

St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday: 10:00am

Tuesday: 9am & Thursday: 9am (Service & Adoration)

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

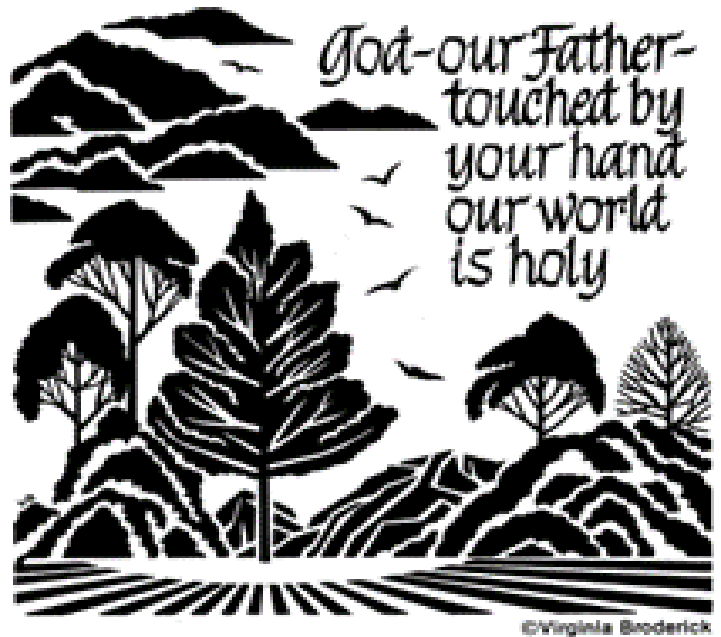
Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date.

Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.

Funerals: Please contact the Parish before making arrangements for funerals of church members.



JULY 24, 2022

**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Larry Dowling

Associate Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Bruce & Sandra McElrath

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert

Operations Director: TBA

Building Engineer: Roger Lozano

Assisting the Pastor with the DRE: Marvin McCurry

Interim Parish Secretary: Carol Johnson

Custodian: Frank Clark

Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez

Religious Education Director: TBA

Music Director: Darryl Petty

Websites & Social Media Admin: Emily Dillon

Our Mission Statement We the people
of St. Agatha-Saint Martin de Porres Parish
have come together as a
Community of Believers

to **profess our faith** by **evangelizing** ourselves,
others and **fostering full participation** in the **con-**
cern for the needs of all. We strive to bring **faith,**
hope and love to our **Westside Community**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME CYCLE C

Gospel theme: The power of prayer is real. As God heard Abraham, he now hears us. By baptism, we have new life; our sins are conquered by the cross of Christ. Christ's mother, Mary, is an example of prayer, humility, and obedience.

Sermon: I speak to you of prayer: our situation and the answer of Jesus Christ.

First, you know our situation. Sometimes, people don't pray because they feel they are unworthy. Perhaps they feel they are sinners. Perhaps it happens because of some sexual activity, perhaps because of something they did long ago. Perhaps because of a deep-seated feeling of guilt. After all, there are people who never pray. Who never go to church. Yet they say they are good. So, people think you have to be good to pray. Sometimes, too, people don't pray because they are too busy. Perhaps they are too busy helping people. Perhaps they are preoccupied with earning a living. Perhaps they have grown up and given up the prayers and the thinking of childhood. Above all, sometimes people do not pray because they don't know what to say. People don't know whether God really hears them. After all, God does not talk back. How do you know it makes any difference? All that is our human situation. 'Twas ever thus.

The answer of Jesus Christ is found in the Bible. In the Second Reading, St. Paul says that our sins are nailed to the cross of Christ. In other words, our sins and failings have nothing to do with our relationship to God. We should pray no matter what our sins have been, no matter what our sins are, no matter what our sins are going to be.

Someone who has the disease of alcoholism must pick himself up, time and time again. It doesn't matter how many times he will fail. He must continue to believe, continue to hope, continue to struggle, and continue to pray. So it is with all of us. Our human weakness is no impediment to prayer.

It is not only the good who are called to prayer. In fact, you are not saved because you are good but because you believe. In fact, you, with all your sins, are still called to prayer. In fact, no matter how bad you are, no matter how great your failure, you must still pray, and pray as Jesus taught us to pray.

