

St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time August 28, 2022



***The Lord hears
the cry of the poor !***

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"For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

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*Church Office Hours
 Monday thru Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.*

Masses: Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

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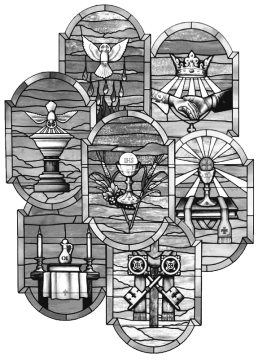
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 Monday - Friday
 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*

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 21, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
Mass Offering \$1314.80	Mass Offering \$2403.00
GiveCentral <u>1040.00</u>	Special: Kolbe House 119.00
\$2,354.80	Assumption of Mary <u>95.00</u>
Thank you for your generosity! \$2,617.00	



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, Leatrice 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, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, 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... There's an old country song titled, "Lord, it's hard to be humble". This is the refrain: "Oh Lord it's hard to be humble When you're perfect in every way. I can't wait to look in the mirror Cause I get better looking each day To know me is to love me I must be one heck of a man Oh Lord it's hard to be humble But I'm doing the best that I can." The Scriptures today challenge our motivations in sharing or choosing not to share our gifts with those in need. Jesus is, of course the model of humility and generosity for all of us. His selfless giving throughout his ministry and his willingness to put his life and reputation on the line in caring for society's outcasts and confronting the abuses of the poor by political and religious authorities was accomplished only by a deep faith in his relationship with the Father, a relentless hope that all might come to know the love that he experienced in that Father-Son relationship and a life-giving love that clearly flowed out of that relationship.

Our challenge as disciples of Jesus Christ is to resist the temptations of ego, power, greed or other forces and instead seek to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ so that, in all we do, we are doing it through, with and in Him.

We know all too well the rich philanthropists and others who make large donations to get their names on buildings, get their names out there to impress others, who give a very small percentage of their wealth and who in reality are not making a real sacrifice to help others. Although their gifts may greatly benefit institutions and charities, their motivations may be more about being noticed and revered by their peers and others rather than primarily about helping those in need.

I sometimes wish that those who give huge amounts to universities and colleges they graduated from and instead give at least a portion of those monies to the schools and communities that laid the initial foundation for their success.

The challenge for us is recognizing our responsibility, in faith and love, to do offer our gifts of time, talent and treasure to serve the immediate needs of the poor and then to help them move from survival to self-sufficiency and the opportunity for them to thrive.

We often see our outreach as one-directional. Yet from the view of Christ, explicit in today's Gospel, is that our humble generosity to the poor and their acceptance of those gifts is a gift back to us exactly because it is what God hopes for, a generosity that emanates, not out of guilt or obligation, but out of feeling the great love God has for each and all of us.

Many Christians still believe that we have to 'win heaven,' that God is keeping a checklist of all the good things we've done. But, instead, salvation/ heaven has already been won for us by Jesus Christ. We can't 'win' it, but we can lose it by not accepting God's ever-embracing, life-giving love for us. Divine love does not coerce or force a love response. Divine love invites an openness, a letting go of ego, and a humble acceptance of God's love, hoping that, in being filled by that love, it will naturally overflow from our hearts in our humble generosity for others.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

**St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres
Catholic Parish**

**"Walking in Faith, Moving Forward
with Christ"**

"be church after church!"

**Next Sunday September 4th
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Wisdom 9: 13-18b
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Luke 14: 25-33**

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

8/28/22	Fr. Stan Chu-Ilo	Fr. Larry
9/04/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Joshua Peters
9/11/22	Fr. Joshua Peters	Fr. Larry
9/18/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Joshua Peters
9/25/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

FOOD PANTRY

St. Martin de Porres
Wednes, Thurs.
10:00 a.m. to Noon

St. Agatha
Tuesday
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**



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

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

Every 3rd Monday

12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, September 17 St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for

My Prayer of Spiritual Communion
My Jesus, I believe that You are
present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love You above all things, and I
desire to receive You into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment receive
You sacramentally, come at least
spiritually into my heart. I embrace
You as if You were already there and
unite myself wholly to You. Never
permit me to be separated from You.
Amen.



Parish Women's
Faith Sharing

Every Wednesday

10:00 - 11:00 am

Dial in at

(267) 807-9533

Access code: 386562#

**THANK YOU !!! TO ALL OF YOU WHO
HAVE BEEN MAILING IN YOUR
SUNDAY OFFERINGS OR MAKING THEM
ONLINE! AND, OF COURSE, OUR SUNDAY
ATTENDEES!**

THANK YOU !!!

to the Men of St. Martin de Porres for a wonderful picnic on Sunday, August 14th.

Great Food Great Fellowship!

**and to the men and women at St. Agatha for a great Mass in the Courtyard,
Picnic, Book Bag giveaway and News School Summer Class Graduation**

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 (312) 841-3974

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 28, 2022

Lillian Le Coure from Paula Wilburn

Julius Nelson Sr.

from the Nelson and Curtis Family

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

Donation for Mass is \$10.00