



## Principal's Thoughts

This Sunday we will celebrate Palm Sunday, the last Sunday of Lent. This day also marks the beginning of Holy Week, the most reverent time in our liturgical calendar. Parishioners will first gather outside to hear a reading from Luke describing Jesus's entrance into Jerusalem, riding a colt (the foal of a donkey.) Donkeys symbolize service and humility, signaling perhaps that the rider came with peaceful intentions as a king of peace, not of war. The crowd that greeted Jesus threw their cloaks on the ground in front of him as a sign of submission and homage. He was greeted as a Messiah, not one who would save them but one who would lead them against the Romans. Their chants of Hosanna meant "save now." They waved palms in the air and also laid them on the path before him, as was the practice with political leaders to show triumph and victory.

Pre-Christians used palms as a symbol of victory and goodness. Later in time, the Early Christians used palms to show victory of the spirit over the flesh and explains why many Martyrs (including St. Agnes) are shown holding palms. The palms we receive on Sunday are a sacramental because they are blessed and therefore should be treated with respect. They are to be kept as a witness to our faith in Jesus Christ and in his Paschal Victory. Blessed palms should never to be thrown in the trash but returned to the church to be burned into ashes for distribution on Ash Wednesday.

After all have processed into the church carrying their palms, the Order of the Mass continues. When the Gospel is proclaimed, we shift from the joyous entrance into Jerusalem, to the reading of the Passion; a stark reminder of what the week has in store for us as we reflect on Jesus' journey to the cross. This weeklong time of preparation, reminds us of the sacrifice Jesus made for us in accepting his father's will. We look forward with great anticipation to Easter Sunday!



<https://sacredheartglendale.org/>

### St. Agnes School Mission Statement

St. Agnes School, in partnership with the Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Oakland educate children in the Catholic faith and nurture their minds, bodies, and souls, inspiring them to live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, achieve their highest academic and creative potential, and actively serve and enrich the community.

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### COVID-19 Updates

- H<sub>2</sub>O Bottle Filling Stations Open Monday!
  - **This week will be hot!** Please be sure your child has ample water each day as the drinking fountains are still **not** available.
  - Water bottle filling stations will be open THIS Monday!!



- **Rice Bowls Money Due**
  - Thank you for participating in the Rice Bowl Catholic Relief Services program! It is time now to collect the money and send it to CRS. Here are two options for you:
  - **OPTION 1:** Write a check, made out to St. Agnes School, for your CRS Rice Bowl gift. Please write "CRS Rice Bowl" in the memo line. We will then write one check to CRS.
  - **OPTION 2:** Turn your Rice Bowl into the Ministry Center or to us and we will take it to the Ministry Center for you.
- **Last Week to Bring in Canned Food**
  - Please send your last food donations with your child by Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - We need to get all donations to the Knights of Columbus before our Easter break.
  - Thank you for your generosity!
- **Vacation Bible Camp is Back!**
  - St. Bonaventure will be hosting Vacation Bible Camp from June 13-17!
  - Registration is now open for campers and camp counselors (7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Only!) Registration forms are in their church office or online: <https://stbonaventure.net/vacation-bible-camp>
  - Early bird pricing is in effect until May 15<sup>th</sup>!
  - A flyer with further details is on our website.

### AUCTION NEWS!



- We will be celebrating our incredible community and raising much needed funds for the school on Saturday May 21, 2022.
- Our Auction will be taking place at St. Agnes in the courtyard outside Cauchi Hall, which will be TRANSFORMED into a Greco style paradise.
- We hope you can join us. More information can be found here:
  - <https://event.auctria.com/646ac3e6-a65d-4834-a5f0-137a1d6759c5/>

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### TIME SENSITIVE

- **Bocce Anyone? Get Your Teams Together!**
  - **Mark your calendars for April 30<sup>th</sup> for our annual Bocce Tournament!**
  - New and experienced players are welcome.
  - A flyer/registration form with all the details has posted on our website! **Deadline to join is April 22<sup>nd</sup>.**
- **Help Please~**
  - We are experiencing many children leaving during the day, particularly after lunch.
  - If possible, please try to schedule appointments on our minimum days so as to minimize disruptions and missed learning opportunities.
- **Scrip Deadline Approaching**
  - April 29<sup>th</sup> is the last day to purchase scrip to count toward your 2021-2022 family commitment.
  - As described in the Family Handbook: "SCRIP is a mandatory program whereby each family is expected to purchase an amount of SCRIP in a year that generates at least \$300.00 in profit."

