"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." - Lk 2:11-12
God’s Promise

The lengthy passage from Samuel is a wonderful exposition of God’s promise to the house of David: that his throne would forever be gloriously occupied by his descendants. Hidden in the mystery of the prophecy is the promise of the Savior, the Messiah, Son of God and Son of David. The prophet Nathan, speaking in God’s name, poetically turns around David’s plan to build a house for God, and announces God’s plan to build a “house,” that is, a dynasty for David. From this house of David will come the Messiah, the Christ, not in kingly splendor as David ruled, but as a humble man, destined to rule forever and over all. When God gives a gift, it’s amazing what we are given—so different from what we ever could have imagined.
Welcome, New Parishioners

Please pick up a registration form in the Narthex, at the doors of the church, in front of the office or on our website www.stagnesnaples.org. Completed forms may be dropped in the collection basket, hand delivered, mailed, emailed or faxed. Thank you for becoming part of our Parish Family. God bless.

Bienvenidos, nuevos Feligreses

Por favor recojan su registración en el Narthex y puertas de la Iglesia, a la entrada de la oficina o en nuestro website, después de ser completada puede colocarla en la canasta de las ofrendas durante la misa, entregarla en la oficina, mandarla por correo, fax o e-mail. Gracias por hacerse miembro de nuestra familia. Dios lo bendiga.

SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

December 25 - 31

Monday, December 25

Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27-29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25]

During the Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]

Tuesday, December 26

Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27

1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday, December 28

1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29

1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30

1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31

Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 128:1-5 or Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Hb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
Pray for Peace and Safety:
If you have a family member serving overseas, please let us know. We will publish their names in the bulletin to remind everyone to ask God’s blessings on them, that they may return safely to their families. Let us join our prayers for peace with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

St. Agnes Mass
at Palmetto Ridge High School
December – April:
Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

ST. AGNES NAME TAGS
Getting to know you!
For a minimal cost of $5 buy a St. Agnes name tag which will include your name and your hometown city and state. By wearing it to Mass and church gatherings we will all get to know one another better. You may purchase one by filling out the form below and dropping it along with your $5 in the collection basket or mail or bring it into the parish office.

Name_________________________________________
City_________________________________________
State or Country_________________________________
They will be available in the Narthex on the weekend and in the parish office during business hours.

Save the Date
Ladies of St. Agnes Fashion Show
Wednesday, January 24th
at Heritage Bay C.C.
Tickets go on Sale January 7th and are $40
**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**First Reading:** 2 Samuel 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16

**Second Reading:** Romans 16:25-27

**Gospel:** Luke 1:26-38

**Adults:** When have you followed the example of Mary and said, “Let it be done to me as you say?”

**Children:** Is there something hard you need to do this week? What might make it easier?

** MASS INTENTIONS**

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**Wine & Hosts:**

In Memory of Debbie Glancy

Robert A. Huangston  Ann Jaron
Timothy E. Curran  Jeffrey Gatt
Mae Arnold  Dee & Joseph Iuteri
Wyatt Eastwood  Sharon Clark
John M. Janusch  Mitchell Reidy
Bill DiCicco  Jay Bell
Elizabeth Murphy  Joel Rivera
Meredith Huffman  Bryan Cooley
Peter DeFlories  Jim Walker
Meg Dempsey  Tom Dempsey
Justin Kromer  Wendy Coleman
Tom Lester  Nancy O’Brien
Bram Saad  Iris Detter
John McKeon  Megan Shramovich
Deborah Torcetti  Susan F. Christopher
Dylan North  Vince Abrami
Chaz Tatargian  Susan Levine
Richard Biancardi  Gary Orvis
Annette Mahoney  Frank Wakeham
Carol Bobbitt  Drena Justice
Geraldine Inglese  Patrice Ferrara
Jessica Tyrrell  Jane Talbott
Ron & Fran Gonzalez  Roger Rogers
John Nice  Bob Lawrence
Dell Rogers  Maggie Scolese
Emily Jannusch  Gregory Purri
Gina Richardson  Christine Newton
Joan Tortora  Lisa Lambriller
Luke Cassara  William Mountford
John King  Charles Cassara
Ana De Mesguio  Joseph Coppola Jr.
Susan Suros  Elizabeth SanFilippo
Jane King  Caroline Grabenbauer
Estelle Hutter  Jim Norton
Meredith  Milli Dara
Suzan Giannotti  Mary Irons
Luke Dillon  Brian Cooley
Joyce Foley  Richard Schump
Jean Jelbert  Anthony Ruggerio
Ralph Congelino  Vincent Murphy
James Martin  Ronald O’Keefe
Carrie Griffin  Linda Wagner
Haley Ransel  Maggie Toole

