Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary 25th Sunday in Ord. Time. September 24, 2023 St. Agnes Catholic church



STS. MICHAEL, Gabriel, Raphael, Archangels

September 29th

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Reflections from Fathers Desk...

GOD'S WAYS ARE NOT OUR WAYS!:

What God says through the Prophet Isaiah in our 1st Reading [My thoughts are not your thoughts nor are my ways your ways. ...] Jesus later exemplifies in today's Gospel. To the calculating, worldly mind, Jesus' upside-down economics makes absolutely no sense. Today's message is in the same league as the Beatitudes. What is being called for here is a mature, second half of the wisdom. Jesus does not abandon the commandments which are the pillar of the first half of life; rather, he builds on them and takes them to a new level. While honouring Justice, Jesus raises the bar to unheard of levels of generosity. Such a prodigal approach is certainly as far above our human thinking as the heavens are above the earth - 1st Reading again. In our 2nd Reading, Paul, is at his paradoxical best. On the one hand to live is Christ, but on the other, to die is gain! At one moment Paul wants to die and be with Christ; at another he wants to go on living so as to help the early Christians to live according to the Gospel of Christ. Jesus brings the whole paradox to a head when he concludes in today's Gospel, 'The last shall be first, and the first last." We need to think twice before taking our place in the queue for the Kingdom of Heaven!

Buy less stuff. Consumption can actually consume us!

Sacrament Times

Phone: (403) 940-1100

<u>Masses:</u>

Saturday	5:00 pm
Sunday	10:00 am
Tues. & Wed.	6:30pm
Thurs., Fri. & Sat.	9:00 am

Confession:

Saturday 4:00 pm or by appointment

Adoration

Wednesday	7:00 pm
First Friday	9:30 am

Rosary 20 min. before masses

Youth Choir

Youth (10 yrs and older) are invited to join the St. Agnes Youth Choir. Please contact Chantal at <u>chantal.a.barry@gmail.com</u> if you have any questions.

Parish Ministries

Lector Schedule

10:00am Sep 24 Lynn & Karin Oct 01 Pat & Lynn Oct 08 Lynne B. & Keith

<u>Church Cleaners</u>

Crystal (403)827-9353 Sep 29 Maxine Moreau Family Oct 06 Gerry +Laura Oct 14 FALL CLEANING 9 - 2 CALLING ALL PARISHIONERS

<u>Altar Serving</u> Contact Fr. Newton

Bethany (Didsbury) Oct 18, 2023 10:30 am

Family Fun Night Potluck October 14 6:00 pm

Music Ministry Crystal (403)827-9353 Chantal chantal.a.barry@gmail.com Youth Choir Oct 14 5:00pm

Parish Council Meeting October 26, 2023 7:00pm

Confirmation Session Sep 24 11:15am (Rec. Bnt.)

<u>Music Ministry</u> <u>Meeting</u>

All music ministers are asked to attend a Fall Meeting on Saturday, Sept 23 at 6-7pm (rectory basement). If you have not received an agenda, please contact Crystal at <u>crystaljoycampbell@gmail.com</u>

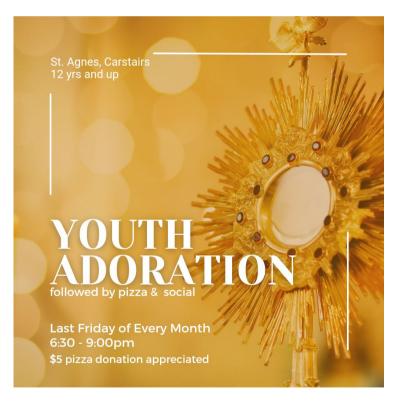
Parish Cleaning Initiative

<u>OCTOBER 14 - MAJOR FALL CLEANING,</u>

ALL PARISHIONERS ARE INVITED TO COME HELP OUT AFTER THE 9:00 AM MASS.

The cleaning committee is asking for parish families to also consider committing to assist in cleaning the church by offering 2 or 4 hours a year and do a regular Friday cleaning.

