

# St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

## Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2022



"There was a rich man who dressed in purple garments and fine linen and dined sumptuously each day. Lying at his door was a poor man named Lazarus who would gladly have eaten his fill of the scraps that fell from the rich man's table." *Luke 16:20*

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## The Lord hears the cry of the poor!

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*Church Office Hours*  
*Monday - Friday*  
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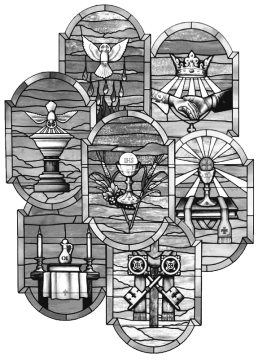
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*Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)*

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*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 18, 2022

**St. Agatha**  
Mass Offering \$2283.00  
GiveCentral 1071.00  
\$3,354.00

**St. Martin de Porres**  
Mass Offering \$2378.00  
Special: Kolbe House 240.00  
\$2,618.00

**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, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Jeanette Dandurand, 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, Joy Willis, LeVoria Willis, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy.

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

My friends, many believe that the opposite of love is hate. However, I believe that the opposite of love is exhibited more clearly in today's Gospel of Lazarus and the rich man. In this story, we are given no reason to believe that the rich man hates Lazarus, the poor man begging every day by his entryway. Instead, the rich man doesn't even acknowledge Lazarus' existence. He fails to recognize a suffering human being. He sees him, perhaps, as a drain on society, of no worth to him or the world. After awhile, he totally ignores him. He feels absolutely no requirement by faith or morals to care for Lazarus.

There are so many people in this world who are poor by basic human standards of the need for basic food, water and shelter. 90% of the world's population falls into this category. Yet our society in the U.S. and in so-called 1st World countries continues to cast a blind eye to the plight of these billions of people.

To contribute money to help the poor is seen as an option for a lot of people. Very few are willing to help the poor on a regular basis. Even fewer are willing to take from their own need to address the greater need of someone else.

Jesus and the Scriptures are clear: It is a requirement of faith to love God with our whole being AND to love our neighbor, i.e., everyone, as we are to properly love ourselves. A different way to put this: God invites us to accept and embrace His incredible, life-giving love, to feel its power and strength and, in gratitude for that Divine love, it naturally happens that we love ourselves properly AND we care for those in need.

The reality is that all of us have a Circle of Influence, those people we can impact with our lives, with the full sharing of our time, talent and treasure. We also have a Circle of Concern, those we are aware of who are suffering and in great need, those we can hold in prayer, but not necessarily directly impact with our time, talent and treasure. Throughout our lives, God is inviting us to expand both our Circle of Influence and our Circle of Concern, mirroring God's Concern for every human being and for the environment that sustains us.

The Scriptures present us with an opportunity to assess our Circle of Influence, those we care for and who care for us and others we have had the gift of being able to directly impact. We should also assess our Circle of Concern, being aware of the suffering and causes of suffering in our world, praying for those who are suffering and praying for those who do have the power to impact those precious children of God.

**Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

**P.S. PARISH COUNCIL SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT is Sunday, Oct. 2, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Attendance is not a commitment. Prayerfully consider joining the Council or recommending someone. Thanks! Peace! Fr. Larry**

**St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres  
Catholic Parish  
"Walking in Faith,  
Moving Forward with Christ"  
*"be church after church!"***

**Next Sunday, October 2  
27th Sunday Ordinary Time  
Readings: Habakkuk 1:2-3,; 2:2-4  
2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14  
Luke 17: 5-10**

### Celebrant Mass Schedule

**St. Agatha**

**St. Martin de Porres**

9/25/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
10/02/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/09/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/16/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/23/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



**FEED THE  
HUNGRY**

### **FOOD PANTRY**

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

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



### **Parish Women's Faith Sharing**

Every Wednesday 10:00 -  
11:00 am **Dial in at**  
(267) 807-9533

Access code: 386562#

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

**Afternoon of Reflection for  
ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**Saturday, October 8, Noon to 2:00**  
**at the St. Agatha Campus**

**This includes Greeters, Ushers,  
Lectors, Sacristans,  
Choir Members, Musicians,  
Eucharistic Ministers,  
Care Ministers, Servers,  
Environment & Art,  
Deacons and Priests**

### **Stewardship Prayer**

**My church is composed of people like me.  
I help make it what it is.**

**It will be friendly, if I am friendly.  
Its pews will be filled, if I help fill them.  
It will do great work, if I work.  
It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am  
a generous giver.  
It will bring other people into its worship and  
fellowship, if I invite and bring them.**

**It will be a church of loyalty and love, of  
fearlessness and faith, and a church with a noble  
spirit, if I, who make it what it is, am filled with  
these same things.**

**Therefore Lord, I ask for the strength and courage  
that I may dedicate myself to playing my part in  
being all the things that I want my church to be.**

**Amen**

### **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 25, 2022**

Anthony and Renae Wallin,  
Caryn and Michael Kondrat from Linda Wallin

Arlene Protho, Mother and Mother In-Law of  
Dennis and Alesia Nelson

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

**Donation for Mass is \$10.00**