Names will remain on the prayer list for approximately 4-6 weeks, as space allows. To update, notify the Parish Office by calling 692-1949 or e-mail maggie@stagnesnaples.org. Thank You.
### Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes
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#### Parish Councils and Committees

| Arts & Liturgical Environment | Patti Wisniewski | 419-575-3905 |
| Events | Marta Velasco | 687-8038 |
| Events | Linda Kantor | 585-924-5695 |
| Finance Council | Call the Office | 592-1949 |
| Hospitality Committee | Pat & Tom O’Grady | 353-4067 |
| Justice and Peace Committee | Call the Office | 592-1949 |
| Liturgy Committee | Call the Office | 592-1949 |
| Mayordomia Cristiana (PAC) | Dcn. Roberto Landrón | 592-1949 |
| Pastoral Council | Luisa Rosales | 273-9901 |
| Stewardship Committee | Dominick Cavuoto | 592-1949 |

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**Energizing Visions**

Are the great visions of the ultimate peace among all people and the ultimate harmony of all creation just utopian fairy tales? No, they are not! They correspond to the deepest longings of the human heart and point to the truth waiting to be revealed beyond all lies and deceptions. These visions nurture our souls and strengthen our hearts. They offer us hope when we are close to despair, courage when we are tempted to give up on life, and trust when suspicion seems the more logical attitude. Without these visions our deepest aspirations, which give us the energy to overcome great obstacles and painful setbacks, will be dulled and our lives will become flat, boring, and finally destructive. Our visions enable us to live the full life.

—Henri Nouwen
### MEETING PLACES

- **YR**=Youth Room  
- **NX**=Narthex  
- **PC**=Parish Center  
- **CH**=Church  
- **PR**=Prayer Chapel  
- **CP**=Chapel  
- **CR**=Conference Room  
- **PL**=Parking Lot  
- **CL**=Classroom  
- **CY**=Canopy  
- **BR**=Bride’s Room

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11am (Children’s Liturgy of the Word)  
1pm Spanish  
5pm (CH)  
4pm Christmas Vigil (CH)  
5pm PRHS Vigil  
7pm Christmas Vigil Mass (CH)  
Midnight Mass (CH)  
Latin Midnight Mass (CP) | Latin Masses  
12am, 7:15am,  
8:45am (CP) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
5:15pm Latin Mass (CP)  
7pm Charismatic Prayer Group (CP) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
5:15pm Latin Mass (CP)  
7pm Rosary for Peace (PR) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
9:30am Prayer for Priests (CP) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
5:15pm Latin Mass (CP) | 6:45am Latin Mass (CP)  
8:30am Mass (CP)  
9-10am Confessions (CH)  
9am Oración Centrante y Lectio Divina (PR)  
4pm Vigil Mass (CH) |
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9am  
11am (Children’s Liturgy of the Word)  
1pm Spanish  
5pm (CH)  
2:15pm Spanish Cursillo (CP) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
5:15pm Latin Mass (CP) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
9am Ladies of St. Agnes Mtg. (CL #1)  
7pm K of C Council Mtg. (PC Hall) | 8:30am Mass (CP)  
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Rejoice, Rejoice, God is with us! Christmas is a time for worship, reflection, giving and celebration. We worship the newborn King, reflect on our life in Christ and the greatest gift God has ever given in His only begotten Son. We share from the abundance of gifts we have been given, and joyfully celebrate our Savior's birth with family and friends. May Christ's love encircle you and your loved ones and keep everyone safe.

