



SAINT AGNES CHURCH

1140 EVERGREEN ST., SAN DIEGO, CA 92106

March 22, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Lent



OCIA

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) is going on every Thursday at 6:45pm, in the Parish Center. This is a program for those who are preparing to receive the sacraments. For more information please call the Parish Office at (619) 223-2200.

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**PARISH OFFICE HOURS
Monday Closed.**

**Tues-Friday 9:30am-4:00pm
Closed for Lunch from Noon-1:00pm**

**SCHOOL OF RELIGION: (619) 840-4241
PARISH WEBSITE: www.saint-agnes.org**

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**

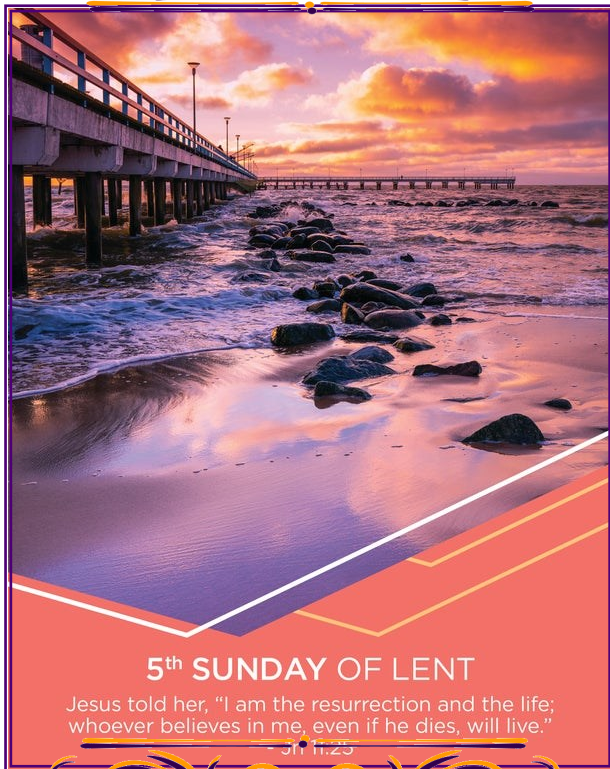
**Tuesday, Thursday:
5:30pm**

**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



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."

John 11:25



From the Desk of the Pastor

I AM THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is called *Laetare Sunday* which means rejoice. We are called to rejoice because Easter is just around the corner. It is the celebration of the victory of Jesus, His resurrection, never to die again. He defeats evil, sin and death forever. It reveals that God's love will ultimately prevail. Jesus is the light of the world that illumines, heals, saves, empowers, transforms and dispels darkness. We are also called to be the light of the world. Our light is derived from our relationship to Christ. We received a new way of seeing through the lens of Christ so that we see with courage, mercy and truth. We are empowered to see the misery, suffering and pain of others and work for their well being. The man born blind in the Gospel of John (9:1-41) is a model of conversion from spiritual blindness to faith, from unbelief to belief. True sight comes through faith in Jesus. He found and healed the man blind from birth. It is the initiative of Jesus because we are all found by God. No one is beyond God's grace, mercy and love. The business of God is finding us. Blind from birth is a powerful image because the man has never seen light. It points to original sin because we are all born blind. We are born into this dysfunction world infected by violence, cruelty, hatred, division and greed. Original sin blinds us. And yet Jesus found us. He is the light of the world. He illumines and heals us. In the gospel, Jesus spat on the ground, made clay with the saliva and smeared the clay into the eyes of the blind man. It is the symbol of Incarnation when the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. It recalls the creation story from the Book of Genesis (2:7) where God brought forth life from the dust of the earth. Jesus creates sight from nothing just as God created the world from nothing. It also points to the sacraments because they are the means by which God's grace is communicated to us body and soul. We come to see by the light of Christ and by our contact with Him. The blind man was completely healed so much so that his neighbors did not recognize him. When we encounter the Lord, our lives are never the same again. We don't look and act the same. We are transformed and transfigured by Christ. The man recognized Jesus and worshipped Him. It is the final step in the opening of the spiritual eyes of the man. He sees the reality of Jesus and becomes His disciple. To see clearly is to follow the Lord. Blindness is worship in the wrong way and it brings chaos, disharmony and death into the world. To worship Jesus is to give right praise to God and it brings transformation, harmony, peace and life into the world. Like Jesus we are called to be the light of the world because the Church is the physical presence of Christ in our tormented world today.