Remember the example of Martha, in the Gospel. Her feast day is July 29. She was too busy with the details of hospitality to pay attention to the word of Christ. Well then, do not be too busy with charity, even with earning a living; do not be too busy to pray, Sunday by Sunday, day after day. You owe that to God. You owe that to yourself. And you owe that to each other.

If you have given up the prayers of childhood, well and good. You can no longer have the simple belief you had as a child. You don't believe in miracles the same way. You don't believe in extraordinary interventions the same way. But you do believe. And that's what matters. You must pray as adults. You heard the Gospel. Today, Jesus Christ was speaking, not to children but to people who were grown up. He said that you must pray with confidence. If you, with all your sins, know how to give your children good things, how much more will the Father give you the Holy Spirit, says Jesus Christ.

Finally, some people say they don't know the words to say. Perhaps they are not sure of what they believe. In fact, you already have the words of the liturgy, the prayer of the Psalms, the voice of the Church. You don't have to reinvent the wheel. You don't have to make up your own prayers. You have only to say the words that the Church says. Therefore, join with your parents and grandparents, your brothers and sisters, your family members—lift up your hearts and give to the Lord our God your thanks and praise.

—Father Michael Gilligan, Ph.D.

Closing prayer: Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Answer our prayers, and grant us the gift of your Holy Spirit; for the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.

THE ROSARY

The Rosary will be prayed every First Sunday of the month. At 9:30am before Mass. All are invited to come Pray the Rosary.

Please be prompt

Please Consider

Including St. Agatha — St. Martin de Porres
Parish in your Will

PARISH OFFICE

Martin de Porres Credit Union:

Located in

Purcell Hall 4300 W. Washington,

Tel. 773-626-0776

Open Saturdays: 10:30-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information: Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry—Deacon William Pouncy and Elizabeth Becnel Call Deacon Pouncy

Telephone No. (312)841-3974

Weekly Collections for July 17, 2022

Envelopes	\$3,258.00
Loose	273.00
Kolbe House	248.00
Solemnity of Mary	<u>20.00</u>
Total	\$3,809.00

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 24, 2022

Larry Mapp Sr., Always and Forever
"Love, your wife of 61yrs. Dee"

Everlena Jeter - Sister of Joyce Carrisquilo

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.

Donation for Mass is \$10.00.

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, **call the Parish Office** during weekday business hours.

Deacon William Pouncy will contact you.

There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism. Baptism will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday or Sunday after Mass.

From the Desk of Fr. Larry... My brothers and sisters, I love the tone of the conversation between God and Abraham in our first reading. God is planning to destroy Sodom because its citizens have fallen into sin and depravity. Abraham, unwaveringly faithful to the Lord, begins to bargain with Him to save the city. It is touching how God, focused on retribution, is willing to let Abraham continue to push Him to reconsider destroying Sodom. Although we know the result, that God does destroy Sodom because Abraham can find no good person in the town, we can be encouraged that God would respond to Abraham's compassion and hope for a change in his kinsmen.

The Gospel presents us with the disciples seeking advice from Jesus on the proper words and attitude to pray. He says: Be open. Ask in all sincerity and you will receive; in all sincerity, seek and you will find; in all sincerity and deep belief that God loves you, knock and the door will be opened to you.

He gives them some words to express this in the form of what we call the Lord's Prayer. The Lord's Prayer has a richness to it that we often miss because we are so familiar with it, the words fall easily from our memory, and we rarely take the time to take in the fullness of the prayer:

Our Father: This is not a personal prayer, but a communal prayer. We each have a personal relationship with Jesus, but the prayer invites our consciousness of our interconnectivity with God AND with each other through our God. **Hallowed be thy name:** God is already hallowed, holy, so the prayer really invites God's name to become more hallowed and respected in our own hearts. **Thy kingdom come, thy will be done:** Put simply, my kingdom – my ego, selfishness must go in order that Your love, Your will for me personally - and in relationship to others - can claim a greater presence in me. **Give us this day our daily bread:** Daily bread is not just material food but, more importantly, the life-giving relationships that nourish our physical, emotional and spiritual well-being. It invites us to be 'daily bread' for others. **Forgive us as we forgive others:** To forgive literally means 'to give into new ways of relating with others.' It requires reconciliation, a letting go, and a turning toward new life-giving ways of relating to others, to ourselves and to God. **Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil:** Keep us focused on You and, when we falter, help us to get back on track on the path You would have us follow.