Last Friday a vanguard of volunteer decorators including high school youth transformed the church and chapel from Advent anticipation into Christmas joy, just a bit early given that the fourth Sunday of Advent and Christmas eve fall on the same day this year! Thank you for your labor of love to make the Church presentable for our guests and our Lord, and my gratitude extends to those involved in everything from the planning of the coming liturgies to the donating of Christmas poinsettias. The music of Paul Todd and Cindy Dallas, our cantors, choir, and other musicians at the various Masses will contribute so much to our worship.

I am grateful to those of you who generously helped Santa with the Christmas wish list published in the bulletin, and those who took tags from our giving tree to make someone's Christmas happier, on top of your overall generosity throughout the year. In small and large ways, you show the presence of the Holy Spirit in the spirit with which you give. Our Christmas Collection will be dedicated to debt reduction. With your name on a check with debt reduction in the memo line or on an envelope marked for debt reduction with your name on it, we will be able to properly apply the funds. Once our debt is gone in 2018, God willing, the more we can do to serve others through our ministries and set our sights on future needs.

I am celebrating my eleventh Christmas at St. Agnes, and each one seems to get better. Whether this will be your first one here, or you began your journey of faith celebrating Masses in schools before the church was built, I commend you for being such a good family to Fr. Orsi, Fr. Kris, Fr. Luis, Fr. Glackin, Msgr. Coll and me. From founding parishioners to the newest of registrants, we are part of something very special here. Faith in Jesus Christ and love of God and neighbor unite us. May we continue to worship and serve in imitation of the One who came in great humility and showed us how much we are loved by God.

For those who find that sorrow and grief is part of your Christmas experience this year, including those who lost loved ones and individuals suffering in any way, may our Lord give you His peace. Human experience reveals that the joy reflecting the incarnation of our God in Jesus Christ is never far from the pain of His sorrowful passion. Thankfully our Faith tells us that Jesus has won the ultimate victory over sin and death and our hope remains in Him. May you be consoled in His love.

On behalf of Fr. Orsi, Fr. Kris, Fr. Luis, Fr. Glackin, Msgr. Coll, Deacon Henry, Deacon Ed, Deacon Roberto, Deacon Hugh, and entire staff of St. Agnes Catholic Church may the infant Jesus bless you this Christmas season, and may the New Year be rich in love, faith, health, happiness and all good things!
¡Alégrate, regocijate, Dios está con nosotros! La Navidad es un tiempo de adoración, de reflexión, de dar y de celebrar. Adoramos al Rey recién nacido, reflexionamos sobre nuestra vida en Cristo y el mayor regalo que Dios ha dado en su Hijo unigénito. Compartimos de la abundancia de regalos que nos han dado, y celebramos con alegría el nacimiento de nuestro Salvador con familiares y amigos. Que el amor de Cristo te rodee a ti y a tus seres queridos y mantenga a todos a salvo.

El viernes pasado, una vanguardia de decoradores voluntarios, incluidos jóvenes de la escuela secundaria, transformó la iglesia y la capilla de la anticipación del Adviento al júbilo navideño, justo un poco antes, dado que el cuarto domingo de Adviento y Nochebuena cae en el mismo día este año. Gracias por su trabajo de amor para hacer que la Iglesia este presentable para nuestros invitados y nuestro Señor, y mi gratitud se extiende a aquellos involucrados en todo, desde la planificación de las próximas liturgias hasta la donación de las flores de pascuas. La música de Paul Todd y Cindy Dallas, nuestros cantantes, coros y otros músicos en las diversas Misas contribuirán tanto a nuestra adoración.

Estoy agradecido con aquellos de ustedes que generosamente ayudaron a Santa con la lista de deseos de Navidad publicada en el boletín, y a aquellos que tomaron etiquetas de nuestro árbol navideño de donaciones para hacer que la Navidad de alguien sea más feliz, además de su generosidad general durante todo el año. En pequeñas y grandes formas, muestras la presencia del Espíritu Santo en el espíritu con el que das. Nuestra Colecta de Navidad estará dedicada a la reducción de la deuda. Con su nombre en un cheque con reducción de deuda en la línea de memo o en un sobre marcado para reducción de deuda con su nombre, podremos aplicar correctamente los fondos. Una vez que nuestra deuda desaparezca en el 2018, si Dios quiere, podremos hacer más para servir a otros a través de nuestros ministerios y fijar nuestra vista en las necesidades futuras.

