



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time October 23, 2022



**"I tell you, the latter
went home justified,
not the former; for
whoever exalts himself
will be humbled, and
the one who humbles
himself will be
exalted."**

Luke 18: 14

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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)

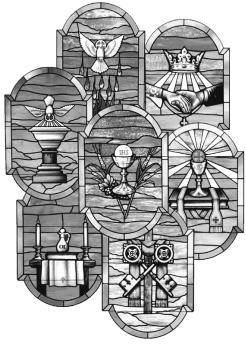
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Church Office Hours

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 16, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$1,417.00
GiveCentral 930.00
\$2,347.00

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$1,875.00
Special: Kolbe House 148.00
\$2,023.00

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, Diondee Brown, 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, 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, Brian Lares, Sayyid Lestrade, 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 Pledage, 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... The Scriptures today offer contrasting fomes of prayer. One is prayer that is arrogant and self-righteous. Of course, none of us have every prayed this way. I'm sure that we're like the tax collector who prays with humility, recognizing the power of God to offer mercy for the sins he committed. The publican talks to God with pure arrogance, that he is better than others. In fact, he addresses God as if he deserves better treatment by God than any other human being. He doesn't understand that God cares equally for absolutely everyone! The tax collector understands God's love for him and for everyone. He beseeches God to help him, knowing and trusting with all sincerity that God will hear and answer his prayer.

There are two themes I'd like to highlight for us: one is the importance of humility and generosity in prayer and in life; the other is what lies at the heart of the desire for mercy from God and the extension of our mercy to others reflecting God's mercy to us. Humility literally means to be grounded, rooted. It comes from the word 'humus' meaning earth or soil. Humility comes from a rootedness in faith, an understanding of our purpose in life, an appreciation of ourselves as beloved children of God, and a commitment to generously offer our gifts as God asks of each of us. A truly humble person is one who knows who they are and Whose they are! Hopefully we practice our humility every time way pray. We recognize God as the center of our lives. We express gratitude for all the gifts God has given us to share and the gift of others in our life who support and challenge us to greater humility and generosity. We deepen our humility the more we acknowledge our dependence on God.

We approach God for mercy. That mercy we seek is sometimes related to sins we have committed; the request for God's mercy, however, is deeper than that. Acknowledging God's desire for us to accept the forgiveness He offered us from when we first sinned is just a first step. Recognizing our failings, then, we ask God to help us overcome our sinful habits and attitudes. We are literally asking God to enter into us, to get under our skin, to go into those places in us that require cleansing and healing in order that we can become our truest selves. When we offer peace at Mass, this is what we praying to happen for each other: that God will bring healing, wholeness and greater integrity into our lives.

Our prayer for mercy not only invites God to enter into our hearts, minds, soul and bodies. Our prayer is also to accept God's invitation to enter into His heart, His mind, His body and, by extension for us to enter into the Body of Christ which is our own family, our family in faith, all the needy of our world and everyone else!

I want you to ponder these incredible gifts that God offers you to amplify the love that God has uniquely for you. Humility gives way to greater openness to God and to the needs of others. Humility and mercy open us up to a greater desire to enter into deeper relationships with those closest to us and those we have yet to meet who God will place on our path to respond to. True generosity then emerges more and more as we open ourselves to better understand the heart and mind of God!

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 30
31st Sunday Ordinary Time
Readings: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
2 Thessalonians 1:11 - 2:2
Luke 19: 1-10

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 Church Site**



**JOIN US !!! Parish Women's
Faith Sharing**

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

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, October 23, 2022**

Anthony and Renae Wallin, Karen and Michael Kondrat
From Linda Wallin

Curtis Chamberlain and Clytie Collier
From Carolyn and James Collier

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

Donation for Mass is \$10.00

**Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres**

10/23/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/30/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
11/06/22	ONE MASS SMdeP	Fr. Larry/Fr. Thad
11/13/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
11/20/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

**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

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



FOOD PANTRY

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

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

**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

**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!**