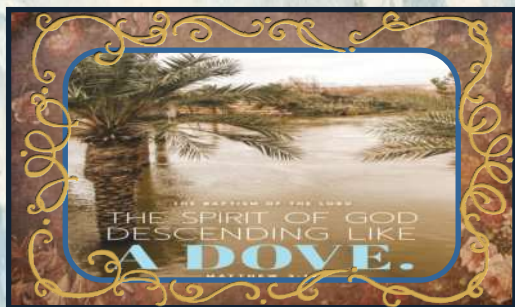


# SAINT AGNES CHURCH

1140 EVERGREEN ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

January 11, 2026  
*The Baptism of the Lord*



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## *Parish Schedule*

### **MASS TIMES**

**Saturday**

**4:30pm**

**Vigil of Sunday**

**FIRST Saturday of the month ONLY-8:00am**

**Sunday**

**8:00am-Live Streamed, 11:00am, 5:30pm  
5:30pm-Bilingual Mass (Portuguese-English)  
Last Sunday of the Month**

**Daily**

**Monday, Wednesday, Friday:  
7:30am**

**Tuesday, Thursday:  
5:30pm**

**ADORATION: Every Friday  
8:00am-12:00pm  
Every first Saturday,  
8:30am-9:30 am.**

**CONFESSIONS: Saturday from  
3:15pm-4:15pm  
or by appointment only.**

**BAPTISM: Make arrangements three  
months in advance.  
Please call the Parish Office  
at 619-223-2200.**

**MARRIAGES: Please contact the Priest**

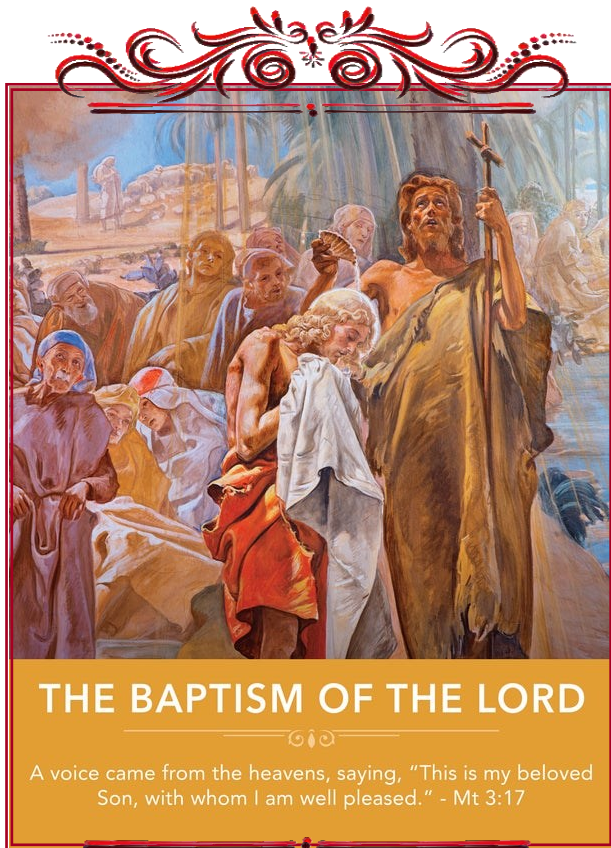


## From the Desk of the Pastor

## EPIPHANY

Epiphany comes from the Greek word, *epiphainein*, which means showing, appearance, manifestation. The Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord reveals the divine nature of Jesus to the Gentiles and that is, to the whole world. It points to the universality of salvation because God wants all to be saved. It points also to the mission of the Church which is to bring all people back to God. For God there are no outsiders and foreigners. No one is beyond His grace, mercy and love. All are family. All are children of God. All have the same Father. All are brothers and sisters. We all belong to the big family of the Father. Epiphany reveals that Jesus is the answer to our deepest, infinite longing and yearning. He is the fulfillment of God's promises and rewards. St. Augustine said that we are made for God alone and our hearts are restless until they find rest in Him. The birth of Jesus reveals that what we seek has all along been seeking us. It is the initiative of God. In the fulness of time God has come in person to meet us. It is His relentless quest for us because His business is finding us. In the Gospel of Matthew (2:1-12), the Magi were looking for God's sign to find the new born King of the Jews. They represent the whole world. They were not Jews. They didn't belong to the chosen people of God. They were pagan foreigners, totally outsiders and strangers. When they were given the sign, they left everything to find the Child. They acted rather than merely hearing. Instead, the Jewish religious leaders who were experts in the Scriptures did not accept Jesus. Their response was marked by fear and indifference. The magi were led by the star. It symbolizes Jesus who is the light of the world. It symbolizes God reaching out to the whole world. They found the Child and they offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Gold points to Jesus as King. Frankincense is to acknowledge the divinity of Jesus. Myrrh is to acknowledge that the Baby has come to offer His very Body in sacrifice. Epiphany therefore, is God's revelation that He will not give up on us because He alone is our peace and joy.

Happy New Year!



## THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

A voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." - Mt 3:17

## Mass Schedule

- Monday, January 12**  
7:30am †Caroll Curtis
- Tuesday, January 13**  
5:30pm †Johnny Machado
- Wednesday, January 14**  
7:30am †Angela & Ricardo Francisco
- Thursday, January 15**  
5:30pm In Honor of Santo Amaro
- Friday, January 16**  
7:30am †Rosa Souto Nunes
- Saturday, January 17**  
4:30pm †Zeca Rodrigues  
7:30pm In Honor of Santo Amaro  
Rosary and Benediction
- Sunday, January 18**  
8:00am For the People of Saint Agnes  
11:00am Founders, Directors, Past & Present  
Members of Festa do Santo Amaro, Inc.  
5:30pm †In Memory of Jane B. Arrington

*Mass Intentions for the Week*

## December 28, 2025

Sunday Collection	AMOUNT
Envelope	\$ 6,606.00
Online Giving	\$ 1,469.40
Total	\$ 8,075.40
<b>Parish Development Fund: 12/28/2025</b>	
PDF	\$ 237.00
PDF Online Giving	\$ 5.00
Total	\$ 242.00

## January 4, 2026

Sunday Collection	AMOUNT
Envelope	\$ 3,951.40
Online Giving	\$ 4,080.32
Total	\$ 8,031.72
<b>Parish Development Fund: 1/4/2026</b>	
PDF	\$ 460.00
PDF Online Giving	\$ 127.50
Total	\$ 587.00

Your generous donations to the Parish Development Fund (PDF) help support the upkeep and maintenance of our church and outlying buildings. PDF is also used for basic furniture and equipment needs to run the parish.





**WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



Sun 1/11	Mon 1/12	Tues 1/13	Wed 1/14	Thurs 1/15	Fri 1/16	Sat 1/17
<u><b>Masses</b></u> 8:00am-Live Streamed, 11:00am, 5:30pm	<u><b>Mass</b></u> 7:30am	<u><b>Mass</b></u> 5:30pm	<u><b>Masses</b></u> Vocation Rosary- 7:05am Mass-7:30am	<u><b>Mass</b></u> 5:30pm	<u><b>Mass</b></u> 7:30am  <u><b>Adoration</b></u> 8:00am-12:00pm	<u><b>Masses</b></u> 4:30pm  <u><b>Confessions</b></u> <u><b>Every Saturday</b></u> 3:15am-4:15pm

## Romarias Celebration

### Origins of Romarias

Romarias began in the 1930s when Jose and Veronica Falante arrived from Paul do Mar, a small fishing village in the Madeira Islands to San Diego. They brought with them a tradition in which members of each sitio gathered in church to sing, wishing Baby Jesus a Happy Birthday and expressing gratitude for a healthy and prosperous year.

### Traditions and Celebrations

On the day after Christmas, the community would sing once again and hold an auction for the "Barca." The Festeiros, or chairpersons, would purchase auction items, with all proceeds benefiting St. Agnes Church.

### This Year's Romarias

This year continued the cherished tradition, with the younger generation actively participating in this beautiful event. There were six Romarias, each paying homage to Baby Jesus. The entire community is grateful to everyone who took part. The "Barca" was chaired by Pete Garces, Augie Rodrigues, and Chanel Virissimo, in memory of Philip Virissimo, Roland Virissimo, and Florencio Vieira. The auction raised \$32,000 for the church. These funds will be used to enhance security, install new windows, and make other improvements to the church, hall, school, and rectory.

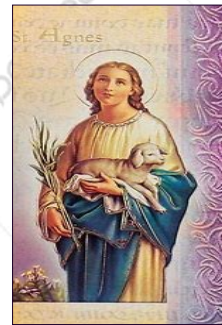
### Acknowledgments and Thanks

Special appreciation goes to two significant donors, Miles and Jocelyn Doughty—great-grandchildren of the Falante's—and Mike and Annette Gafa, whose combined contribution amounted to \$25,000. Additional thanks are extended to the Finete Family and Ryan Williams, who together donated another \$7,000. The Romaria Committee thanks everyone who donated and participated and looks forward to welcoming even more people next year.

### New Year's Wishes

Wishing Everyone a healthy and happy New Year.

## Saint Agnes Feast Day Celebration



Please join us as we celebrate the Feast of Saint Agnes on Saturday, January 17, 2026. The celebration will begin with Mass at 4:30pm, followed by a procession. All are then warmly invited to gather for a reception with refreshments in the Parish Hall. We look forward to celebrating together as a parish community.

### Saint Agnes Book Club

The St Agnes Book Club Choice for January 2026 is:

**Rough Sleepers: Dr. Jim O'Connell's Urgent Mission to Bring Healing to Homeless People.**  
By Tracy Kidder



We will meet on Wednesday evening, January 21, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. and/or Thursday morning, January 22, 2026 at 10 a.m. in the Teen Center.

### ♥ St. Agnes Women's Guild Valentine's Candy Grams ♥

Spread a little love this Valentine's Day! Purchase a Candy Gram for your family, friends, or a homebound individual. Soon orders will be taken through bulletin order forms, with in person sales after all Masses on February 7-8. Candy Grams may be picked up on February 14 at 10:00 AM. Proceeds will go back into our church community. Thank you for supporting the Women of St. Agnes!



## Baptism News



The next baptism workshops will be on Tuesday, **February 3rd** at 7:30pm, in the school behind the church. Please call Jeanette Finete at 619-224-7562 a week before the class to confirm your attendance.





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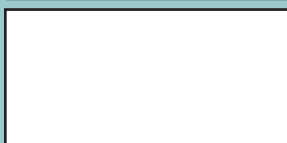


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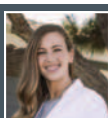
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