Estoy celebrando mi undécima Navidad en St. Agnes, y cada una parece mejor. Ya sea que este sea su primera aquí, o usted comenzó su jornada de fe celebrando Misas en las escuelas antes de que se construyera la iglesia, los felicito por ser una familia tan buena para el Padre Orsi, el Padre Kris, el Padre Luis, el Padre Glackin, Monseñor Coll y para mí. Desde los feligreses fundadores hasta los nuevos inscritos, somos parte de algo muy especial aquí. La fe en Jesucristo y el amor a Dios y al prójimo nos unen. Que podamos continuar adorando y sirviendo a imitación de Aquel que vino con gran humildad y nos mostró cuánto nos ama Dios.

Para aquellos que encuentren que la tristeza y el dolor son parte de su experiencia de Navidad este año, incluidos aquellos que perdieron seres queridos y personas que sufren de alguna manera, que nuestro Señor les dé su paz. La experiencia humana revela que la alegría que refleja la encarnación de nuestro Dios en Jesucristo nunca está lejos del dolor de su dolorosa pasión. Afortunadamente, nuestra fe nos dice que Jesús ha ganado la victoria final sobre el pecado y la muerte y nuestra esperanza permanece en él. Que seas consolado en Su amor.

En nombre del Padre Orsi, Padre Kris, Padre Luis, Padre Glackin, Monseñor Coll, el Diácono Henry, el Diácono Ed, el Diácono Roberto, el Diácono Hugh y todo el personal de la Iglesia Católica de St. Agnes, que el Niño Jesús te bendiga en esta Navidad y que el Año Nuevo sea rico en amor, fe, salud, felicidad y cosas buenas.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Council Meeting: Tuesday, January 2, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, January 3, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, January 17, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, January 21, Classroom #1, 10:30 A.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, January 29, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 29, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
First Degree Exemplification: Monday, December 18, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, February 5, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting: Monday, February 5, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, February 7, Classroom #1, 7:30 P.M.
Celebrate the Feast of St. Agnes at our second annual family picnic.

**WHEN:** Sunday, January 21\(^{st}\)  
**WHERE:** Parish Parking Lot West  
**TIME:** Noon-5 p.m.  

Food will be available for purchase.

Music, games, food, bounce houses and obstacle course for the kids and more!

Please join the families of St. Agnes for an afternoon of fun and games.

Please call the parish office to RSVP 592-1949 with how many people in your family will be attending.
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September 11 - 20, 2018

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The pilgrimage trip to Greece is an event organized by and operated by Peter’s Way Tours who will be responsible for the event. The pilgrimage is not an event sponsored by or endorsed by the Diocese of Venice or by St. Agnes Church. While Fr. Bob Kantor will be attending this pilgrimage, neither he, nor the Diocese is responsible for any of the arrangements. This pilgrimage represents travel to destinations outside of the United States. Participants must make their own travel arrangements; should familiarize themselves with the destination(s); and must make their own decision on the safety and security of the travel arrangements provided by the pilgrimage Operator. The role of the parish/school in helping promote the trip should not be deemed as an endorsement or a representation of any kind as to the travel arrangements.

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or women in the ancient world, motherhood was prized and desired above almost all else. Sacred scripture tells of many women who pleaded with God to let them conceive. From Sarah, the mother of Isaac, to Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, the Bible is replete with women who finally, in their old age, were granted the gift of motherhood for which they had begged God. How marvelously significant it is, then, that in the town of Nazareth those many years ago, a young girl named Mary, unmarried and probably feeling altogether unready for motherhood, was visited by an angel who delivered God’s plea: would she give God a child? Mary’s response is a model par excellence for all those who aspire to be good stewards: “Behold, I am the Lord’s servant. Let it be done to me according to your word” (Lk. 1:38).

