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SAINT AGNES

Catholic Church

749 EAST BOULEVARD / BATON ROUGE, LA 70802

**January 7, 2024
Epiphany of the Lord
Latin: The Holy Family**

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

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

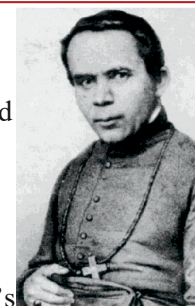
Two Saints Foundational to Catholic Education in America



St. John Neumann (1811–1860) was ten years old and still living in Bohemia the year St. Elizabeth Ann Seton died (1774–1821), and so they never crossed paths, but these two great saints are each an integral part of the history of the Catholic Church in the United States, especially with regard to their impact on Catholic education. Their feast days are celebrated back to back, January 5 and 4, respectively. Neumann had completed his seminary studies, but was not yet ordained a priest yet when he set sail for America, eager to serve the German-speaking Catholic population in Philadelphia. After a journey from France that lasted forty days, he disembarked at Staten Island in New York, wearing a tattered suit and with exactly one dollar in his pocket. Flashback to Seton, who faced poverty and financial ruin after the untimely death of her husband left her alone with five children. Born in New York City to a prominent Episcopal family, Seton discovered Catholicism in Italy when her husband took ill there while traveling. After his death, she returned to the U.S. and entered the Church. Neither Neumann nor Seton let physical or financial challenges hold them back from the mission to which God called them. Neumann wore his rumpled suit into the nearest Catholic Church and made a connection with the local bishop, who was eager to ordain him and put him to work serving the many German-speaking immigrants in America at that time. Especially after his appointment as Bishop of Philadelphia in 1852, Neumann worked tirelessly to serve the poor and immigrant populations and oversaw the building of numerous ethnic parishes, as many as one new parish per month, for Italians, Germans, Polish, and Irish. Seton, after several

difficult years, moved from New York to Emmitsburg, Maryland, where she founded the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph's, the first community for religious women established in the United States. She also began St. Joseph's Academy and Free School, planting the seeds of Catholic education in America. Following in Seton's footsteps, Neumann took his diocese from one Catholic school to 200 during his time as bishop. He especially sought to help poor and otherwise marginalized populations by inviting religious institutions into the diocese to provide social services and education, and to staff orphanages. Among these were the Oblate Sisters of Providence, a congregation of African American women from Baltimore. The work of these saints was truly a labor of love and great sacrifice. At one point, Bishop Neumann became so discouraged by anti-Catholicism and violence against his churches that he wrote to Pope Pius IX asking to be replaced. But the pope declined his request and Neumann carried on, courageously accepting God's will for his life. Seton also set a steadfast example of embracing God's will in the face of many hardships, including illness and the loss of two of her children. For both, the source of their strength was Christ. Seton once wrote to her friend Julia: "Confiding hope and consoling peace have attended my way through storms and dangers that must have terrified a soul whose rock is not Christ." We can look to these two saints in the history of the Catholic Church in America and take heart. We are not alone in the struggle. *St. John Neumann and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, pray for us!*

From "Resting on the Rock of Christ with St. John Neumann and St. Elizabeth Ann Seton," by Danielle Bean, on setonshrine.org.



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

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Last Sunday of the Month at 5 pm

BAPTISM Contact the parish office.

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

Parish Family Milestones, July–December 2023

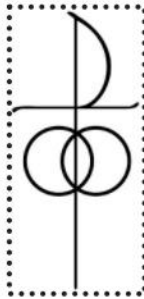
We Pray for the Faithful Departed



Harold Ignatius Bahlinger, Sr.
Vernon Joseph Broussard, Jr.
Joseph Porche, Jr.
Herbert Charles Taft

*We Congratulate the Couples
United in Holy Matrimony*

Creean & John Champagne
Maci & Cole Frazier
Baylie & Beau Jordan
Carly & John Landry
Marlee & Brian Miller
Angela & Austin Nolen
Kateri & Ethan Robson
Shannon & Adam Sales



*We Celebrate the
Baptized Children of God*

Tatum Mae Diez
Isidore Thomas Evans
Therese Catherine Everhart
Drury David Ingram, Jr.
Elise Debra Lynn Ingram
Grace Whitney Hoffman
Lily Alice Hoffman
John Daniel LeBlanc
Giovanni Emmanuel Leo
Joshua Ambrose McNabb
Xoey Caitlin S. Madronado
Eli Barta Mitchell
Francesca Hayden Romano



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.

Altar Society Annual Membership Drive! *through February 1st*

Consider joining or renewing your membership in this important ministry in our parish. 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. Participation in the Altar Society is a great way for both men and women to enjoy friendship and serve the Lord at the same time. If you have any questions about the Altar Society, please contact the parish office.

