We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God’s justice is something other than this, of course. God’s justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind.

Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah’s time. Israel’s kings held the promise of God’s fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God’s promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke’s Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise.
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 3-9

Monday, December 3
Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 4
Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17; Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 5
Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 6
Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a; Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 7
Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31

Saturday, December 8
Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Sunday, December 9
Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6
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**CATHOLIC CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT**

$8,392.00

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL**

$12,274.00

**CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT & NEW MISSION DEVELOPMENT**

(11/18/18) $5,146.00

(11/25/18) $5,901.00

**REGISTRATION**

St. Agnes registered households are now at 4,917. We are aware that many people visit and live in our area who support other parishes. We urge you to consider prorating your charitable giving to give St. Agnes a share.

**St. Agnes Mass**

at Palmetto Ridge High School

December – April

Sunday Mass 10:00 a.m.

Masses on

December 23, Christmas Eve, (Monday at 5 p.m.) and December 30th, will be held at Corkscrew Middle School

**DECEMBER MEMORIAL**

**MASS INTENTIONS**


**BAPTISMS AT ST. AGNES**

Adelynne Mae Trapp, Robert Henry Beckman, Tyler James Cartaino, Aubree Lennon Amaral, Lennox Bernardo, Luca Bernardo, Robert Christopher Dodge

**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 and safety with yours. Also, please let us know when they return home safely so that we may rejoice with you.

SPC Peter Holder
PFC Scott Norris, USMC
PFC Michael Baker
A1C Michael Melicia, USAF
Francisco Chavez, USAF
SSG David Clark, USA
BM2(SW) Charley Davidson USN
PFC Zack Steelman
SSG Andrew White
Cpl. Oasis J. Diaz, U.S.A.

SPC Michael Broderick
A1C Daniel R. Hamde, USAF
CDR Gregory Meyer
SGT David Clark
M Sgt. Eric Gunn
PO3 Kimberly Wagner, US
Jordan M. Perez

PFC Luke Kerney Kuser
Spc Jacob Nienow USA

Capt. Dominic Francis Adams
Spec. Reynaldo Rodriguez USA
SGT Abbi Wenthold
A1C Peter Johnson, USAF
SPC Jorge Armando Nino
Vince Galer, USMC
Capt. Francisco Miranda, USA
LCPL James Sheran, USMC
PFB J. Hunter Judd, USMC

A1C Victoria Landolfi USAF
SGT Ryan Byres
Tim Dempsey, USN
PFC Michael Rodriguez, USMC
SGT Victor Quiles, USA
2LT Sean Kealy, USA
Cpl. Thomas E. L. Catalina, USMC
Sgt. Ian Corbett U.S.A.
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Michael Thomas William Noble Chuck Clark
Elizabeth Murphy Marlene Vogel Bob Rimkus
Jeanne Moran Anthony Vogel Larry Kiellisa
Harris Glotzer Tim Yager Joyce Savacchio
Prizeman Family Billy Vogel Paul Gardiner
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First Sunday of Advent

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16
Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:12 — 4:2

Adults: What have been the strengths of your prayer life? What habit of prayer could you strengthen during this Advent season?
¿Cuáles han sido los puntos fuertes de tu vida de oración? ¿Qué hábito de la oración podrías fortalecer durante este tiempo de Adviento?

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Stewardship in Action at St. Agnes
Parish Groups and Ministries

**Prayer**
- St. Agnes Parish                     
- December 2, 2018
- Stewardship Committee  Dominick Cavuoto     592-1949
- Pastoral Council  Charles Dorta      776-9680
- Mayordomia Cristiana (PAC)  Dcn. Roberto Landrón    592-1949
- Liturgy Committee   Call the Office     592-1949
- Hospitality Committee Pat & T om O'Grady     353-4067
- Finance Council  Call the Office     592-1949
- Events    Wenke Brandes      566-1947
- Arts & Liturgical Environment Call the Office        592-1949

