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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

749 EAST BOULEVARD / BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

January 14, 2024

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Latin: Second Sunday after Epiphany

Latin Mass Music / Campion Missal: Asperges Me, p. 567.

Missa VIII, p. 727. Credo III, p. 776. Alma Redemptoris Mater, p. 947.

The union of Christians can only be promoted by promoting the return to the one true Church of Christ of those who are separated from it, for in the past they have unhappily left it. To the one true Church of Christ, we say, which is visible to all, and which is to remain, according to the will of its Author, exactly the same as He instituted it. During the lapse of centuries, the mystical Spouse of Christ has never been contaminated, nor can she ever in the future be contaminated, as Cyprian bears witness: "The Bride of Christ cannot be made false to her Spouse: she is incorrupt and modest. She knows but one dwelling, she guards the sanctity of the nuptial chamber chastely and modestly." [20] The same holy Martyr with good reason marveled exceedingly that anyone could believe that "this unity in the Church which arises from a divine foundation, and which is knit together by heavenly sacraments, could be rent and torn asunder by the force of contrary wills." [21] For since the mystical body of Christ, in the same manner as His physical body, is one, [22] compacted and fitly joined together, [23] it were foolish and out of place to say that the mystical body is made up of members which are disunited and scattered abroad: whosoever therefore is not united with the body is no member of it, neither is he in communion with Christ its head. [24] Furthermore, in this one Church of Christ no man can be or remain who does not accept, recognize and obey the authority and supremacy of Peter and his legitimate successors. Did not the ancestors of those who are now entangled in the errors of Photius and the reformers, obey the Bishop of Rome, the chief shepherd of souls? Alas their children left the home of their fathers, but it did not fall to the ground and perish for ever, for it was supported by God. Let them therefore return to their common Father, who, forgetting the

insults previously heaped on the Apostolic See, will receive them in the most loving fashion. For if, as they continually state, they long to be united with Us and ours, why do they not hasten to enter the Church, "the Mother and mistress of all Christ's faithful"? [25] Let them hear Lactantius crying out: "The Catholic Church is alone in keeping the true worship. This is the fount of truth, this the house of Faith, this the temple of God: if any man enter not here, or if any man go forth from it, he is a stranger to the hope of life and salvation. Let none delude himself with obstinate wrangling. For life and salvation are here concerned, which will be lost and entirely destroyed, unless their interests are carefully and assiduously kept in mind." [26]

POPE PIUS XI

Mortalium Animos On Religious Unity, 1928

Pope Pius XI reigned 1922–1939 and became known as the Missionary Pope because he intensely promoted missionary work in China, Japan, India, and Southeast Asia. In a time between world wars and rocked by revolution in Russia and Mexico, he rigorously opposed nationalism, racism, anti-semitism, Nazism, and the atheistic materialism of communism. He was the author of thirty encyclicals and the only encyclical ever written in German, denouncing the racist ideology of Germany's National Socialist Party and attacks on the Catholic Church and its clergy. Many indigenous clergy including the first African and African-American priests and bishops were ordained during his time as well as six Chinese bishops. Mother Katherine Drexel regularly sought his support to influence white Catholics to be responsive to the needs of disadvantaged Native Americans and African Americans, which he promptly gave.

(20) De Cath. Ecclesiae unitate, 6. (21) Ibid. (22) I Cor. xii, 12. (23) Eph. Iv, 16. (24) Cf. Eph. v, 30; 1, 22. (25) Conc. Lateran IV, c. 5. (26) Divin. Instit. Iv, 30. 11-12.

HOLY MASS

Monday–Friday: 6 am

Tuesday: 5:30 pm (Latin)

Saturday: 8 am

4 PM (ANTICIPATED)

SUNDAY: 8 AM (ASL), 9:15 AM (LATIN), 11 AM

Monthly Pro-Life Mass: 2nd Tuesday, 5:30 pm

CONFESSION

Monday–Saturday: Before daily Mass

Saturday: 3–3:45 pm Or by appointment

ADORATION CHAPEL

Monday–Friday: 9 am–3 pm

SUNG VESPERS, ADORATION, BENEDICTION

Last Sunday of the Month at 5 pm

BAPTISM Contact the parish office.