- Monday, March 23*
- 7:30am †Zeca Rodrigues
- Tuesday, March 24*
- 5:30pm †Michael & Celeste Marques
- Wednesday, March 25*
- 7:30am †Joey D. Izidoro Jr.
- Thursday, March 26*
- 5:30pm †Maria Rosa Virissimo & Jose Maria Silva
- Friday, March 27*
- 7:30am †Mary Miesner
- Saturday, March 28*
- 4:30pm †Johnny Machado
- Sunday, March 29*
- 8:00am †Jose & Natalie Furtado
- 11:00am †Manuel & Nazary Caboz
- 5:30pm †Patricia Vargas



Mass Intentions for the Week

March 15, 2026

Sunday Collection	AMOUNT
Envelope	\$ 2,593.76
Online Giving	\$ 954.34
Total	\$ 3,548.10
Parish Development Fund: 3/15/2026	
PDF	\$ 50.00
PDF Online Giving	\$ 143.00
Total	\$ 193.00

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.

Sun 3/22	Mon 3/23	Tues 3/24	Wed 3/25	Thurs 3/26	Fri 3/27	Sat 3/28
Masses 8:00am-Live Streamed, 11:00am, 5:30pm	Mass 7:30am	Mass 5:30pm	Mass 7:30am Vocation Rosary- 7:05am	Mass 5:30pm	Mass 7:30am Adoration 8:00am-12:00pm	Masses 4:30pm Confessions Every Saturday 3:15am-4:15pm

Electronic Giving

Saint Agnes offers an easy way to manage your giving online! Electronic Giving is convenient and allows you to set up automatic recurring contributions and view your complete electronic giving history from anywhere you have access to the Internet.

Simply follow these easy steps:

1. Visit the church website at : www.saint-agnes.org
2. Click on the Electronic Giving button/ link
3. Click on the Create Profile button, then
4. Follow the onscreen instructions to create an online profile and to schedule your recurring contributions.
5. If you like, you can put your weekly envelope in the collection plate with a note or use the "I give electronically" card. Cards will be in pews or available to download from our website.



"Stations of the Cross"
 Next Station will be held on
 Friday, March 27, at 5:30pm
 All are invited to attend this Lenten devotion.

Lenten Soup Suppers

The next Soup Supper will be held on
 Friday, March 27, at 6:00 PM,
 hosted by the Our Lady of Fátima Society.
 All are welcome!

Holy Week & Easter Schedule
Saturday, March 28, 2026

4:15pm
 Blessing & Procession of Palms
 in Parish Hall followed by mass at 4:30pm

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, March 30, Mass 7:30 am
 Tuesday, March 31, Mass 5:30 pm
 Wednesday, April 1, Mass 7:30 am

HOLY THURSDAY

April 2, 2026

7:00 pm
 Solemn Mass of the Lord's
 Supper

8:00 pm - 10:00 pm
 Adoration of the Blessed
 Sacrament

GOOD FRIDAY

April 3, 2026

12:00 Noon Stations of the Cross
 (Portuguese) 3:00 pm Solemn Liturgy of
 Our Lord's Passion and Death
 7:00 pm Stations of the Cross (English)

HOLY SATURDAY

April 4, 2026

Easter Vigil Mass
 8:00pm

EASTER SUNDAY

April 5, 2026
 Mass Schedule
 8:00 am, 11:00 am No
 5:30 pm Mass



Baptism News

The next baptism workshops
 will be on Tuesday, **May 5th**
 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.

COMMODITIES

The next food distribution
 will be in the Parish
 Teen Center on:
 Thursday, April 23, 2026, 8:30-10:00
 Food Distribution needs more volunteers to help
 distribute food to families on the 4th Thursday
 of each month from 7:00 AM- 10:00 AM.



ARE YOU READY TO SERVE

St. Agnes is looking for dedicated youth and adults who would like to give service to their parish family by joining the Altar Server Ministry. We are especially in need of servers for all masses, Saturday Vigil Mass at 4:30 pm, Sunday masses at 8am, 11am and 5:30pm. You don't have to attend these Masses every Sunday to serve them. You just need to be willing to serve at least twice a month and then show up for your scheduled Mass. If you wish to join this ministry, you need to have received your First Communion and should be going into the 3rd grade, and, you are never too old to start. Junior high and high school students are welcome. If you are interested, please contact the Parish office at 223-2200 and ask for Maria. Come with us and Serve God with Gladness.



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