Ceniam Agni
THE ST. AGNES GALA

JANUARY 12, 2024 | **DRUSILLA PLACE** | **\$150 OR \$1,200**
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6:00 P.M. COCKTAIL HOUR & SILENT AUCTION
7:00 P.M. DINNER & SPEAKER
9:00 P.M. SILENT AUCTION CLOSING
"SEMI-FORMAL ATTIRE"

GUEST SPEAKER: KATHLEEN BECKMAN
AUTHOR OF A FAMILY GUIDE TO SPIRITUAL WARFARE
— PRESENTS —
STRATEGIES FOR PROTECTING, HEALING, & DELIVERING YOUR FAMILY FROM EVILS IN THE SPIRITUAL BATTLE

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon (8) 6 am	Private Intention
(Latin) 5:30 pm	Louisiana Civil & Clerical Leaders
Tue (9) 6 am	List of the Deceased
(Latin) 5:30 pm	End to Abortion
Wed (10) 6 am	Miranda Breaux, Eloise Landry, Amelia Landry, <i>ad int.</i> , Fr. Peter V. Morrissey
Thu (11) 6 am	E. John Broussard Jr., <i>ad int.</i>
Friday (12) 6 am	Justin Scalise, <i>ad int.</i>
Saturday (13) 8 am	David DeBlanc, <i>ad int.</i>
(Anticipated) 4 pm	Sue Turner, Helen Jannise, Sr. Catherine Arceneaux, Vernon Broussard Jr.
Sun (14) 8 am	Pro Populo
(Latin) 9:15 am	Allen & Lucy Kliebert Sr.
11 am	Jordan Bergeron Family, <i>ad int.</i>

**DO YOU WANT THE LORD TO
GIVE YOU MANY GRACES? VISIT HIM OFTEN.
DO YOU WANT HIM TO GIVE YOU FEW GRACES?
VISIT HIM RARELY.**

St. John Bosco

Committed adorers and substitutes are needed for our adoration chapel. Start the new year with renewed priorities, and call the parish office to sign up!

OUR LADY OF PROMPT SUCCOR

Feast Day January 8

Holy Mass at 6 am and 5:30 pm (Latin)

Place yourself under the special protection of Our Lady of Prompt Succor and spread devotion to her by joining the **Archconfraternity of Our Lady of Prompt Succor** in New Orleans. Benefits include the availability of a plenary indulgence gained by visiting the National Shrine in New Orleans or the church of a local confraternity, which is our own St. Agnes Church, on certain dates in the year. To join, go to the parish website, click the "FORMS" button, and download the application form. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

Our Lady of Prompt Succor, hasten to help us!

NOVENA TO ST. AGNES

January 12–20

See novena prayer on the parish website!

**EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES IN EGYPT ARE
FEATURED THIS MONTH ON THE BULLETIN
BOARD IN THE VESTIBULE**

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

TABERNACLE CANDLES

January 7–13

In loving memory of **Sue Turner** (*church*).
For a **special intention**. (*chapel*).

MEETINGS/EVENTS

Sunday January 7

Lessons & Carols, 3 pm, church.

Tuesday January 9

Catechism classes, 4–5:15 pm, OCB.

Knights of Columbus, 6:30 pm, OCB meeting room.

Culture of Life Committee, 6:30 pm, OCB classroom.

Wednesday January 10

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

Friday January 12

Fast for a Culture of Life today. Deny yourself of something!

St. Agnes Gala, 6–9 pm, Drusilla Place.

Saturday January 13

RCIA, 9 am, OCB meeting room.

Pray the Rosary across from Planned Parenthood, 9 am.

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

Lessons & Carols

The St. Agnes Choir will hold a service of Nine Lessons and Carols on January 7, 2024, at 3 pm.

This service of Scripture and song recounts the Fall of Man, the promise of the Messiah, and the Incarnation in nine readings from Genesis, the prophetic books of the Old Testament, and the Gospels, interspersed with Christmas carols, hymns, and choir anthems.
Come add your voice to this jubilant celebration!

*Dear Parishioners and Friends of St. Agnes,
Christmas is a beautiful season and it is amplified by the love and kindness poured out by so many hearts. Thank you all for the cards, sweets, gifts, well-wishes, and especially the prayers in recent weeks. You are too kind to this undeserving spiritual father of the family of St. Agnes. Know of my gratitude for each of you and be assured of my prayers as we enter into this New Year. May blessings abound for each and for all!*

*In Corde Jesu, per Mariam,
Fr. Brent Maher*

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