MARRIAGE Contact the parish office at least 6 months in advance.

Altar Society Annual Membership Drive! through February 1st

Participation in the Altar Society is a great way for both men and women to serve the Lord and enjoy friendship at the same time. You can limit your involvement to one or two projects—or become fully immersed. You may also join as an inactive member to pray for the success of the society and the needs of our church. Dues are \$20 per year; each additional member from the same household is only \$5 per year. To join, take an envelope found on the tables near the entrances of the church; complete the information requested; and place your contribution in the collection basket. Contact the parish office with questions.



FEAST OF ST. AGNES SUNDAY JANUARY 21

Solemn Sung Vespers, 5 pm

Those who visit St. Agnes Catholic Church on January 21 and recite the Our Father and the Creed during their visit can receive a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions. Please note that visiting the church on Saturday January 20 will not afford the opportunity of the indulgence. *See parish website for novena prayer.*

ST. AGNES'S PIPE ORGAN was built by Casavant Frères of Saint-Hyacinthe, Québec Province, Canada, a company founded in 1879 by the brothers Claver and Samuel Casavant. Our organ is Opus 2842 and was installed in 1965. It was designed by Lawrence Phelps, Casavant's tonal director at the time and a very respected and famous organ builder of his day. It consists of thirty-two stops and thirty-eight ranks (sets of pipes) spread over three manual divisions and one pedal division. It has 2,055 pipes total. Casavant Frères is a highly reputable company, with organ installations all over the world—in churches, concert halls, schools, and other venues. One of its most recent is Opus 3932, a four manual and pedal organ with forty-five stops and fifty-seven ranks, at First United Methodist Church, in Baton Rouge. In our fair city there are two other Casavant organs, one at Trinity Episcopal Church, and one at St. Aloysius Catholic Church. The restoration of our organ by Casavant Frères will begin on January 16, 2024, when the dismantling of the instrument gets underway. A crew will work in the church for two whole weeks to complete the disassembly. All pipes and mechanisms will be transported to Québec, where their restoration will take place at the Casavant Frères factory. Every pipe will be inspected and cleaned, and if necessary, reshaped and polished. The mechanisms will then be put back in proper working order, and a new blower will be purchased. The instrument will be reassembled at the factory to make sure it works properly. In October/November, the organ will be reinstalled at St. Agnes, with the final tonal work being done on site in December. Our restored organ should be up and ready for Christmas. As for a temporary replacement organ during the interval, we are negotiating with Rodgers Instruments company. Installation of one of their electronic, digital organs could happen as soon as February. Negotiations are still ongoing; a decision will be made shortly. Another option for a keyboard during the interval is our existing Clavinova electric, digital piano/organ. This instrument is connected to the church's sound system. While it is not the optimal choice, it can be made to "do the job," if necessary. After one whole year of absence, we will all be excited to hear our glorious Casavant Frères organ again. Plans are to schedule a rededication Mass, possibly with the bishop presiding, and a concert with a hired organist sometime during the Easter Season of 2025. We will use the time between Christmas and Easter to make sure that all of the kinks in the organ are taken care of before the concert. After reinstallation, there can be some small problems to work out before the organ really settles in and gets "reacquainted" with the church environment and our Baton Rouge climate. The restoration of our organ is a big project, but greatly needed. The organ is fifty-eight years old. Much of the air pressure in the organ is contained using leather seals, etc., and as we all know, leather gets brittle after a while. In this case, after fifty-eight years, much of the leather is disintegrating. So, it is time to restore. The organ will return to us better than ever, and we look forward to having it aid us in our worship for the praise and glory of God. —*Daniel Blanchard, St. Agnes Organist*

PASSPORT

ADORATION CHAPEL PILGRIMAGE
JANUARY 15, 2024- AUGUST 1, 2024



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Seventeen Eucharistic adoration chapels within our diocese, including St. Agnes, are taking part in a special pilgrimage open to everyone! Visit Our Lord at as many of these chapels as possible by August 1. Visit at least five by that date, and you may enter your passport for a pilgrimage prize.