And so the real mystery and beauty of Christmas is delivered: God turns the world upside down. In the words of the Magnificat, Mary proclaims the hope of every good steward: “My soul magnifies the Lord” (Lk. 1:46). He has dispersed the arrogant of mind and heart, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. Here is a new understanding of the God who desires not our begging and our pleas, but our ‘yes’ to God’s invitation to be active stewards in his plan of salvation. For the Christian steward, the consumerism, the gaudiness, the excesses of our cultural Christmas can be overcome by answering the call to live simpler lives, to use less, to feed the poor, to quiet ourselves in stillness rather than grow louder in frenzied activity.

In her book The Vigil: Keeping Watch in the Season of Christ’s Coming, Professor Wendy Wright from Creighton University writes: “The ancient desert dwellers of our early Christian communities tell us that the surest way into the heart of God is to be still. In being still we learn to be attentive to the vast and hidden stillness that permeates all things.”

In a world which prizes and desires wealth above so many things, the Christian steward finds in the stillness the true hope which lies at the heart of Christmas. Christ has come, and he comes again and again, and finally in the end, Christ comes. Once again, God implores us to receive this child in the stillness of our hearts, and respond to his call to transform the world’s values – to turn the world upside down.
As you consider your Christmas and end of year giving, remember your extended Catholic family!

Your gift can be designated to our parish, Catholic School, the Catholic Faith Appeal, the Catholic Community Foundation or an individual ministry. These gifts provide support for Christ’s ministry and may assist you with some tax benefits. We are most grateful for your generosity to the Church!

Please consider a possible year end gift. Remember to consult with your financial advisor

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Your gift to the Catholic Community Foundation of Southwest Florida can generate regular fixed payments to you or a loved one. Charitable gift annuities provide guaranteed income during your life and a residual gift to an endowment fund benefitting your parish, Catholic School or the Diocese of Venice.

The chart below indicates the sample annuity rates based on a single life annuity:

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Example: A $25,000 cash contribution from a 75-year-old donor will produce an annual fixed income payment of $1,450, that is partially tax free and provides an estimated initial income tax deduction of $10,670.

The minimum amount required to establish a charitable gift annuity is $25,000

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For more information, please contact:
Michael Morse, Executive Director
Catholic Community Foundation of SW Florida
(941) 441-1124 / CCF@dioceseofvenice.org
12/24... Merry Christmas! No Youth Group, see you in two weeks.

12/31... No Youth Group. See you next week for our New Year Kick Off Talent Show.

1/7... Life Night “New Year Kickoff Talent Show.” Join us for a fun night of social time and a talent show!

1/14... Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday, no Youth Group.

1/21... 1:30pm to 5pm, Family Picnic. This event will take the place of our Life Night.

Merry Christmas St. Agnes! Thank you for your support of our Youth Group!

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Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, or Snapchat to see all the fun and exciting events we are doing this year!

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Scan to visit the St. Agnes webpage for info on important events and the most recent calendar!

Questions?
robert@stagnesnaples.org
239-592-1949 Ext. 150

All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
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11/17 Holy Cross, Palmetto y St. Peter, Naples
12/1 St. Andrew Cape Coral y St. Paul, Arcadia

Clase #3
1/5/18 Sacred Heart, Brandenton y Our Lady of Guadalupe, Immokalee
1/12/18 St Margaret, Clewiston y St. Raphael.

Clase #4
1/19/18 Sacred Heart, Brandenton y St. Leo, Bonita Springs
1/26/18 St. Andrew, Cape Coral and St. Michael

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Gracias por su apoyo, por sus oraciones y por su constante presencia en las Misa, en las reuniones y en los diferentes grupos parroquiales.

En nombre mío, de nuestro Diácono y de todo el personal de la parroquia, les deseamos una muy Feliz Navidad y un Saludable y Próspero Año 2018.

Todo suyo.
Pbro. Luis H. Pacheco
The site of the gatherings rotates among different parishes and takes place from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays:

- **First Tuesdays** at St. John the Evangelist Parish
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