Month of the Seven Sorrows of Mary

22nd Sunday in Ord. Time. September 3 2023

St. Agnes Catholic church



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Reflections from Fathers Desk...

"THE FIRE IN THE HEART." (IST READING):

We are often reminded that the word of God is alive and active, cutting like a two-edged sword. In the history of our Church we read of Saints whose lives were turned around by a single verse in Scripture and when they least deserved and least expected it. One such verse is offered in today's Gospel: 'What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and suffer the loss of his soul?' This is the verse the Spirit used to touch the heart of St. Ignatius of Loyola and turn his life upside down. As we are told in our 1st Reading, the word of God becomes a fire in the heart, a fire from which there is no escape. Jeremiah uses a very daring verb when he claims, 'You have seduced me Lord.' It is this word of God that leads to total conversion, as described by Paul in our 2nd Reading, where pleasing God is the only worthwhile goal. Jesus models such commitment in today's Gospel. Peter says No to the Cross but Jesus says a resounding Yes. Death and resurrection are two sides of a lovely coin and cannot be separated. Big crosses come rarely; the daily one is necessarily little. Let us commit to carrying it in union with the Saints.

Face the Light and the shadows fall behind you.

Sacraments

Masses:

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. The introductory meeting will be on Sunday, Sept 17 after mass. The commitment would be practice and one Saturday evening mass a month. There will be a Family Fun Night after mass on the Saturday the Youth Choir is singing. Please contact Chantal at chantal.a.barry@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Parish Ministries

<u>Lector Schedule</u> 10:00am

Sep 03 Toryn & Dayna

Sep 10 Karin & Fran

Sep 17 Lynne B & Maria

Sep 24 Lynn & Karin

Church Cleaners Crystal (403)827-9353

Sep 08 Laura + Gerry

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

Bethany (Didsbury)

Music Ministry
New Contacts
Crystal (403)827-9353
Chantal
chantal.a.barry@gmail.com

<u>Parish Council</u> August 24, 2023

Parish Cleaning

The cleaning committee needs your help. If every family commits to cleaning the church just one time a year, we can better maintain and clean this sacred space. Please consider offering 2 hours once a year to help with regular cleaning. Contact Crystal at crystaljoycampbell@gmail.com to support a well-maintained and clean church.

Parish Financial Update

St. Agnes Parish Income verses Expense for the first 6 months of 2023

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	YTD
Income:	10,608.27	8,590.57	7,931.32	10,229.53	7,165.52	7,023.35	8,537.71	60,086.27
Envelopes								
Loose, GIK								
other	25.18	12.08	22.05	160.09	0.09	839.15	0.00	1,058.64
total Income	10,633.45	8,602.65	7,953.37	10,389.62	7,165.61	7,862.50	8,537.71	61,144.91
Expenses	11,040.83	12,220.33	10,725.22	8,388.82	10,707.47	9,362.64	10,364.53	72,809.84

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TIA These amounts do not show up on the profit and loss. They are held on our balance sheet as in trust accounts. If we fail to collect enough the balance will be taken out of the general parish funds.

2023 Goal 4,945.00 Collected to date 1,725.47 left to collect 3,219.53

The diocese suggests remitting this money twice per year, however we might look at remitting more often so the funds are indeed spent were they were intended when they were donated.



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 02	05:00 pm	Special Intention of Rick Poulin					
Sep 03	10:00 am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)					
Sep 05	06:30 pm	Special Intention of Rick Poulin					
Sep 06	06:30 pm	Special Intention of Rick Poulin					
Sep 07	09:00 am	Special Intention of Rick Poulin					
Sep 08	09:00 am	Special Intention of Rick Poulin					
Sep 09	09:00 am						
Sep 09	05:00 pm	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)					
Sep 10	10:00am	For the Parishioners (Pro Populo)					

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 03 Jeremiah 20.7-9; Romans 12.1-2; Matthew 16.21-27 (22nd Sun. O.T.) Sep 04 1 Thessalonians; Luke 4.16-30 Sep 05 1 Thessalonians 5.1-6, 9-11; Luke 4.31-37 Sep 06 Colossians 1.1-8; Luke 4.38-44 Sep 07 Colossians 1.9-14 Gospel: Luke 5.1-11 Sep 08 Romans 8.28-30; Matthew 1.1-16, 18-23 (Nativity of the Blessed Virgin, F) Sep 09 Colossians 1.21-23 Gospel: Luke 6.1-5 Ezekiel 33.7-9; Romans 13.8-10; Matthew 18.15-20 (23rd Sun. O.T.) Sep 10

Diocesan Events and News



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)

Registration Fee: \$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.]

Notes: Participants must be pre-approved by their Pastors and Pastoral Care Coordinators. Please contact your parish for screening requirement. Lunch will be provided on both Saturdays.

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

HOLY SPIRIT CWL

USED BOOK SALE

SEPT 16, 2023 9am TO 3pm



