

St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 18, 2022



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***"No servant can serve two masters.
You cannot serve both God and mammon."***

Luke 16: 13

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

Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

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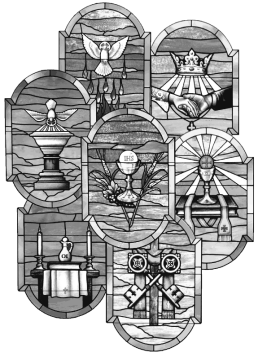
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Church Office Hours
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 9:00 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 11, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>		<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$3616.00	Mass Offering	\$5084.00
GiveCentral	<u>1220.00</u>	Special: Kolbe House	70.00
	\$4,836.00	Assumption of Mary	<u>10.00</u>
			\$5,164.00

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, 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 Gruszczki, 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 Mannelle, 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 Pledge, 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, the Gospel to day presents us with what can be a confusing story of the shrewd manager who has been squandering his master's wealth and is now being asked to account for the assets his Master has entrusted to him. The manager knows he has messed up and begins to hedge his bets by going around to the Master's debtors and reducing their debts. The result is that he has built friends who he can rely upon when the Master fires him. Strangely, the Master commends the manager for his shrewdness. So what the heck is Jesus trying to teach his disciples and all of us with this story of an unrepentant manager.

As usual Jesus is turning things upside down. The manager has, in actuality, helped the poor people who are in debt to the manager. He has not done this out of the goodness of his heart, but out of hoped-for friends when he loses his job. In a way, Jesus is giving some justification to robbing from the rich and giving to the poor.

Last week we heard the story of the Prodigal Son. A week from this Sunday we will hear the story of poor Lazarus and the rich man. This Sunday's Gospel reminds us again that we cannot serve two Masters. In the case of the Manager, the two Masters were the actual Master and his own greed. In the case of the younger son in the Prodigal son story, it was his own selfishness/ inheritance and his family.

Jesus asks us to assess what controls us or, better yet, what do we allow to control us? Is it money, power, power over others, addictions to drugs, alcohol, sex? Is it unresolved grief, trauma, jealousy, hurt by others? The Gospel invitation is clear: God is inviting, never demanding, that we give ourselves to Him. In turn, he promises us all that we need to live full and happy lives. Not lives that are free of pain and sorrow, but lives in which we can be assured that we are not alone, and that when faced with difficulties and seemingly insurmountable obstacles, He will get us through.

We are called as disciples of Jesus Christ to live our faith 'in the world' but to do our best to not be 'of the world', that is, to not buy into the many false gods that present themselves to us with the promise of happiness. Our salvation is already won by Jesus Christ; however, we can lose that great gift if we fail to focus our lives on God and service to others. God has given all of us gifts to help steward our families, jobs, communities, parishes and the needs of the poor. Are we doing our best to offer our gifts?

I end with this brief bit of prose from poet Antonio Machado: The wind, one brilliant day, called to my soul with an odor of jasmine. 'In return for the odor of my jasmine, I'd like all the odor of your roses.' 'I have no roses; all the flowers in my garden are dead.' 'Well then, I'll take the withered petals and the yellow leaves and the waters of the fountain.' the wind left. And I wept. And I said to myself: 'What have you done with the garden that was entrusted to you?' 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. 25th
26th Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Amos 6:1a, 4-7
1 Tim 6: 11-16
Luke 16: 19 - 31**

Celebrant Mass Schedule

	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
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
10/16/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry



FEED THE HUNGRY

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.

Stewardship Prayer

Almighty and ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting my need, I pledge my trust in You. Filled with desire, I long to respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping my life in imitation of Christ. I profess that the call requires me to be a greater steward of Your gifts. As a steward, I seek to receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. I pledge to my ongoing formation as a steward of your gift to me of this Parish Family of St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres, this earth on which I live, and my responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty, ever-faithful God, it is my fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun the good work in me will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union

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 10:30-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information

Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry

Deacon William Pouncy and Elizabeth Becnel

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, September 18, 2022

Kristina Anderson, Diana Foster
 Chivon Johnson and Joann Blaze
 From the Johnson 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