Contact Crystal at <u>crystaljoycampbell@gmail.com</u> to support a well-maintained and clean church.



Papas in the Pews: 18+ Social Time

Next meet up is Wednesday, Sept 27 . You are invited to join us for 6:30 pm Mass and adoration followed by gathering at a pub. Contact: Keith Audley

Pope Francis' Prayer Intention for September 2023

For people living on the margins:

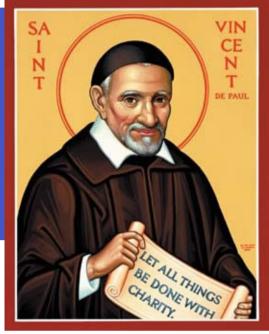
We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

Weekly Mass Intentions

Sep 23, 05:00 pmSpecial Intention of Ed BlaisSep 24, 10:00 amFor the Parishioners (Pro Populo)Sep 26, 6:30 pm,Special Intention of Ghislaine BlaisSep 27, 6:30 pm,Special Intention of Julie ThiessenSep 28, 9:00 amSpecial Intention of Jason ThiessenSep 29, 9:00 amSpecial Intention of Mike BlaisSep 30, 9:00 amSpecial Intention of Amanda BlessSep 30, 5:00 pmFor the Parishioners (Pro Populo)Oct 01, 10:00 amSpecial Intention of Marie-Josee Blais

Local Community Prayer Intentions

Anyone wanting to ask for their catholic community to pray for them or for special intentions may call the parish office and your request will be added to the bulletin, for free. If you wish, You may request to have your intention prayed for anonymously, please specify this upon calling the office to avoid printed names.



Please pray for the intentions of: Mike Watson Rosanna M. Andrea Rébillard

Daily Mass Readings

Sep 24	Isaiah 55.6-9; Phil. 1.20-24, 27; Matt. 20.1-16	(25th Sun. O.T.)
Sep 25	Ezra 1.1-6; Luke 8.16-18	
Sep 26	Rev. 7.9-17; 2 Cor. 4.7-15; Luke 9.23-26	(St. John De Brébeuf and
	St. Isaac J	ogues and Companions, F)
Sep 27	Ezra 9.5-9; Luke 9.1-6	(St. Vincent de Paul, M)
Sep 28	Ephesians 4.1-7, 11-13; Matthew 9.9-13	
Sep 29	Rev. 12.7-12a; Dan. 7.9-10, 13-14; Jn. 1.47-51	(St. Michael, St. Gabriel,
		and St. Raphael, F)
Sep 30	Zechariah 2.1-5, 10-11; Luke 9.43b-45	(St. Jerome, M)
Oct 01	Ezekiel 18.25-28; Philippians 2.1-11; Matthew 21	.28-32 (26th Sun. O.T.)

As of August 31 2023

<u>Parish</u> Financials:

St. Agnes Parish Income Versus Expenses 2023				
Period	YTD -	YTD - Jan - Jul		Aug-23
Total Income	\$	61,144.91	\$	9,468.40
Expenses	\$	72,809.84	\$	9,685.11
Profit Loss	\$	(11,664.93)	\$	(216.71)
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2023 Goal	\$	4,945.00		
Collected to date	\$	1,725.47	\$	240.00
Left to collect	\$	3,219.53	\$	2,979.53



Fall Pastoral Care Ministry Training:

The Diocese is offering Pastoral Care Ministry Training for those called to assist their parish in a healing ministry to the sick, elderly, dying, homebound and bereaved members. This workshop is for both new or those previously trained in Pastoral Care Ministry.

Sessions:

Saturday, November 11 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm); November 25 (9:00 am to 4:00 pm)

<u>Registration Fee:</u> \$50/person. Covers training cost, Handbook for Ministers, Communion of the Sick Ritual, materials, lunch and refreshments.

[Fee will not be a deterrent. Please contact Anthony at the Pastoral Centre (403) 667-0637; anthony.banka@calgarydiocese.ca, to make other arrangements.]

https://www.catholicyyc.ca/pastoralcare.html

