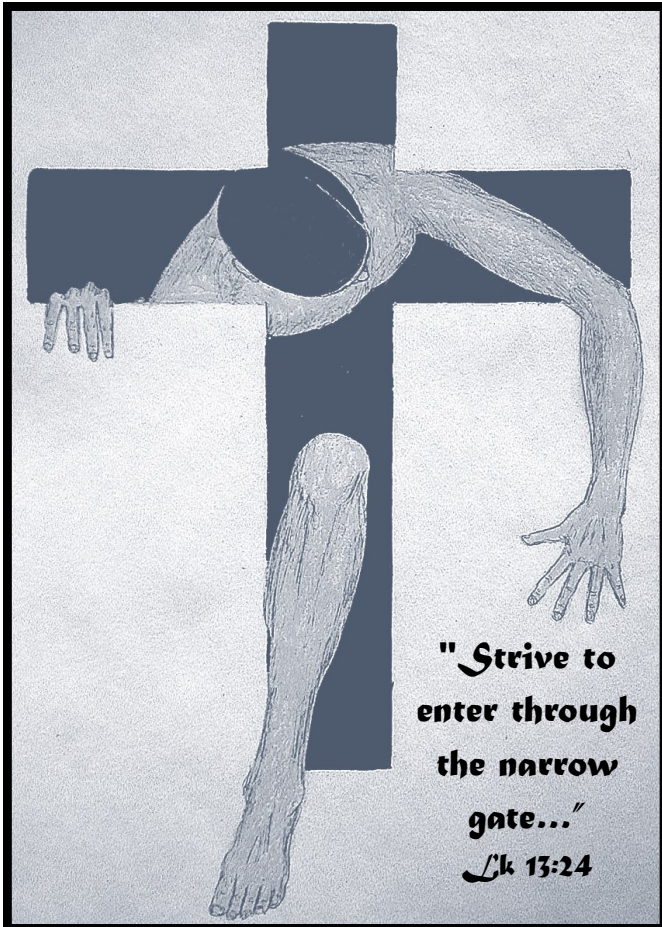


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time August 21, 2022



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God is good... All the time...
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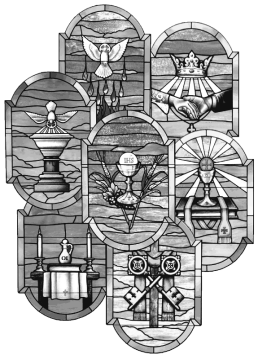
Church Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
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Masses: Sunday: 10:00 am
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 8:00, 10:30 a.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.



Sacramental Information

Baptism: Please call the church office for appointment at least two months prior to date. A prep class is required. Parents should contact Deacon William Pouncy.

RCIA: Adults Seeking Baptism and/or Making a Profession in the Catholic Christian Faith should contact Deacon Greg Shumpert.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office before setting your date. The Church asks that couples be parish members for at least 6 months before setting a date. Participation in Pre-Cana and a Premarital Inventory required.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office before going to see a Funeral Director. We will accommodate the needs of your family to help you through the loss and healing.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home: If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the need arises. Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad or one of the Care Ministers will gladly visit in a time of need.

Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the hospitalized person and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, August 14, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
Mass Offering \$ 2,021.00	Mass Offering \$4,109.00
GiveCentral <u>1,628.80</u>	Assumption of Mary 155.00
\$ 3,649.80	Special: Kolbe House <u>55.00</u>
	\$4,319.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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Mail in or drop off
your Sunday Tithe or
Call the Parish
Operations Director to
sign up for Give
Central. **Thanks!**



For whom shall we pray... Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Ted Bergh, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Daves, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shirley Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczeni, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Lucy Henry, Veronica Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Yvonne Gibson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Jacqueline Kelly, Laurita Lockhart, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Josh Morrow, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Phyllis Riley, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy.

From the Desk of Fr. Larry... My friends, the Scriptures help us understand the meaning of what true discipleship means for those of us who call ourselves followers of Jesus Christ. There are those who admire Jesus as a great teacher, a worker of miracles, a good role model. They live their lives at arms-distance from Jesus, unwilling to make the necessary sacrifices to be a true follower. There are Christians who, when pressed, are unable to describe their personal relationship with Jesus or talk about an encounter they have had with the presence of Jesus. There are those who claim to be Christians who do good things for others, but do so out of a selfish motivation for praise and status. And then there are those who call themselves Christian who strive every day to draw closer to Jesus, to have the discipline to sit at the Lord's feet and seek to understand how the Lord is instructing them in how to live faithful, humble and selfless lives.