Remember, my friends, prayer isn't meant to change God, but to change us, to open us up to a deeper trust in the God who created us, sustains us, provides for us, forgives us immediately when we have sinned, and loves us back onto the path of righteousness, journeying with our fellow pilgrims on the path to a life well-lived and life eternal in the embrace of our loving God.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

P.S. Fr. Thadeo & I are hoping to see you at one or both of our united parish listening sessions: This Wednesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m. and/or Sunday, July 31 at Noon.

OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from 9:30am to 5:00pm
Effective July 5, 2022 the Office hours will change to
9:00am - 1:00pm

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENT

Every Tuesday morning mass at 9:00
Every Thursday Communal Service with Adoration and Benediction at
9:00am

All are Welcomed...

Come join us for a Hospitality Gathering at
St. Martin de Porres

Sunday, July 24, 2022 and Sunday, August 7, 2022

Immediately following 10:00am Mass

In the Connecting Room adjacent to the
Food Pantry

READERS FOR JULY 24, 2022

Commentator: Youth
First Reading: Youth
Second Reading: Youth



PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

Laurita Lockhart, Charese Troupe, Josh Morrow, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Elnora Dorsey, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Johnny Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris Lejerrion Harris, Norene Evans, Shelma Dillon, Alexander Madden, Flora Yancy, Patrick McAnany, Hildred Fuller, Danny Gardner, Sandra Coffey, Melvin Clark, LaVita Norris, Sofia McFarland, Keith Mahaffey, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Mariano Palacios, Carter Evans, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Michael Parham, Jermaine Curtis, Stan Gruszeczeki, Larry Mapp Jr., Essie Pledage, Imogene Rhodes, Nathaniel W. Hall, Pamela D. Gee, Julius Jones, Natalie Daves, Armonie Witherspoon, Shirley Gardner, Deborah Rutledge, Bertha Anderson, Callie Gee, Luvenia Parker, Veronica Hicks, John Mannette, Jewel Austin, Anthony Adams, Hazel Bills, Clarence Walker, Lucy Henry, Phyllis Riley, Ernestine Cottrell

Parish Council

Meets 1st Thursday of the month at 7p.m.
Chairperson: Michael Wilson
Vice Chairperson: Jan Peters
Secretary: Michelle Haynes
Other Council Members: Marvin McCurry,
Janice Matthew, Yvette Henderson, Janice
Henry & Angela Wilson

Finance Council

Chairperson: Carolyn Morris
Secretary: Linda Vick
Other Council Members: Paul Morris &
Diane Levy
Liaison: Michael Wilson

Parish Commissions

HUMAN CONCERNS COMMISSION

Food Pantry: Leon Williams & Richard
Kimbrough
Resale Store: Patricia Buford
Bereavement: Janice Henry
Ministers of Care: Janice Henry
Liaison: Janice Henry & Janice Matthew

SPIRITUAL LIFE COMMISSION

Minister of Music: Darryl K. Petty
Liturgy Committee: Deacon William
Pouncy
Lector/Commentator: Marvin McCurry
Extraordinary Ministers: Adrienne Curtis
and Jewel Austin
Liaison: Marvin D. McCurry

EDUCATION COMMISSION

St. Angela Elementary School & Christ the
King High School
Sacramental Prep: TBA
R.C.I.A.: Deacon William Pouncy
Lectionary Program: Julie Richardson
Liaison: Michelle Haynes & Janice Henry

PARISH LIFE COMMISSION

Fundraising Committee: Diane Levy
Grady Anderson Auxiliary Liaison:
Marvin D. McCurry
Hospitality: Patricia Buford

Ladies of Peter Claver: Stella Palmer
Knights of Peter Claver: Michael Davis
Legion of Mary: Gerard Dupee

Men's Group: Joseph Brown
Couple's Ministry: Angela & Michael Wilson

Travel & Entertainment: Joyce Riley
Liaison: Yvette Henderson & Angela Wilson