### ✚St. Agnes Parish News✚

- **Altar Servers Needed (Especially for the Sunday 5pm Mass)**
  - A training session for new Altar Servers will take place on Saturday, April 9<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1:00pm.
  - Contact Barbra Sana: [bvsana@att.net](mailto:bvsana@att.net) to sign-up or to clarify any questions.
- **St. Agnes Church Annual Blood Drive**
  - Good Friday, April 15, 2022 from 11:00am - 3:00pm (Cauchi Hall)
  - Vitalant, who will be conducting the Blood Drive, follows strict protocols to ensure the safety of donors, patients and staff, including checking temperatures, social distancing, requiring face masks along with other precautions.
  - To schedule your life-saving appointment:
    - Email Pat Cesnik at [patcesnik@gmail.com](mailto:patcesnik@gmail.com) or
    - Visit [vitalant.org](http://vitalant.org) and click: Donate Now and Use SPONSOR CODE: Good Friday
- **Help Build the Children's Mass!**
  - We are looking for children to become actively involved in Mass!
  - A flyer with more details can be found in your family envelope today!
  - Questions? Please contact our Faith Formation Director, Jason Shelton: [jason.stagnesparish@gmail.com](mailto:jason.stagnesparish@gmail.com) or the Faith Formation Secretary, Donna Cassianos: [donna.stagnesparish@gmail.com](mailto:donna.stagnesparish@gmail.com).

**Weekly Student Learning Expectation: 4.1 An effective communicator who is able to listen actively to others.**

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## Pace Board News

- **Dine Out TODAY!**
  - Join us TODAY at Five Guys on Ygnacio Valley Rd., from Noon until 10pm.
  - You must present the flyer, that is on our website, at the time of purchase so St. Agnes will receive 20% of the profit!
- **Mother/Son Adventure Ticket Deadline TODAY!**
  - Moms, see you Saturday, April 9th from 12-3! Don't forget your sons!
  - Visit: [Mother/Son Picnic 2022](#) today to reserve your spot. The flyer is on our website.
- **Father/Daughter Ticket Deadline TODAY!**
  - Father/Daughter Fiesta and dance is scheduled for SATURDAY, April 9<sup>th</sup> (6-9pm) on the Cauchi Hall patio.
  - The flyer is posted on our website.
  - Visit: [Father/Daughter Dance 2022](#) today to make your reservation.
  - Extra dinner plates will be available to purchase for \$5.00!
- **Need Some Flower Power?**
  - PACE and Flower Power Fundraising are offering bulbs and plants for your garden.
  - A link has been provided on a flyer that can be found on our website.
  - Share the word with family members! Happy shopping!

	IMPORTANT DATES AND EVENTS
4/6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal</li> <li>• Dine Out-Five Guys 12pm-10pm</li> </ul>
4/8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stations of the Cross -Formal Dress with masks</li> </ul>
4/9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work Party 9-1</li> <li>• Mother/Son Adventure 12-3pm (St. Agnes Field)</li> <li>• Father/Daughter Dance 6-9pm (Cauchi Hall Patio)</li> </ul>
4/10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palm Sunday Masses                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sat. 5pm or Sun: 7, 9, 11 &amp; 5pm</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
4/12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Spirit T-Shirt Tuesday</li> </ul>
4/13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Stations Dress Rehearsal (Formal Dress and Masks for all.)</li> </ul>
4/14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Minimum Day-12:00 Dismissal</li> <li>• Triduum Begins-Holy Thursday Mass 7:00pm</li> </ul>
4/15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Good Friday-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Stations of the Cross - 12:00</li> </ul>
4/17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Sunday!</li> </ul>
4/18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Easter Vacation</li> </ul>