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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

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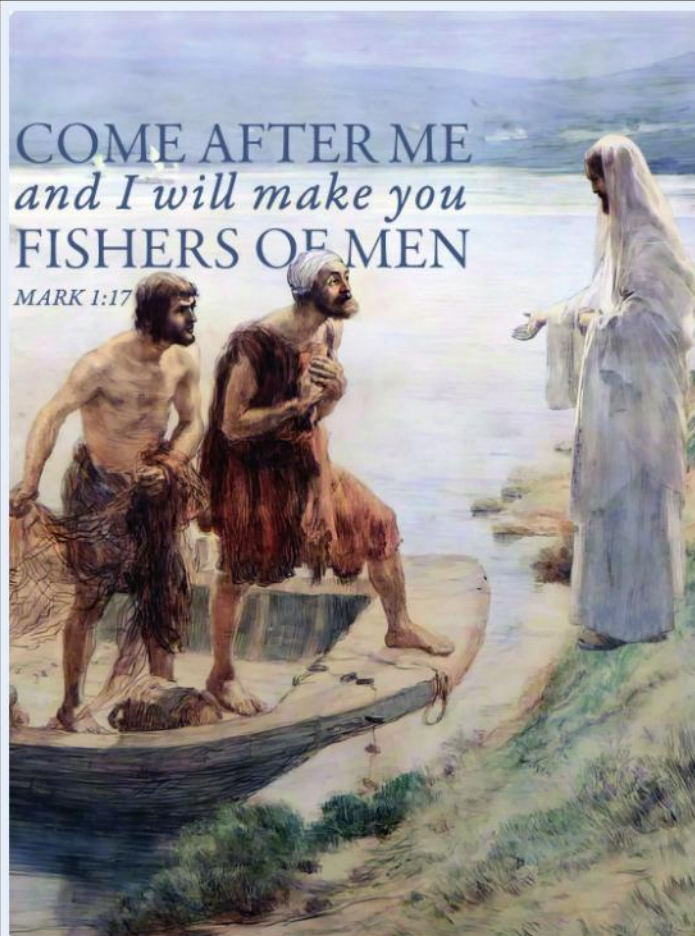
January 21, 2024

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Latin: Third 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.



You can meet the men who are currently studying for the priesthood for our diocese in this video:

<https://youtu.be/zATFg0FVsAI>

This January, the Diocese of Baton Rouge is implementing a vocation promotion initiative. "Called by Name" is a program that invites men 16 years of age or older to consider the diocesan priesthood. At the heart of this program is the belief that there are men in our parishes who are being called to prayerfully consider the vocation to the priesthood in our diocese. Parishioners are encouraged to consider who in our midst might serve well as a priest and submit his name and contact information in the collection basket next weekend, January 27 and 28. There are many good prospective priests who simply are waiting to be asked. The information submitted will remain strictly confidential, seen only by Father Brent, and then forwarded to Bishop Duca.



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

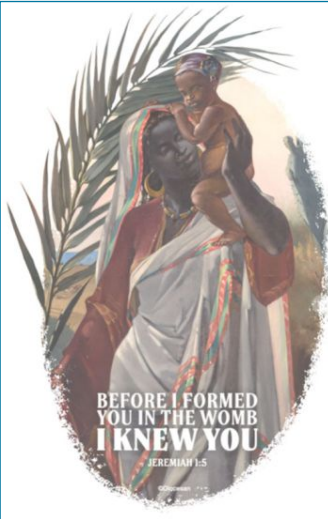
Monday–Friday: 9 am–3 pm

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.



In all dioceses of the U.S. **January 22** shall be observed as a **day of prayer** for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life, and as a **day of penance** for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. On January 22, 1973, the Supreme Court legalized abortion throughout the United States in its companion decisions *Roe v. Wade* and *Doe v. Bolton*. Since that time, millions of children have lost their lives, and millions of women and families have been wounded by abortion. On June 24, 2022, the *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization* decision overturned *Roe v. Wade*. However, many state and federal laws continue to threaten pre-born children. Great prayer and advocacy are needed. According to Worldometer, a nonpartisan resource, abortion killed 44.6 million people worldwide in 2023, more than any other cause of death. As of January 9, more than a million have been killed by abortion in 2024.



Lisa and Jim in front of Castle San Miguel, at the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Hanceville, AL. "What a truly wonderful time we had on the pilgrimage and retreat. It was a grand spiritual adventure and we loved every single minute. We give it 5 stars and recommend it to everyone!"

