

# St. Agnes Catholic Church

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September 17, Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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## **MASSES FOR Sept 17 – Sept 24**

### **Saint Agnes**

Sunday 10:30 a.m. + Mary Ann Campbell  
Tuesday 8:30 a.m. Justice & Peace  
Thursday 8:30 a.m. +Poor Souls in Purgatory  
Sunday 10:30 a.m. +Bernard Boes

### **St. Mary's**

Mon. 8:15 a.m. Rosary & Communion  
Wed. 8:15 a.m.  
Fri. 8:15 a.m.  
Sat 4:00 p.m.  
Sun. 8:30 a.m.

## **EVENTS OF THE WEEK**

Sunday, September 17  
Wednesday, September 20

**Collection for Retirement fund for Religious  
Memorial of Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon, Priest, and Paul Chong Ha sang, and  
Companions, Martyrs  
Feast of Saint Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist  
Memorial of Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest  
Father Peter's Birthday**

Thursday, September 21  
Saturday, September 23

## **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wednesday, September 27  
Friday, September 29  
Saturday, September 30

**Memorial of Saint Vincent de Paul, Priest  
Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels  
Memorial of Saint Jerome, Priest**

**YOUR GIFT TO THE CHURCH: \$880.00 Maui \$464.00 Retirement Fund for Religious \$20.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Readers**  
**September 17** Jane Kutz

**Servers**  
Sterling Elbert  
Sarah Elbert

**Extra Ordinary Min.**  
Thomas Adamson  
Mark Adamson  
John Heidlage

**Gift Bearers & Ushers**  
Lee Kutz & Ray Elbert

**September 24** Kathy Eck

Isaac Chorum

Charlotte Pickering  
Doug Pickering  
Patrick Wolfe

Ron Wagner & Steve Schmitt

**PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Margie Mettlach, Marie Jasumback, Jim and Veda Perrin, Marion Tomlinson Williams, Monta Heidlage, and all the sick and shut-ins of our parish.

**ST. MARY'S DINER TICKETS:** are available for sale. It is Saturday, September 23, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm. Rhoda Elbert is graciously selling them after church. There is a flyer in the back of church.

**SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY REMEMBRANCES:** Donna Adamson, Jacob Adamson, Gabrielle Duley, Robert Graskemper, Mark Heidlage, Dorthy Katzfey, Jane Kutz, Doug Pickering, Mary Schwartz, Rosalee Wolf, Patrick Wolfe & Cynthia Workes.

**SPECIAL BIRTHDAY REMBERENCE:** Robert Graskemper turns 85 this month.

**CHURCH CLEANERS FOR SEPTEMBER:** Marilyn Adamson. Sandy Thorn, Donna Adamson, Jessica Chorum

## **PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR**

Spirit of God, fill our hearts with a desire to seek truth and rejoice in beauty. Help us to know what is pleasing to you and to understand what is right and good in your sight. Give us the spirit of learning that we may please you by our thoughts and love you in your creation. Give all teachers your constant encouragement and guide them in their work. Spirit of God, make us effective witnesses of your truth to all whose lives we touch. We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord, Amen.

## 24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

### Sunday September 17

Sirach 27:30-28:7  
Ps 103:1-4,9-12  
Romans 14:7-9  
Matthew 18:21-35

### Monday September 18

1 Timothy 2:1-8  
Ps 28:2,7-9  
Luke 7:1-10

### Tuesday September 19

1 Timothy 3:1-13  
Ps 101:1b-3b,5-6  
Luke 7:11-17

### Wednesday September 20

**Sts. Andrew Kim Taegon,  
Paul Chong Hasang, and  
Companions, Martyrs**  
1 Timothy 3:14-16  
Ps 111:1-6  
Luke 7:31-35

### Thursday September 21

**St. Matthew, Apostle**  
Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13  
Ps 19:2-5  
Matthew 9:9-13

### Friday September 22

1 Timothy 6:2c-12  
Ps 49:6-10,17-20  
Luke 8:1-3

### Saturday September 23

**St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest**  
1 Timothy 6:13-16  
Ps 100:1b-5  
Luke 8:4-15

Jesus' message in this Sunday's Gospel reading explains a line from the "Our Father" prayer he had taught earlier (Matthew 6:12): "Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us."

The strongest word here is "AS" – the same as, just like, in equal measure.

If there is anyone we have not forgiven, if there is anyone we cannot pray for with love, we'd better keep our mouths shut during this part of the prayer to our Father, who is the Father of all.

Sometimes, it's difficult to forgive because we think "forgiving" means "forgetting". Jesus never said that we must forget what the debtor owes. Forgiveness means remembering – and learning from the memory – without demanding repayment or retribution.

Unforgiveness is a form of punishment: it's payback time. For example, if we remain angry, we hope that our anger or coldness will somehow punish the sinner into repentance. Well, guess what. That never works.

Here's something else we do that never works: holding a

grudge to protect ourselves from getting hurt again. Grudges do not free us from the pain of bad memories. It chains us to them.

When we free others from the debts they owe us for hurting us (whether they seek it or not, whether they're still alive or not), we free ourselves and our healing begins – our healing!

It's the most loving gift that we can give to ourselves, as it's a gift of love to others.

Even when they don't recognize our gift, God does.

### Reflect & Discuss:

- † Who angers you because they don't deserve your forgiveness?
- † What are you gaining from unforgiveness and resentment? What will you lose if you forgive?
- † What is the most difficult part of forgiveness?
- † What steps do you take for pushing yourself into truly letting go of unforgiveness so you can find healing? Sharing this with others will spread good ideas that could change someone's life!

