



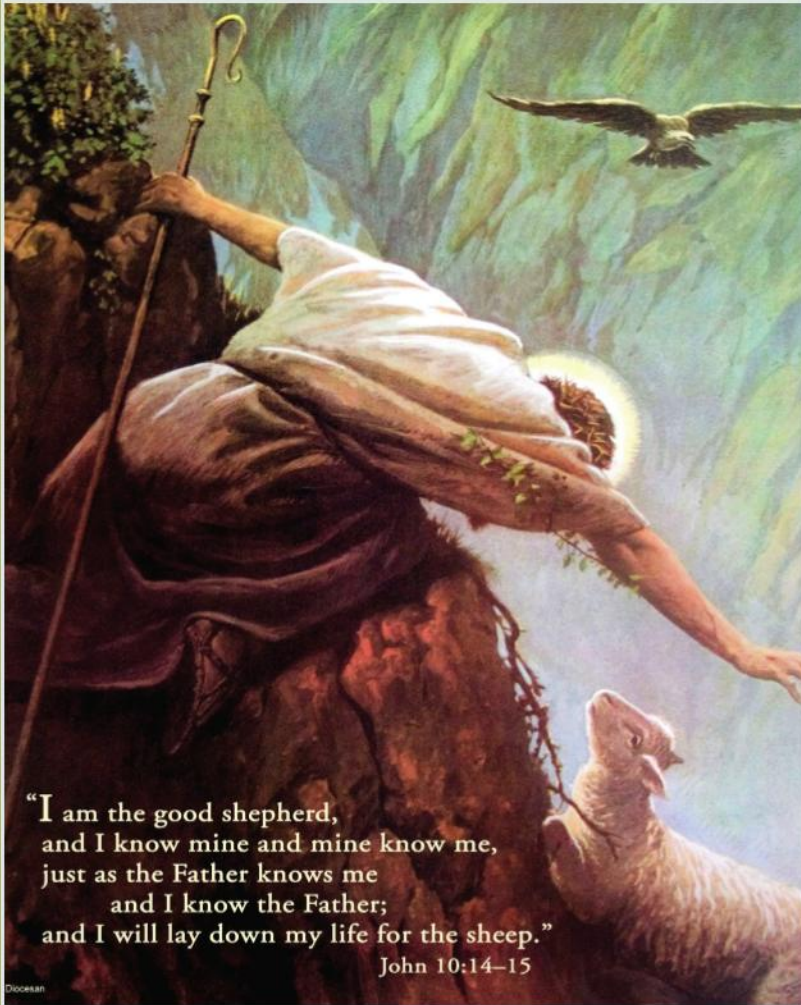
SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

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Rev. Brent Maher, Pastor
In Residence: Rev. Joey F. Angeles; Rev. Alex Harb

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter
Latin: Third Sunday after Easter
*Latin Mass Music. Canticum Missal: Vidi Aqua, p. 566.
Missa VIII, p. 727. Credo III, p. 776. Regina Caeli p. 954.*



**"I am the good shepherd,
and I know mine and mine know me,
just as the Father knows me
and I know the Father;
and I will lay down my life for the sheep."
John 10:14-15**

In the mystery of the Incarnation, the Son of God comes to earth in search of men who, like stray sheep, have wandered away from the sheepfold and have become lost in the dark valley of sin. . . . Jesus said, "I am the Good Shepherd, and I give my life for my sheep" and in the Office for Paschal time, the Church chants many times: "The Good Shepherd is risen, He who gave His life for His sheep and who died for His flock." What could be a better synthesis of the whole work of the Redemption? . . . Again Jesus said: "I know Mine, and Mine know Me, even as the Father knows Me and I know the Father." Although there is no question here of equality, but merely that of a simple comparison, it is nevertheless very consoling and glorious for us to see how Jesus likes to compare His relations with us to those He has with His Father. . . . This shows that between us, the sheep, and Jesus, our Shepherd, there is not only a relation of acquaintance, but also one of love, and better still, of a communion of life, similar to that which exists between the Son and the Father. It is by means of the grace, faith, and charity, which the Good Shepherd acquired for us by His death, that we arrive at such intimacy with our God—so deep that it makes us share in His own divine life.