**Service**
- Parish Councils and Committees
- Service    Name     Phone
- Arimatheans  Betty Criss     592-1949
- Altar Stewards  Call the Office     592-1949
- Bereavement  Dcn. Henry deMena     592-1949
- Personas en Duelo  Nile Costa      561-234-6277
- Caridad  Alfonso Mejia       285-9424
- Catholics for Cuba  Estela Delgado     692-6054
- Childcare Ministry  Call the Office     592-1949
- Divorced and Separated Group  Deacon Henry deMena     592-1949
- Golf Cart Shuttle  Call the Office     592-1949
- Jesus the Worker  Alicia Astorga     287-6400
- Ladies of St. Agnes  Barbara Thiele     513-0933
- Light of Hope (Jail Visits)  Ana Soto       331-0961
- Luz de Esperanza
  - (Ministerio de Carcel)  Ana Soto       331-0961
  - Coffee & Donuts  John Gardner      564-5978
  - Men’s Softball Team  Augie Schiavone  431-5642
  - Ministerio de Familias  Yerson Vargas    293-5673
  - New Parishioner Welcoming  Noreen Clesen  649-0382
  - Respect Life  Rosemary Dresch     352-4851
  - Seasonal Decorating  Angela Matragrano    592-1949
  - 60+ Solo  Betty Criss       592-1949

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- Arts & Liturgical Environment  Call the Office     592-1949
- Eventos  Marta Velasco      687-8038
- Events  Wenke Brandes       566-1947
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- 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
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- Stewardship Committee  Dominick Cavuoto     592-1949

**Catechetical**
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- Family Faith Formation K-5  Rose Chambers     592-1949
- Enriquecimiento Matrimonial  José Casiano    315-0533
- Marriage Preparation Team  Ana Valle        373-6825
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- Sisters in Spirit  Ivy O’Malley       592-1949
- Young Adults Ministry  Robert Massey       592-1949
- Youth Groups  Robert Massey       592-1949

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- Bodas  Padre Luis Pacheco     592-1949
- Choir (Adults)  Paul Todd        592-1949
- Choir (Children)  Paul Todd        592-1949
- Choir (Spm Mass)  Cynthia Dallas     537-5999
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- Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist  Karen Carollo      370-6520
- Funeral Planning  Call the Office     592-1949
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- Greeters  Denny Gant       455-4998
- Homebound and Hospital EME  Judy Bohardt     592-1949
- Lectors  Rita Velmer       431-6796
- Lectores  Flora Rodriguez     919-0589
- Ministros de la Eucaristia  Pamela Garcia     200-1000
- Sacristas  Monica Osterhaus     592-1949
- Sacristán  Esperanza Teodoro     305-849-7588
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- Sound and Screen  John Stanley       821-5113
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**Organizations with Parish Affiliation**
- Boy Scouts Troop 951  Stephen Seaton     404-5475
- Casa Maria Soup Kitchen  Call the Office     592-1949
- Cub Scouts  Patricia Larios       404-4350
- Cursillo  Rene Rubio        877-9930
- Impacto  Elvis & Aida Vacare  451-0411
- Knights of Columbus  Council 14202  John Lanham     682-8382
- 4th Degree Assembly  Greg Russo       254-1340
- Society of St. Vincent de Paul  Frank Carlin     592-1949

**Embracing the Universe**

Living a spiritual life makes our little, fearful hearts as wide as the universe, because the Spirit of Jesus dwelling within us embraces the whole of creation. Jesus is the Word, through whom the universe has been created. As Paul says: “In him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible - all things were created through him and for him - in him all things hold together” (Colossians 1:16-17). Therefore when Jesus lives within us through his Spirit, our hearts embrace not only all people but all of creation. Love casts out all fear and gathers in all that belongs to God.

Prayer, which is breathing with the Spirit of Jesus, leads us to this immense knowledge.

–Henri Nouwen
The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. However, the actual origins are uncertain. There is evidence of pre-Christian Germanic peoples using wreathes with lit candles during the cold and dark December days as a sign of hope in the future warm and extended-sunlight days of Spring. In Scandinavia during Winter, lighted candles were placed around a wheel, and prayers were offered to the god of light to turn “the wheel of the earth” back toward the sun to lengthen the days and restore warmth.