Today's Gospel describes the one group, those who are rejected from entry into the Master's home, those who claim to have done good works in His name, but who He claims not to know because their motivation was selfish, lacking in a sincere connection to Him.

St. Paul focuses us on our openness to be taught or disciplined by the Lord. We know that discipline is different than punishment. We live very much in a punitive society, focused more on tearing down than forgiving and lifting up. St. Paul makes it clear that we will make mistakes in trying to follow Jesus, that we will falter and fall. But, as any good parent, Jesus offers us a path toward reconciliation and restoration.

Growing up with 8 siblings, we all made our fair share of mistakes. My parents would typically punish us by spanking or the use of a willow branch - which we had to go and get from the tree in our yard, to whip us on our bare legs. Later on as we grew, their discipline became more about sitting us down and helping us express what we did wrong, making sure we learned from our mistakes with the assurance that we would not repeat our offense. Sunday's Scriptures invite us to assess our own discipline in following the Lord. Do we communicate daily with Jesus in prayer, not only offering our requests but also our gratitude, and inviting the Lord to speak to us as well? Do we reflect on the Scriptures every day or at least look up the Scriptures for the coming Sunday and reflect on them before coming to Mass? Do we open our hearts and minds to those human encounters or encounters in nature where the Lord may be seeking to teach us or draw us to service of those in need? Or do we hold the Lord at arm's length, continuing to live our lives as we choose and not always as the Lord would have us do? Or do we tell people that we are Christian and then give scandal to our faith and to Jesus by doing things that are anything but Christian? My prayer is that all of us may strive to grow closer to the Lord every day. If we do so, the Lord promises us all that we need to live full and faithful lives... and what more can any of us really want in life?

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

+++ Back-to-School Boulevard Mass and Picnic TODAY Sunday, August 21 10:00 a.m. on Douglas Blvd at Kedzie across from St. Agatha



Black Catholic Deacons
SUNRISE PRAYER SERVICE
NEXT Sat., Aug. 27 6:30 -8:00 a.m.
Oakwood Beach
4100 S. Lake Shore Drive

Next Sunday August 28th
22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29
Heb 12: 18-19, 22-24a
Luke 14: 1, 7-14

Parish Women's Faith Sharing
Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533
Access code: 386562#

**All Seniors are Welcome to
Golden Age Group**

**Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors,
Other Activities**

**Every 3rd Monday 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.
Monday, September 17 St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin de Porres Seniors
RSVP to Ms McGowan (773) 522-3050**

**Take a Minute to Pray for
a Young Person**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your children and youth all around the world. You have created them in your own image and likeness. Help us to guide, affirm and love them so they are equipped to make healthy choices for their lives. Help the children experience your great love for them deep in their hearts. Send your spirit upon them to comfort, heal, protect and enlighten all their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Prayers for Those Facing Domestic Violence and We Who Support Them

Loving God, be with all men and women who are in doubt about their intimate relationships. Give them clarity of mind and peaceful hearts so that they can make good decisions guided by Your love. Let those who must, discern any abuse that may exist so that they can learn to care for themselves with Your help. Let those who must, acknowledge that they are harming the other, so they can learn to abhor their own behavior and come to true repentance and amendment of life. Keep us all safe in our relationships. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Compassionate God, protect the innocent children who suffer or witness violence and abuse at the hands of the ones they love. Bring them to a safe place where they can begin to heal. Restore their minds to trust and their hearts to love and their spirits to be free. Surround them with your angels. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Teaching God, we pray that You open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to be more aware, outreaching, and supportive to people in abusive situations, so that they won't feel alone and know that someone cares. Let us love them as You have loved us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Domestic Violence Services: Catholic Charities Chicago. Community Casework and Counseling. 1800 N. Hermitage . Chicago, IL 60622 . Intake: (312) 655-7700

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall 4300 W. Washington,
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1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information
Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry
Deacon William Pouncy and Elizabeth Becnel
Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, August 21, 2022**

Rev. Dennis Riley from Gerard Dupee
James Sandifer 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.