—Father Gabriel of St. Mary Magdalen, O.C.D.,
Divine Intimacy

O Lord, my Good Shepherd, what more could You have done for me that You have not done? What could You have given to me that You have not

given? You willed to be my food and drink. What more delightful and salutary, nourishing and strengthening pasture could You have found than Your own Body and Blood?—Blessed Raymond Jourdain, Abbot of Celles

HOLY MASS

Monday–Friday: 6 am
Tuesday: 5:30 pm (Traditional Latin Rite)
Saturday: 8 am 4 PM (ANTICIPATED)
SUNDAY: 8 AM (ASL), 9:15 AM (LATIN), 11 AM

CONFESSION

Monday–Saturday: Before daily Mass
Saturday: 3–3:45 pm
By appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday–Friday, 9 am–3 pm

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Last Sunday of the Month, 5 pm

BAPTISM

Contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE

Contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.



New St. Agnes Parishioners “*The Revert and the Convert*”

How do a formerly lapsed Catholic and dyed-in-the-wool Protestant now find themselves in the pews of the faithful at St Agnes? According to newly registered parishioners Angela and Scott White, it’s a long story going back many years. Scott calls himself “a religious mutt of sorts.” He was raised Catholic like his policeman father, but Scott’s mother would usually take her two sons to her Baptist church on the Sundays that her husband often had to work. Confirmed, and even looking to delve more deeply into the Faith, Scott nevertheless walked away in college, captivated by the “prosperity gospel” preached on television. Angela’s family was Christian but did not attend church much beyond Easter and Christmas, and she received no religious instruction. She felt drawn early on to faith and spent hours looking at a book of Bible stories in her home, trying hard to live up to the “angel” in her name. When she was old enough to walk there alone, she began attending a little Baptist church near her house. Her formation was a “crazy-quilt” of things she gathered at the church (no Sunday school) and “figured out” for herself.

Scott and Angela met in high school and married seven years later, by which time Scott was an Evangelical and Angela was sincere in loving Christ but flexible as far as church, not seeing any significant difference between them. She did, however, strongly want to have communion as part of their wedding ceremony; communion not being a regular part of an evangelical service, items were rounded

up that served the purpose and Angela had communion for the first time. “I didn’t know it at the time, and wouldn’t have had words for it, but even then I was reaching for a more sacramental life,” she says.

Over the years, the couple church-hopped, looking for a place that felt like home. They had a daughter and a son, and Angela became involved in children’s church. Scott’s talents in singing and playing percussion, piano, guitar, and bass, and Angela’s skill as a flutist led them to join the worship team at whatever church they attended. Scott remembers having a “nagging sense of something missing” and reacted by becoming more involved in his church, even appointed an elder in 2012. The nagging persisted, though, and recalling his early years as a Catholic, he began to study the tenants of the Faith. His desire to learn more became insatiable. “I contemplated the things I had learned as a child but with the wisdom and maturity of an adult.” In 2016 he returned to the Church and was particularly drawn to the beauty of the Latin Mass at St. Agnes. Angela assumed this was just another church hop that would run its course, but Scott’s increasing level of contentment and satisfaction as a Catholic began to cause a division between the couple. Scott spent the next five years patiently explaining his love for the Church to her, sharing his newly recovered faith, and most of all praying for the conversion of his beloved wife. They had many and varied conversations during these years spent in two worlds, with Scott attending Mass by himself and then going to church with Angela to support her. “I felt torn and confused during this time,” Angela said, “like Scott had gone somewhere I couldn’t follow. But then, God called my bluff. If there was no difference between churches beyond forms of worship and maybe the look of the building, then He said it was time to ‘get off the fence’ and join Scott.” As an act of obedience and desire to be a wife like Ruth, she told Scott she would join the Catholic Church. “God took that one small step of obedience and rewarded it beyond my wildest dreams, because I finally found the underlying fabric for the crazy-quilt of faith.” With a happy heart, she was baptized and confirmed and received her First Holy Communion at the Easter Vigil in 2023 at Immaculate Conception Church in Denham Springs, where the couple lives. Bishop Duca blessed their marriage, and in December they celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary with a renewal of vows and blessing by Father Brent. “The revert and the convert have at last found their church home and are happy it is St. Agnes,” says Scott. We at St. Agnes are equally happy!



MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (22) 6 am	Private Intention
Tue (23) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Father Alex Harb, <i>ad int.</i>
Wed (24) 6 am	Duane Gerard Kling,
	Autumn LaPorte Guarisco,
	Steven Metzger, <i>ad int.</i> , Lucille Jeansonne
Thu (25) 6 am	Mollie Barbara Helm
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Mercy upon the United States
Fri (26) 6 am	Michael & Stephanie DeBlanc, <i>ad int.</i>
Sat (27) 8 am	Father Mark Beard
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Keith LeBlanc Family, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Douglas Say, <i>ad int.</i> , Mirza & Vernon Broussard Sr.,
	Angela Van Kerkhove Bonnette
Sun (28) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Evelyn Higdon
11 am	Leon Rester, <i>ad int.</i>

Spring Workday



Saturday April 27 | 9 a.m. - 12 p.m.

————— lunch will be provided —————

Join us for a day of beautifying our parish grounds

Help plant new flowers and greenery in our gardens

Assist in moving things out of the cafeteria

in preparation for its renovation

TABERNACLE CANDLES

April 21–27

- In loving memory of **Tyrone Sr. & Patricia Honoré** (*church*).
- For a **Special Intention**. (*chapel*).

MOTHER'S DAY ENVELOPES

Please place envelope in the collection basket **by May 5** to have loved ones remembered at Masses on Mother's Day.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Tuesday April 23

- Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.
- Children's choir, 5:30 pm, OCB 5th-grade classroom.

Wednesday April 24

- Men's Holy Hour of Reparation, 8–9 pm, adoration chapel.

Saturday April 27

- Parish Workday, 9 am–Noon. Lunch afterward!
- RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.

See the parish website's calendar for all events this month.

Sunday April 21 Is World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

WHO WILL FILL THESE SHOES?



It really is a simple question, "Who Will Fill These Shoes?" More importantly, it's a shocking image, the image of empty shoes, a priest's shoes, laying there by the altar. It is a sharp reminder to all of us that without priests, there will be no Eucharist!

MAJOR ROGATION & FEAST OF ST. MARK

Thursday April 25, 5:30 pm, Traditional Latin Mass

The Rogation Days are April 25, called Major, and the three days before the feast of the Ascension, called Minor. April 25 is also the Feast of St. Mark, established at a very early date. Major Rogation is said to have been introduced to counteract the ancient Robigalia, on which the heathens held processions and supplications to their gods. St. Gregory the Great (d. 604) regulated the already existing custom. The word "rogation" has its origins in the Latin word *rogare*, which means to supplicate or ask. The purpose of the Rogation Days is to beg God for His mercy, to turn away His anger, and to ask Him to bless the fruits of the earth while protecting us from natural disasters.



May 5 & 6 Knights of Columbus Membership Drive

Members of the St. Agnes Knights of Columbus Council #10613 will be available after all Masses the weekend of May 5 and 6 to answer questions and share information about the council's activities and goals. They also want to ask: *what would you like to see the Knights do?* The primary focus of the St. Agnes KCs has been supporting the parish and the needy within our geographical boundaries. The Food Pantry ministry is an outgrowth of their initiative. The KCs are also key in fundraising for our parish security expenses. Consider joining their ranks. Come serve others, and enjoy the camaraderie of brother Knights.

Week of April 8–14, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$8,282.50 Bldg. Fund: \$4,997.47

Security Fund: \$250 Priest Retirement: \$100

Other: \$578

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