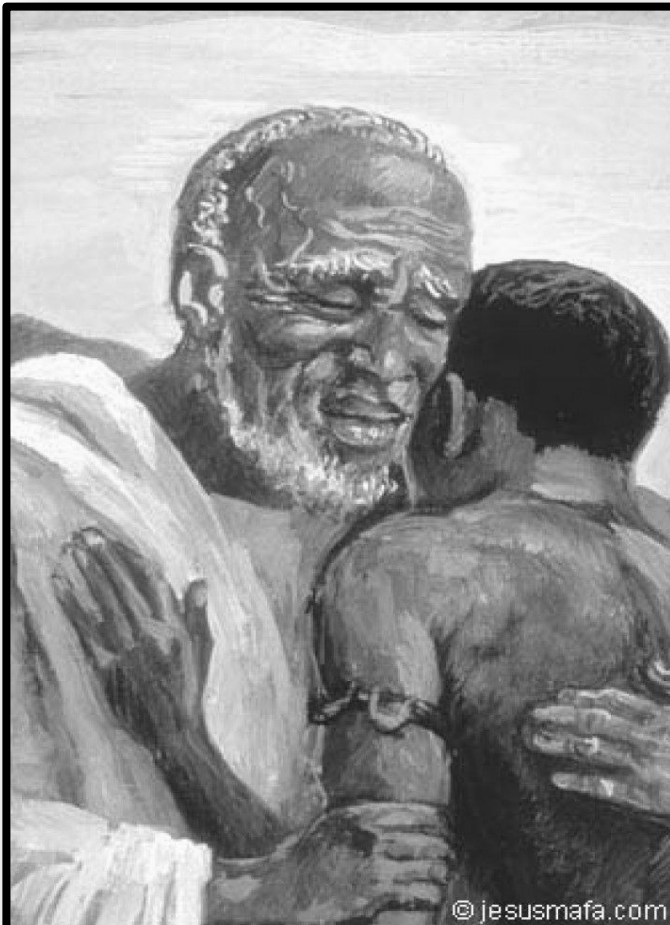


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2022



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Church Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
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Masses: Sunday: 10:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

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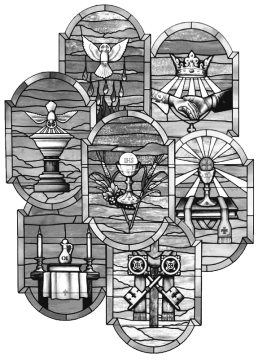
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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, September 4, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>		<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2047.00	Mass Offering	\$1710.00
GiveCentral	<u>1744.17</u>	Special: Kolbe House	45.00
	\$3,791.17	Assumption of Mary	<u>25.00</u>
			\$1,780.00

Thank you for your generosity!



For whom shall we pray... Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Ted Bergh, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Melvin Clark, 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 Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerriion 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 sisters and brothers, at the beginning of every celebration of the Mass, we participate in what we call ‘the Penitential Rite’. Even before that, we greet each other with “The Lord be with you... and with your spirit!” At the heart of this beginning to the Eucharistic celebration is an opening of ourselves to join with one another in celebration of God’s goodness to us. We should enter into this celebration offering ourselves – body, mind and spirit – to give praise to the God who loves us wholeheartedly and unconditionally. the God who longs for us to accept and embrace the depth and breadth of His love in order that we might then be compelled, out of love, to add our unique value to the world.

Some people still attend Mass out of a sense of obligation, a way to follow the rules set by the Church and God through the Ten Commandments. Some people attend because they see it as their personal time with God.

The beauty of the Mass and all of our Sacramental celebrations is that they are meant to be celebrated in community, recognizing the critical need of the community to support those receiving the Sacrament in their continued living of a full life.

For example, we believe Baptism expands one’s family to include the universal Christian family, including the company of saints. We remind each other that we are all responsible to support the parents of a baptized child in their awesome responsibility of raising their son or daughter.

Like Baptism, the Eucharist is considered a Sacrament of Initiation. Even though we receive it (hopefully) every week, we are re-initiated into the faith and reconnected with the People of God every Sunday, reminded that we are our responsible for each other. In contrast to the Protestant sense of being ‘born again’, we are born again in the celebration of the Mass as we recommit ourselves in love and service for the Lord and the Lord feeds us to accomplish that thru the Word, His Body and Blood and the prayers of the gathered community.

Which leads us back to this wonderful gift of God’s mercy, exemplified in the beautiful story of the Prodigal Son in today’s Gospel. I am always deeply touched by the image of the father standing on his balcony, looking out into the distance, keeping vigil in the hope that his youngest son will return to the family and, when seeing him from far off, runs to him and embraces him.

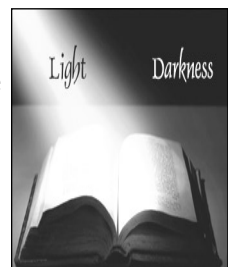
Imagine for a second Jesus standing at the doors of our churches, looking into the distance, longing for us to return each week, but even more longing for the return of those who have been away for awhile or those who left because of some hurt caused by the church. We are not, of course, the young son who squandered everything; instead we are more like the older son, unaware and ungrateful for the constancy of protection and care provided each day by the Father. For this we should perhaps declare, “Lord, have mercy!” and allow the Lord to rejoice and celebrate our gift of gratitude to Him.

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, Sept. 18th
25th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Amos 8: 4-7
1 Timothy 2: 1-8
Luke 16: 1-13**



Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

9/11/22	Fr. Joshua Peters	Fr. Larry
9/18/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Joshua Peters
9/25/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/02/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
10/09/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



FOOD PANTRY

St. Martin de Porres
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. - Noon

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



**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 19 St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms McGowan (773) 522-3050

Parish Women's Faith Sharing



Every Wednesday 10:00 -
11:00 am
Dial in at
(267) 807-9533
Access code: 386562#

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.

**PLEASE Consider Attending a
Session on How We Can Best
Accompanying One
Another Through the
Parish Unification Process**

On September 13th (on Zoom)
and September 17th in-person,
we will be offering a 2 - 2-1/2
hour session on Pastoral Ac-
companiment during a time of
Unification of Churches.

These sessions help us under-
stand the spirituality of
accompanying one another
through times of change in our
lives. I want to encourage ALL
Parish Leadership, Employees
and Parishioners to participate
in one of these sessions. *A flyer
with more information is in the
back of the Church.*

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union

Located in Purcell Hall 4300 W. Washington Blvd.
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, September 11, 2022

In memory of Lillian Mayfield-Ingram, Mother
of Jan Peters and Janette Peters-Gruszcski

Mr. Leon Williams from St. Martin de Porres

Mr. Richard Mapp 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.