



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 16, 2022



*The Lord said,
"Pay attention to what
the dishonest judge says.
Will not God then secure
the rights of his chosen
ones who call out to him
day and night? I tell you,
he will see to it that jus-
tice is done for them
speedily. Luke 18:8*

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

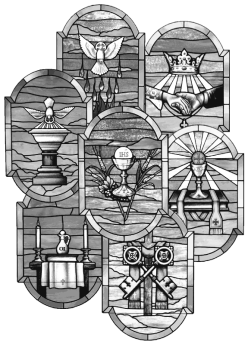
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Church Office Hours

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, October 9, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$1984.00
GiveCentral 1145.00
\$3,129.00

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$4161.00
Special: Kolbe House 8.00
\$4,169.00

Thank you for your generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, 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, 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, Brian Lares, Laurita Lockhart, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Isabel Marquez, Catherine Martin, 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, Fr. Francis Scanlan, 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 friends, the Scriptures for today focus us on the virtue of persistence, especially when it involves doing the right thing for an individual or a group of people. In the First Reading from the Book of Exodus, Joshua is about to engage battle with the forces of Amalek. God uses Moses to channel the Divine will to empower Joshua, but Moses must keep his arms raised to assure victory and, with any of us, his arms grow tired and he requires Aaron and Hur to support his arms in keeping them raised. Team work. Persistence. Unflinching focus. All are in play in this moment.

Jesus uses the parable of the persistent widow and the unjust judge to get the point across to us. If the widow's constant nagging can wear the unjust judge down to finally do what is right – as judges are supposed to do – then will not God serve justice more readily when He witnesses our persistence and passion?

God knows the persistence, resilience, righteous suffering of the African American people and the battle for equal economic and social rights. It is a testament to the inner strength and deep faith that continues to bolster the fight for racial equality and the end to systemic racism.

A few years ago, I joined a group of community members fighting for justice reform as we met with the Chief Judge. One statement he made which was so true: "How sad it is that good people have to fight so hard for what is truly just and respectful of the dignity of every human being!" It is the sad reality of our political system. There is an incredible amount of hurt and pain in our world caused by inequity, injustice, discrimination, greed and the hunger for unbridled power. Most often it hurts the poorest of the poor and ultimately hurts us all.

So in what ways do each of us need to strengthen our persistence, patience and resolve to build a more just society. First we must recognize and acknowledge God's constancy and persistence in pursuing us to accept and embrace the transformative and life-giving power of his love. It's interesting that some scholars will sometimes cast the persistent widow as God himself and us as the unjust judge. Are we doing justice to God's love and faithfulness to us? Interesting question.

God is always pursuing us. God never abandons us; but we can all too easily abandon or ignore God in our lives. I continue to admire parents who are persistent in finding ways to care for their children and provide the best for them. I admire the parents who have endured great trials to flee poverty and violence in their own countries to seek safety and welcome here in the U.S. What can we learn from them? I believe there is a lot. Jesus is inviting our persistence and passion for justice for ourselves, our families and for those suffering in the human family. Do we have faith in God that we can make a difference? Do we have hope that things can change? Do we have the love to put that faith and hope in God and in one another into action? **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, October 23
30th Sunday Ordinary Time
Readings: Sir 35: 12-14, 16-18
2 Timothy 4: 6-8, 16-18
Luke 18: 9-14

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

10/09/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/16/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/23/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/30/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
11/06/22	ONE MASS SMdeP Fr. Larry/Fr. Thad	

JOIN US !!! Parish Women's Faith Sharing



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

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, October 16, 2022

Rosie M. Pouncy
 From the Pouncy 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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres
Unity Banquet

Saturday, November 5, 2022
12:00 noon - 5 p.m. Crystal Sky Banquets
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UNITY MASS celebrating the Feast of
St. Martin de Porres SUNDAY, Nov. 6th
ONE MASS ONLY for the Whole Parish
10:00 a.m. St. Martin de Porres Campus

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall

4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776
 Open Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-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



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.

GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION



Classes continue every Sunday
from 10:00a.m. -10:50 a.m.
St. Martin de Porres Campus

Signup with one of our Catechists
after Mass today!

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, October 17th St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms McGowan (773) 522-3050

