

# 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.



## 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

**AUGUST 7, 2022**

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN**

**ORDINARY TIME**

**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  
**concern for the needs of all.** We strive to bring  
**faith, hope and love** to our **Westside Community**

**From the Desk of Fr. Larry...**

My friends, the Scriptures for this coming Sunday offer us insight into the connection between God's faithfulness to us and our response of faithfulness to God as God's beloved servants. In both the First Reading and the Second Reading, we hear very clearly this love/faith response. The First Reading from the Book of Wisdom references the faithfulness of our ancestral fathers and mothers in faith who believed that God would free them from captivity in Egypt and lead them to the Promised Land. Our Passover/Eucharistic celebration 3000 years later still honors God's faithfulness and the promise of freedom to live our lives to their fullest God-given potential.

In the Second Reading, Paul offers us this great definition of faith: *Faith is the realization of what is hoped for and evidence of things not seen.* (Hebrews 11:1) Paul references Abraham's unwavering faith in God and God's faithfulness in God's promise to give Abraham and Sarah descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky.

The Gospel then draws us to understand our call – in faith – to humble and generous servanthood in the name of the Lord. Jesus reminds us that only God gives us the freedom to truly become and be the unique vessels and conduits of God's love that we were created to be. That servanthood is not coerced or forced by God. It should flow as a natural response to our relationship in love with Jesus Christ, a love that when wholly embraced, ignites the desire to humbly and generously offer our gifts to others. I would like to share a prayer poem that I wrote a few years ago titled *Prayer of the Risen*. It is my prayer each day for faithful servanthood:

Lord, make me ever faithful  
To Your ever-faithfulness  
Trusting You are always with me  
In life's successes and distress.

Renew in me the abiding grace  
To love, to accept love in good stead  
From those ever close, ever dear to my heart  
Intimate nourishment, my daily bread.

Grant me the patience, the gift of time  
In daily prayer to upraise  
My deepest longings and greatest struggles  
My gratitude and my praise.

Help me, dear Jesus, to open my heart  
To feel both Your joy and Your pain.  
Wed the eyes of my soul to your vision  
So to be moved to work for Love's reign.

Fill me with a care and reverence  
For my own body, spirit and mind  
That through, with, in all I be life-giving:  
Creative, merciful, forgiving and kind.

Draw me deeply into Eucharistic mystery  
By your Word challenged and renewed  
Strengthened by Precious Body and Blood  
That with a mission Spirit I be imbued.

Let that Spirit deepen, stretch and empty me  
To remove all doubt, all pride and hatred.  
Fill me with an untiring and generous spirit  
Embracing all creatures, creation, as sacred.

Instill in me great faith and unwavering hope  
And dreams that in You find their source,  
Dreams no human force can frustrate  
Or internal weakness hinder their course.

Help me live, love in big and small ways  
In compassion and mercy excel  
That through me others may clearly witness  
It is You who loves them as well.

Teach me to pursue Your awe and beauty  
In boundless creation, so great and so small  
That my body, mind and heart be attuned  
To the Eternal ever-present in all.

Manifest in me wisdom to inspire others  
In the quest for justice, the sojourn to peace  
That as one we may join the sacred journey  
To fullness of life, to love without cease.

Ever mold me, shape me with Your passion  
That in all I do You might be reflected  
So that in each moment I embrace your cross  
I may know, with You, I'm Resurrected.

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

## PARISH OFFICE

**St. 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 31, 2022

Envelopes	\$2087.00
Loose	174.00
Kolbe House	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,286.00</b>

### *Mass Intentions for this Week* **Sunday, August 7, 2022**

**Lillian Le Coure from Paula Wilburn**

**Caryn and Michael Kondrat from Linda Wallin**

**Jerry Harvey from St. Martin de Porres**

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.

### Prayer for Vocations from the Black Catholic Community

**God of Love and Life, God who invites each and every one of us to develop and share of the fullness of the unique cultural, spiritual and intellectual gifts you have given us:**

+ **We seek Your Sweet Spirit of Encouragement, that it might touch the hearts and minds of those men and women, youth and young adults, seeking to understand how best to serve you.**

+ **We ask that Your Blessed Spirit of Encouragement embolden and empower each of us to call forth leaders – or to be called forth ourselves as leaders - from the African American community: leaders in evangelization, leaders in catechesis, leaders in marriage ministry, leaders in planning and leading worship, leaders in ministry with youth and young adults, leaders in study and reflection on the Holy Scriptures, deacons and deacon couples, priests and religious men and women.**

+ **Fill us with the conviction necessary to call forth, empower and accompany those called to formal ministry, those called to lead and accompany and empower us all in the celebration, service and growth of our beloved African American Catholic community. Make us Your instruments, Your voice, to call forth disciples, leaders, ministers to serve You through service among and with Your faithful people. We ask this through Christ, Our Brother and Lord. Amen.**

**From the Augustus Tolton Ministry Program  
at CTU [toltonprogram@ctu.edu](mailto:toltonprogram@ctu.edu) 773.371.5440**

**Ms. Kim Lymore, Director**

Please Consider Including St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres  
Parish in your Will

## OUR PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office is open weekdays from 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 Welcome...

Come join us for a Hospitality Gathering today at

St. Martin de Porres

August 7, 2022

Immediately following 10:00a.m. Mass  
in The Connecting Room adjacent to the  
Food Pantry

### READERS FOR AUGUST 7, 2022

**Commentator:** Mary James  
**First Reading:** Stella Palmer  
**Second Reading:** Karl Brinson



### PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING IN YOUR PRAYERS

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

### *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