



# ST. AGNES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

### **Weekends:**

Saturday 5:00pm

Sunday 10:00am

### **Weekdays:**

Tues. & Wed. - 6:30pm

Thurs., Fri. & Sat. - 9:00am

### **Lenten Fridays:**

Mass 9:00am

Mass and Stations 6:30pm

## Regular Confession

Saturdays from 4:00-4:45pm  
or by appointment.

## Adoration

Wednesday 7:00pm

First Friday 9:30am

## Rosary

20 minutes before all Masses

## Parish Council

March 16, 2023 6:30pm

## *From Father's Desk...*

**"LIVING WITH A PURE HEART":** On this first Sunday in Lent we hear again a part of Ps 51, which has been recurring like a refrain in our readings since Ash Wednesday. We are being constantly reminded to go down to the level of the heart. Sadly, Eve and later Adam, were beguiled by the serpent in the garden. By means of the very first lie in our Bible, the serpent led our first parents to focus on the seeming attractiveness of external things. Typically, temptations always present themselves as attractive, worthwhile. What could be more exciting than being like God! But Adam and Eve seem to have forgotten that from the beginning they had been created in God's image and likeness. The irony of it all is overwhelming. Jesus in our Gospel reading is faced with a similar temptation but he handles it so differently. He has just heard in his Baptism that he is God's beloved Son. And now in the wilderness Satan plays with this revelation. 'If you are the Son of God ...' Jesus rises to the occasion and in effect points out that he is not what he does, not what he says and not what others say about him. He is who he is - period. He is God's beloved Son and we in turn are God's sons and daughters. It is pure gift, and each of us is called to receive it with humble gratitude.

**The bond that links your true family is not one of blood,  
but of respect and joy in each other's life.**

## Sacramental Prep.

### First Communion

1st Session **March 7, 2023**  
6:30pm (mass included).

## Parish Ministries

### Faith Formation Evenings

**formed.org** presents by Zoom info on how to get the most out of the website, Mar. 1, 2023 8:00pm, come learn with us.

**Tuesdays at 7:00pm**, in the parish rectory, or by email.

*Current Series:* (Ends Ap. 25)  
Metanoia: A Journey With Christ Into Conversion

Pierrette  
faithformationstagnes@gmail

### Parish Cleaning Team

Crystal (403) 827-9353

Mar. 3 Shirley  
Mar. 10 Charlene & Ethel  
Mar. 17 Crystal  
Mar. 24 Gerry & Siony  
Mar. 31 Charlene

### Altar Serving

Contact Fr. Newton

### Lector Schedule

Lynn H. (403) 337-2106

Feb. 26 Lynn    Mar. 5 Frian  
Mar. 12 Maria    Mar. 19 Loree  
Mar. 26 Pat

\*Lector sign-up in narthex.

### Music Ministry

Anne (403) 337-2272

\*Musicians needed for 5:00pm

## Stewardship Reflection, 1st Sunday in Lent

"Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him."(Matthew 4.10) When doing good, do our actions serve our vanity or do they give glory to God?

## Mass Intentions

<b>February 26</b>	- 10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
<b>February 28</b>	- 6:30pm	For the Dep. Robert Abraam
<b>March 1</b>	- 6:30pm	Int. of Daniel & Linda Westgeest
<b>March 2</b>	- 9:00am	For the Dep. Steve Patton
<b>March 3</b>	- 9:00am	For the Dep. Pennie Howicki
<b>March 3</b>	- 6:30pm	
<b>March 4</b>	- 9:00am	For the Dep. Anns Paul
<b>March 4</b>	- 5:00pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)
<b>March 5</b>	- 10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)

## Readings for the 1st Week in Lent

**Feb. 26** - Gen. 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps. 51; Rom. 5:12-19; Mt. 4:1-11 (I Sun.)  
**Feb. 27** - Lev. 19:1-2,11-18; Ps. 19:7-14; Mt. 25:31-46  
**Feb. 28** - Is. 55:10-11; Ps. 34:3-6, 15-18; Mt.6:7-15  
**Mar. 1** - Jonah 3:1-10; Ps. 5: 1-2,10-11,16-17; Lk.11:29-32  
**Mar. 2** - Esther.14:1,3-5,12-14; Ps. 138:1-3,7-8; Mt. 7:7-12  
**Mar. 3** - Eze. 18:21-28; Ps. 103:1-6; Mt. 5:20-26  
**Mar. 4** - Deut. 26:16-19; Ps. 119: 1-8; Mt. 5:43-48  
**Mar. 5** - Gen. 12:1-4; Ps. 33; 2Tim.1:8-10; Mt. 17:1-9 (II Sunday)

## Parish Finance Council Meeting

Sunday **March 5, 2023** after 10:00am Mass

## Fridays in Lent: Soup and Buns Gathering

If anyone would like to bring soup and buns to share on Fridays following the Stations of the Cross please sign up.

## Women's Lenten Afternoon of Reflection

### Theme: Jonah's Leviathan: A Lenten Journey

**March 26, 2023 1:00-3:00pm.** Guest speakers Sr. Katrina, DVM and Karin Raber. There will be confession available. Cost is free (donations appreciated)