The symbolism of the Advent wreath is beautiful. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. Even these evergreens have a traditional meaning which can be adapted to our faith: The laurel signifies victory over persecution and suffering; pine, holly, and yew, immortality; and cedar, strength and healing. Holly also has a special Christian symbolism: The prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns, and one English legend tells of how the cross was made of holly. The circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ. Any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods used to decorate the wreath also symbolize life and resurrection. Altogether, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ, the eternal Word of the Father, who entered our world becoming true man and who was victorious over sin and death through His own passion, death, and resurrection.

The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent. A tradition is that each week represents one thousand years, denoting the 4,000 years from Adam and Eve until the Birth of the Savior. Three candles are purple, and one is rose. The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and goods works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass; Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over, and they are close to Christmas. The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord’s first coming into the world and the anticipation of His second coming to judge the living and the dead.
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, December 5, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Officers’ Meeting: Monday, December 17, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, December 17, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, December 19, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, January 2, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Monday, January 7, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Council Meeting: Monday, January 7, PC Hall, 7:00 P.M.
Color Corps Practice: Wednesday, January 16, Narthex, 7:30 P.M.
Assembly Meeting: Friday, January 18, PC Hall, 5:00 P.M.
Frist Degree Exemplification: Sunday, January 20, Classroom #1, 10:00 A.M.
Assembly Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 28, Classroom #1, 6:00 P.M.
Officers’ Meeting: Monday, January 28, Classroom #1, 7:00 P.M.
Advent Lessons and Carols

On Saturday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. St. Agnes will conduct Advent Lessons and Carols in the church.

Lessons and Carols is based around scripture readings and features hymns and carols sung by Paul Todd, special guests and the St. Agnes Choir.

Come and experience a beautiful way celebrate the Advent season! This event is FREE - and open to all.

Enjoy a Spaghetti Dinner catered by Frisco’s prior to the event at 5 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Adults are $10 and children are $5. Tickets for the dinner can be purchased after Mass and in the Parish Office during the week.

29th Annual National Night of Prayer for Life

Come pray with us in the chapel, Saturday, December 8 from 8 P.M. (at the conclusion of Advent Lessons and Carols) to 11 P.M. in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us in uniting the Feast of the Immaculate Conception with the Feast of St. Juan Diego and establishing a bridge of these two feasts to protect our culture, our church and our land. May we make reparation for all the lives lost in this nation to abortion and pray that parents may be conscious of their calling as they share in God’s creative power. We also pray that those who have acted against human life experience forgiveness.

The National Night of Prayer for Life includes adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the holy rosary, prayer to St. Michael, silent prayer and hymns. We will be united in churches across the country in prayer to end abortion and to restore God’s blessings of Life and Religious Liberty in America.
Hi Everyone,

Can't believe Thanksgiving is behind us and we are now in season of Advent.

During this season we are preparing for the coming of our Lord at Christmas. During this time of preparation for the first time ever, Fr. Bob and I are inviting you to a very special evening of music and scripture which is known as Advent Lessons and Carols. It will take place in the church, Saturday, December 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. and will feature our priests, choirs, cantors and lectors. This is a wonderful new tradition you will not want to miss. It features many beautiful songs and scriptures of the season preparing us for the birth of Jesus. Please come and join us!! Also, a wonderful Spaghetti dinner is available in our parish center starting at 5:00 p.m. right before the Lessons and Carols.

Please come join us for the beautiful Christmas Masses with special Christmas music beginning 30 minutes prior to each Mass. There is always a beautiful one hour of Christmas music prior to Midnight Mass as well.

Our CFA benefit Concert season is kicking into high gear with our annual Paul Todd and friends Spirit of Christmas concerts. Tickets are on sale now and going fast. The concerts take place on December 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. in the parish center. Tickets are $25 and are available after Masses and in the parish office during the week.

Save the dates for all our upcoming winter concerts. They are always popular, so be sure to get your tickets once they're announced!!

Come join us for our Great American Songbook Paul Todd and Friends shows January 30 and 31, 2019. Due to the popularity of the Broadway and Celtic/Legends Concerts, we have added an additional performance. Now we have three nights so be sure not to miss: The Paul Todd and Friends Broadway concerts, February 21, 22 and 23, 2019 and The Celtic and Show Business Legends Concert, March 12, 13, and 14, 2019. We also have an end of the season concert scheduled for April 22 and 23, 2019. Thanks so much for your continued support of these concerts and our CFA.

