



# St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

## Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2022

### Church Staff

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# BY LOVE

## serve one another

Everybody can be great,  
because everybody can serve.  
You only need a heart full of  
grace, a soul generated by love,  
and you can be that servant.

Martin Luther King Jr.



**When you have done all you have been  
commanded, say, 'We are unprofitable servants;  
we have done what we were obliged to do.'** Lk 17:10

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*Church Office Hours*  
*Monday thru Friday*  
*9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*

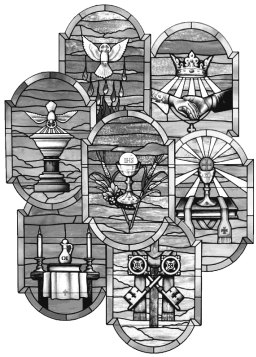
*Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am*  
*Tuesday: 9:00 am*  
*Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)*

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*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 25, 2022

**St. Agatha**  
Mass Offering \$2426.00  
GiveCentral 910.00  
\$3,336.00

**St. Martin de Porres**  
Mass Offering \$3057.00  
Special: Kolbe House 53.00  
\$3,110.00

**Thank you for your generosity**



### For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Ted Bergh, Hildegard Bezdicsek, 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, 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, listen to these words from St. Paul in today's First Reading. Listen to Jesus, speaking through St. Paul addressing you: "My beloved: I remind you, to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control. So do not be ashamed of your testimony to our Lord, nor of me, a prisoner for his sake; but bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the help of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us."**

**Have you ever thought of the gift of faith as a rich trust, a source from which you can constantly make withdrawals to get you through the many hills and valleys of life? Faith is an incredible gift, fortified even more by the gift of a strong and vibrant faith community. I find it fascinating that Jesus refers to the incredible power of faith as small as a mustard seed. It begs the question of each of us: How large is your faith? Or perhaps a better question, what are you doing to nurture the seed of faith planted in you at Baptism? Is it something that is still germinating? Is it growing? Is it wilting? Does it need some watering with the Word of God, some rich soil in which to grow and flourish? How has your faith born fruit for you and for others? Are you working to deepen and strengthen the roots of faith in order for the power of God united with your gifts to stretch to touch even more people with the power of God's forgiveness, mercy and love? What do you need to do, as Paul invites, to stir into flame the power of love that God has given you uniquely to share?**

**Jesus pushes his disciples – that's each and all of us – to ask ourselves the question: Are we doing all that the Lord asks of us in opening ourselves to embrace the power of His love, to let that love germinate and grow within us, and then let it find expression in our care for ourselves and others, especially those who are in greater need than we are?**

**Jesus is not trying to guilt or shame us. He just knows that there is incredible potential for good in each of us. He knows because God, our Creator, put it there. Jesus longs for us to partner with the Holy Spirit to release the full power of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit, united with our unique gifts, to add our unique value to the world, a world so much in need of such deep faith, boundless hope and redemptive love.**

**Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

**P.S. PARISH COUNCIL SPIRITUAL DISCERNMENT is NEXT SUNDAY, Oct. 2, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Attendance is not a commitment to serve. 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 9  
28th Sunday Ordinary Time  
Readings: 2 Kings 5: 14-17  
2 Timothy 2: 8-13  
Luke 17: 11-19**

**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



**FOOD PANTRY**

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

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

**FEED THE HUNGRY**



**Parish Women's Faith Sharing**

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

**!!! CONGRATULATIONS !!!**

**Mr. Melvin Jones**  
**St. Martin de Porres Campus**  
**&**  
**Mrs. Phyllis Lee**  
**St. Agatha Campus**

**Who will receive the Annual Archdiocesan Christefidelis Award this afternoon at 2:30 p.m. at Holy Name Cathedral**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**

**Afternoon of Reflection for ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS**  
**NEXT 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**

**PLEASE !**

Mail in or drop off your Sunday Tithes or Call the Parish Operations Director at (773) 522-3050 x 223 to sign up for Give Central. **Thanks!**

**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, October 2, 2022**

Renadar Curtis, from the Curtis Family  
In memory of James Sandifer  
from Stella Palmer

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

**Donation for Mass is \$10.00**