

ST. AGNES EDUCATION CAFÉ

Small Talks on Big Topics

Loving Our Dysfunctional Families

A Two Part Series Presented by

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About the Event

Dec 6th – With our Christmas gatherings coming up, we begin to envision the not so peaceful scenes that often overtake family gatherings. Relationships within the family can be complex, sometimes for reasons not truly understood, yet, deep down we long for a time of loving and happy moments that will create good and lasting memories. When family tensions run high, how do we love and forgive (and sometimes ignore) despite the offences and the hurt that we feel? More importantly, how do we move toward family functions with joyful anticipation instead of dread?

Jan 15th – Fresh from our Christmas visiting, we come back together. Perhaps we come with a mix of complex feelings after the family gatherings (or a season) that may not have been so full of the joy & connection we had hoped for. Maybe for some of us, there was even more hurt, disappointment & even rejection, despite our good intentions for peaceful gatherings & the hope for healing. How do we love our way through this? How do we forgive yet again, and resist the temptation to let our hearts become hardened, cynical & brittle... just in time for Family Day!

Join us for these insightful talks on family, faith & forgiveness, applicable to any difficult relationship, challenging us to love & forgive

Tuesday Dec 6th 7:45 – 9:00 pm • Sunday Jan 15th 2:00 – 3:15 pm

45 minute talk + Q&A and Refreshments

Watch for full event lineup through 2023 - details coming soon!