth Conference on Friday, January 22; the anniversary of the infamous Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision.

Approximately 500 youth, 170 from Saint Agnes, were on our campus. Guest speakers gave presentations on Pro-Life themes. A special featured was a mock trial with high school youth serving as lawyers arguing the merits of overturning Roe v. Wade. Also featured were talks on when life begins, Pro-Life Apologetics, and how youth can get involved to influence Pro-Life legislation and education. Speakers included Bishop Andrew Cozzens, Prof. Teresa Collett, Matt Birk, Jason Adkins, Angela Erickson, Brian Gibson, Mary Paquette, MD and Maddie Schulte.

Archbishop's Discernment Retreat

The annual Archbishop's Discernment Retreat has been moved to January 29 and 30, 2021. This retreat, focused on priesthood discernment, is for Catholic men who are currently Juniors or Seniors in high school to age 24 (and do not have a college degree). This retreat will be led by Archbishop Bernard Hebda and Father David Blume, the Director of Vocations, via zoom. It is a virtual event that is organized in small groups of registered guests at a parish near you. More information and registration can be found at www.10000vocations.org.

Please encourage men in your parish who have been praying about their vocation to consider attending this retreat. If you have questions, please email: stpaulpriest@10000vocations.org.

Easing of COVID-19 Restrictions

In addition to removal of the 250-person cap and continued 50% occupancy in churches, the pause is now lifted for Bible studies, youth meetings and adult faith formation. The executive order continues to impose limits on the number of people who can gather for social events in church settings, such as luncheons, etc.. Indoor social gatherings remain limited to 10 people from no more than two households. Outdoor gatherings are limited to 15 people and 3 households. (cf. Catholic Spirit)

MASS INTENTIONS

- Monday, January 25 | Conversion of Saint Paul**
 6:30 am Jack Burns (B)
- Tuesday, January 26 | Saints Timothy and Titus**
 6:30 am Mary Groetsch
 8:55 am David and Nancy Johnson
- Wednesday, January 27 | Saint Angela Merici**
 6:30 am Peter Tam
 5:15 pm Robert P. Gardner †
- Thursday, January 28 | Saint Thomas Aquinas**
 6:30 am Fr. Timothy Kieran †
 8:55 am Mike Pasiuk
- Friday, January 29**
 6:30 am Leo, Lenore and Gerald Urman †
- Saturday, January 30**
 8:00 am Joanne Pizzella Allen †
 5:15 pm Catherine Hoffman (A) †
- Sunday, January 31 | Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (OF)**
Septuagesima Sunday (EF)
- 7:00 am Helen Sirba †
 8:00 am Arnold Deutsch †
 9:00 am Rosemary Larson †
 10:30 am* Katalin and William Preisler
 12:15 pm *Missa pro populo* (for the people)
 (B) birthday (A) anniversary † deceased * sung Mass
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CHORALE AND ORCHESTRA NOTES

Joseph Haydn, *Nikolai Messe* (1772)
The music for this Mass is sponsored by Lois Berens in memory of James Berens.

The *Missa Sancti Nicolai*, was composed by Joseph Haydn (1732-1809) in 1772 and most likely was intended for the Feast of St Nicholas on December 6 of that year, the name day of Haydn's employer Prince Nikolaus I Esterházy.

The Twin Cities Catholic Chorale is a non-profit organization that depends solely on the generosity of its patrons. Programs are available at the church entrances and are posted on the Chorale's website at www.catholicchorale.org. Next Sunday, the Demi-Chorale will perform Joseph Haydn's *Kleine Orgelsofomesse*.

Virtual Red & White Feb 6.

Auctions, speakers, drawings, entertainment
www.saintagnesschool.org
 7:30 PM Virtual Program Begins

Must pre-register to bid on auction items

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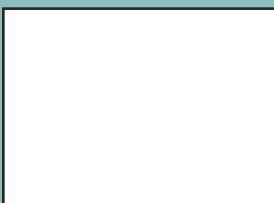
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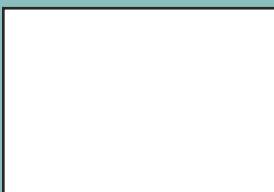
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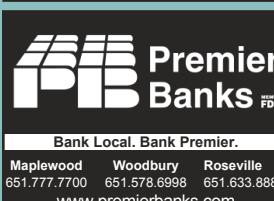
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