Welcome to New Parishioners Lisa & Jim Baldridge

The faith and wisdom of the Baldridges are gifts to our parish family. Lisa and Jim began attending St. Agnes occasionally for Saturday morning confession and Mass, oftentimes in order to observe the First Saturday devotions. When the pandemic hit, they started attending Sunday Mass here regularly. "St. Agnes was meeting our needs better and there was none of the fearmongering that we saw and heard about in many other parishes. The more we attended, the more we fell in love with St. Agnes. There is a deep reverence that we consider to be a rare and beautiful treasure. We love the altar railing, making it so easy to kneel for Holy Communion. We also love the option of attending the Latin Mass—something that Jim fondly remembers from his childhood, as he was right in the middle of training to be an altar server for the Latin Mass when it suddenly changed to English." Jim and Lisa met during college. Lisa says her future husband "was one of those rare students who still went faithfully to Mass every Sunday, and he always invited me to go with him. I was raised in a strong Christian home, in the Methodist faith,

but I knew next to nothing about the Catholic faith. Jim answered about a million questions for me, and I converted in 1978, the year before we were married, thanks be to God!" The Catholic faith has been an essential part of the Baldridges' marriage and family, as they strive to adhere to Church teachings and traditions even amid the many conflicting mindsets in the world. They have raised two daughters and a son. In 1984, Jim was hired by a new Catholic high school in the diocese, now known as St. Michael the Archangel, where he taught French and science for 38 years, retiring in 2022. Lisa taught Spanish at the same school from 1989 until this past May, when she retired after 34 years of service. The couple says they loved their teaching vocation; "we especially loved teaching at a Catholic high school where faith and prayer were everyday elements in the classroom. We feel that we were not just teachers over the many years, but also witnesses to the Catholic faith that was so essential in our daily lives." When asked if they have any advice to offer husbands and wives, Jim and Lisa answered, "it would be to pray together every day—the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Morning Offering, mealtime prayers, Mass, adoration, retreats—whatever works best in your family." They also recommend making your home a clear reflection of your Catholic faith, so that anyone visiting can say, "Oh, these people are Catholic!" A priest friend of theirs told them that one of the most important responsibilities as a husband or wife is to help bring your spouse to salvation. "We take this quite seriously. You will go through many trials and tribulations in your marriage and family, so hold tight to each other and to God, and don't waste those sufferings!" After about three years of regularly attending Mass at St. Agnes, they decided to make it official when their oldest daughter married at St. Agnes last September. "We are delighted to be registered members!" In December, the Baldridges went on the parish pilgrimage to the Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament in Hanceville, Alabama. "Every single thing was perfect!" they report. Please take the time to meet them and extend a personal welcome. You or one of your relatives may have been taught by Lisa or Jim!

FEAST OF ST. AGNES SUNDAY JANUARY 21

Sung Vespers, Adoration & Benediction 5 pm

Those who visit St. Agnes Church on January 21 and recite the Our Father and the Creed during their visit can receive a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions.

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (22) 6 am	Private Intention
Tue (23) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Samuel G. Thomas Jr., <i>ad int.</i>
Wed (24) 6 am	Penny Angelle, <i>ad int.</i> , Luca Landry, <i>ad int.</i> , Herbert Taft, Karl Volkmar
Thu (25) 6 am	Jerome Morales Sr., <i>ad int.</i>
Friday (26) 6 am	Bertis Robert, <i>ad int.</i>
Saturday (27) 8 am	Joe & Tana LaPorte
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Mary Rolfs, <i>ad int.</i> , Betty Waguespack, Janice Miller, Nicholas F. Cascio II
Sun (28) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Tony Rizzi
11 am	Frank & Norma Decuir

TABERNACLE CANDLES

January 21–27

In loving memory of **Alfred & Margaret Bayhi** (*church*).

In loving memory of **Maren & Blaise Bergeron**. (*chapel*).

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday January 21

Sung Vespers, Adoration, & Benediction, 5 pm, church.

Monday January 22

Day of prayer & penance for the legal protection of the unborn.

Tuesday January 23

Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.

Wednesday January 24

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

Saturday January 27

RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.

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

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: claudccc@cox.net

"The devil knows he has lost the soul that perseveringly practices mental prayer."—St. Teresa of Avila

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

DO YOU WANT TO CONQUER THE DEVIL?
TAKE REFUGE OFTEN AT THE FEET OF JESUS.
DO YOU WANT TO BE CONQUERED BY THE DEVIL?
FORGET ABOUT VISITING JESUS.

St. John Bosco

Call the parish office to sign up as a committed or substitute adorer!

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.

Matrimony: A calling to forgive! "Mercy is the force that reawakens us to new life and instills in us the courage to look to the future with hope."

Retrouvaille offers a welcoming and loving space to couples who have been living with the misery of a failing marriage. Retrouvaille offers hope: hope that it is not too late, hope of a different and better marriage.

Retrouvaille helps couples to show each other mercy through the opportunities it provides to listen, to forgive, to be reconciled and to move into their futures believing that God loves them and with His help and their efforts, their marriages can be healed and restored. Retrouvaille provides help for marriage problems/difficulties/crises.

For information about the upcoming local Retrouvaille Weekend program March 8–10 contact: Randall and Robin Bellard, 225-271-4092 or visit HelpOurMarriage.org

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.*

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