Pick up your "passport" for this pilgrimage at the entrances to the church. Make the pilgrimage on your own, or go as part of a group! For the list of participating chapels, their addresses, and other pertinent information, email: adore2024passport@gmail.com

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (15) 6 am	Private Intention
Tue (16) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Joseph Amedee Jr.
Wed (17) 6 am	Emily Grace DeWitt, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Glynn Scalise, <i>ad int.</i> ,
	Barbara Guidry, Steven Covington, <i>ad int.</i>
Thu (18) 6 am	Gregory Kadair
Friday (19) 6 am	Shelly Daigle, <i>ad int.</i>
Saturday (20) 8 am	Candice Scalise, <i>ad int.</i>
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Susan Nickel,
	John & Consetta Greco,
	Napoleon Jannise, Leon Rester, <i>ad int.</i>
Sun (21) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Fr. Brent Maher, <i>ad int.</i>
11 am	Edward DeBlanc Jr., <i>ad int.</i>

A weekly reading-discussion of the 82-page "Catechism of Mental Prayer," by Fr. Joseph Simler, SM, is being organized for Saturdays after 8 am Mass. Written for novitiates and seminaries, the booklet is suitable for anyone seeking to better converse with God in the silence of the heart. Booklet will be provided at cost. Please contact Claude Culross to join or for more information: claudc-ccc@cox.net
"The devil knows he has lost the soul that perseveringly practices mental prayer."—St. Teresa of Avila

2024 Wedding Anniversary Celebration

Couples marking their 25th, 50th, 65th, or higher wedding anniversary in 2024 are invited to a special Mass offered by Bishop Duca on Sunday March 3, 2024 at 2 pm at Most Blessed Sacrament Church. A reception will follow. Families of the honored couples are also invited to attend. *Please register by calling the St. Agnes parish office no later than Tuesday January 30.*

Tax letters for 2023 donations totaling \$250 or more will be mailed by mid-February.
 Please call the parish office if needed sooner.

December Online Donations

General Fund: \$9,388.69 Bldg. Fund: \$1,150.44
 Repairs & Replacements: \$228.99 PSR: \$428.99

Week of January 2–January 7, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$8,799.49 Bldg. Fund: \$706
 Other: \$1,852.12

Week of December 26, 2023–January 1, 2024

Reg. Collections: \$6,317.25 Bldg. Fund: \$673
 Other: \$405.45

Week of December 18–December 25, 2023

Reg. Collections: \$20,537 Bldg. Fund: \$2,141
 Religious Retirement: \$1,130 Other: \$2,671

TABERNACLE CANDLES

January 14–20

In loving memory of **Sue Turner** (*church*).
 For a the **intentions of Leo Murphy Beauregard**. (*chapel*).

SECOND COLLECTION

January 14: Parish Building Fund.

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday January 14

Third Order of Mary, 3 pm, church.

Monday January 15

Parish office closed for Martin Luther King Jr. federal holiday.

Altar Society meeting, 9:15 am, OCB meeting room.

Tuesday January 16

Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.

Troops of St. George, 5:30 pm, OCB meeting room.

Wednesday January 17

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

Friday January 19

Sanctuary cleaning, 9 am. Join our Altar Society!

Saturday January 20

RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.

Louisiana Life March South, 10 am, State capitol lawn.

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

DO YOU WANT THE DEVIL TO ATTACK YOU?

VISIT JESUS RARELY IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT.

DO YOU WANT HIM TO FLEE FROM YOU?

VISIT JESUS OFTEN.

St. John Bosco

Committed adorers and substitutes are needed for our adoration chapel. Call the parish office to sign up!



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RESPECT LIFE MASS

Celebrated by Bishop Michael Duca

January 20, 2024 | 8:30 a.m.

St. Joseph Cathedral
401 Main Street, Baton Rouge LA

Walking with
Moms in Need

Join us, following Mass, for fellowship,
coffee and hot chocolate before we join
thousands of others for the
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Requirements may be found at diobr.org/hr

Application deadline is February 16, 2024.

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St. Agnes Parish Office Hours

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