Finally, if you like to sing, come and join either our wonderful Adult or children's choirs. Children rehearse at 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Adults at 7 p.m. on Wednesdays.

Take care and have a blessed Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

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Thursday, December 6th • San Marco Parish at 5 p.m.
851 San Marco Rd, Marco Island

Tuesday, December 11th • St. John the Evangelist Parish at 5 p.m.
625 111th Avenue North, Naples

Thursday, December 13th • Our Lady of Guadalupe at 5 p.m.
207 S 9th St, Immokalee

Friday, December 14th • St. William Parish at 5:30 p.m.
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Monday, December 17th • St. Finbarr Parish at 2 p.m.
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Wednesday, December 19th • St. Peter the Apostle Parish at 7 p.m.
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St. Agnes Christmas Flowers

Help us beautify the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day with flowers. This is a special way to remember those who cannot be with us at this special time of the year and it also gives us an opportunity to honor someone very special in our lives. We are seeking donations to purchase the Christmas Poinsettias. Fill out the form below and enclose a check in the amount selected. Please return both the form and check to the parish office or put in the collection basket. A special listing of the memorials and those honoring someone special will be in the bulletin after Christmas. Thank you for your support in making our church look even more beautiful during this blessed season.

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Parishes in the Diocese of Venice will conduct the annual collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious the weekend of December 8 and 9, 2018. Your support provides direct financial assistance towards medications, nursing care and much more. Thank you for your generosity towards these men and women who have given their lives to serve the Church and the Faithful.

I take this opportunity to extend to each of you the assurances of my continued consideration, as well as my prayers for you and your family. Have a Blessed Advent Season.

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+ Frank J. Dewane
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50th Anniversary of Ordination
We will celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Ordination of Fr. Tom Glackin at St. Agnes on Friday, December 21st with Mass at 5:00 p.m. and a dinner celebration at 6:00 p.m. in our Parish Hall. Tickets are $50 per person and are available at the Parish Office.

Space is limited.
Proceeds to benefit St. Vincent de Paul.

There is Hope
On December 12 at 7:00 PM, our “There is Hope” series will continue with an opportunity to come together in the Saint Agnes Chapel before the Blessed Sacrament to spend some quiet time praying for whomever or whatever we grieve. The one hour of prayer will include some prayerful music, a reflection on grieving at Christmas and Adoration/Benediction. As we approach the great Feast of Christmas, our lives can sometimes get very hectic. Please join Deacon Henry in taking one hour to pray for help with our grief.

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**Date:** Saturday, December 15, 2018 | 5-8:30 p.m.
**Fecha:** Sábado 15 de Diciembre del 2018 | 5-8:30 p.m.
**Date:** Sunday, December 16, 2018
**Fecha:** Domingo 16 de Diciembre del 2018
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12/9... Life Night: Join us for a fun night as we judge who has the best ugly sweater and discuss vocations.

12/16... Life Night: Come join us for a fun night as we discuss the meaning behind Christmas and its relation to the Holy Trinity. We will also be hosting an Ugly Sweater contest. First place receives a gift card.

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**Important Youth Group Update**

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Questions?
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**Middle School Youth Group**

**EDGE**

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12/6... Edge Night: Join us for a night of discussion and games and we discuss what having a vocation means and how we can discover our vocation.

12/13... Edge Night: Come join the youth group as we spend the evening getting to know each other and the core team. Take this opportunity to build a lifelong friendship!

12/20... Edge Night: Join us for the annual basketball shootout and ugly sweater contest, winners will be awarded prizes!

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All events are in the Youth Room of the Parish Center located behind the main church.
**EVENTOS PARROQUIALES HISPANOS**

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**LA NOCHE DEL 29 ANIVERSARIO NACIONAL DE LA ORACIÓN PRO VIDA**

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La Noche Nacional de Oración pro Vida incluye la adoración del Santísimo Sacramento, el santo rosario, la oración a San Miguel, oración en silencio e himnos. Estaremos unidos en oración a otras iglesias en los Estados Unidos para que termine el aborto y el Señor restaure las bendiciones sobre la Vida y la Libertad Religiosa en América.

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