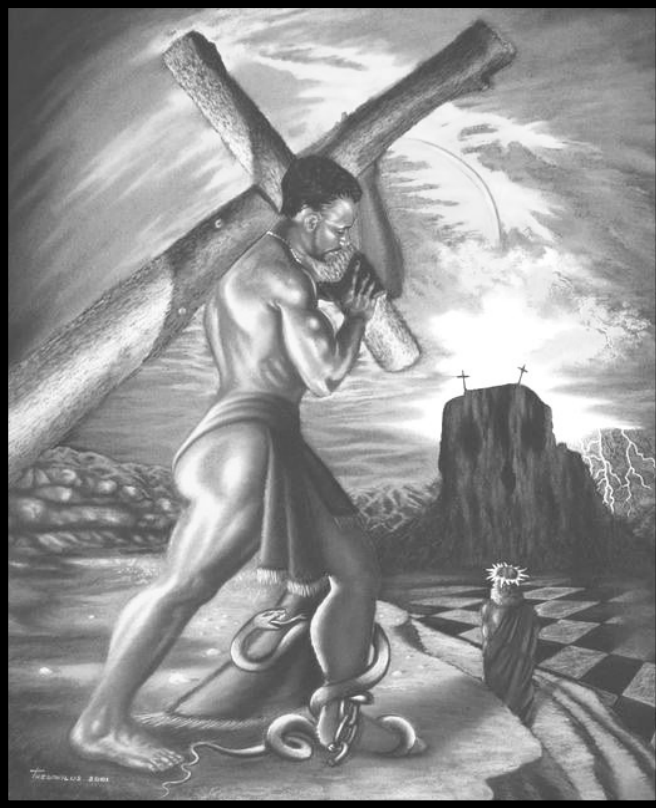


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 4, 2022



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Whoever does not carry his or her own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.

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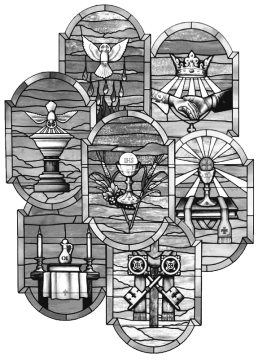
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Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

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 28, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
Mass Offering \$ 2364.20	Mass Offering \$2208.00
GiveCentral <u>1365.00</u>	Special: Kolbe House 48.00
\$ 3,729.20	Assumption of Mary <u>20.00</u>
	<u>\$2,276.00</u>

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 brothers and sisters, the challenge from Jesus in the very first sentence of today's Gospel can shock and disturb us: "If anyone comes to me without hating his or her father and mother, wife or husband and children, brothers and sisters, and even their own life, he or she cannot be my disciples." Woah, Jesus! I was taught never to use the word hate as a child. In fact, that was a wash-your-mouth-out-with-soap word if ever uttered regarding another person.

Of course, we know Jesus is challenging the people who are following him, rich and poor, to a greater understanding of faithfulness to God and a much broader understanding of who is considered family.

For the rich, who it is assumed Jesus is speaking to, their 'family' may be limited to those in the same socio-economic class, to those who are like-minded. They may be caught up in status and growing wealth. Jesus' words challenge us to move beyond our selfish individualism to instead connect with Him to raise up and share our unique individuality to benefit those closest to us and beyond to those in the human family who have a greater need.

There is a bit more clarity in the words of Jesus following this first shocker: "Whoever does not carry his or her own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple." If the cross of Jesus is the source of repair and redemption for others, the cross for us must be the sacrifices/cost of offering our lives – our time, talent and treasure – for the benefit of others, helping them with immediate needs and helping them move toward self-sufficiency and the ability, in turn, to help others in need.

There is, of course, a cost to authentic discipleship. Jesus touches this in the parables he presents. Before we give ourselves wholeheartedly to be a people of compassion and mercy, we need to assess the cost and whether we can fully commit ourselves to stand in solidarity with the poor, the disenfranchised, the immigrant, refugee and asylum seeker, the homeless, the returning citizen, and to all who are discriminated against because of sexism, racism and every other 'ism' that diminishes and often destroys the God-given potential for good found in every member of the human family.

This weekend we celebrate Labor Day and the gift of work that allows us to support our families and others, work that at its best utilizes our unique gifts and talents and offers us a sense of self-worth and accomplishment. There are still many employers who exploit their employees by not paying them what they are worth and, in some cases, not paying even minimum wage or overtime.

Some workers continue to face harsh working conditions, sexual harassment, and are taken advantage of because of their immigration status or criminal history. As disciples of Jesus, it is incumbent upon all of us to fight for all of those seeking employment and to defend the dignity rights of those who are working. **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 11th
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14
1 Timothy 1: 12-17
Luke 15: 1-32**

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
10/02/22	Fr. Thad	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 4, 2022**

In memory of Robert Lee and Elves Curry
from Fannie and Maxine Curry and
Charmaine Nieves

In memory of Officer Regina Perpingain
From the Morris and King 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