



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 13, 2022

For you who fear my
name, there will
arise the sun of justice
with its healing rays.

—
Malachi 3:20



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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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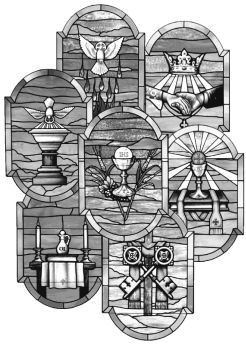
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Monday - Friday

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, November 6, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$2,301.00
GiveCentral 1487.00
\$3,788.00

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$4,000.00
Special: Kolbe House 2.00
\$4,002.00

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For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Diondee Brown, Christopher Browne, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Jeanette Dandurand, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczyki, 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, 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 Mannede, 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, 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: I have a declaration to make. The end is near! Yes, the end is near. We are in the last few weeks of our liturgical year. In just a couple of weeks we will begin a new year with the First Sunday of Advent, the Church Season that invites us to prepare our hearts and minds and spirits to allow the love of Christ to be planted more deeply within us, inviting us to allow the seeds of God's love to grow and mature and to give life to the world, each in our own unique way.

These last two weeks of our liturgical year seek to ready us for our Advent journey toward the Feast of the Birth of Christ and the birth of new possibilities of expressing our God-given gifts with the world.

The readings today may seem rather somber, but I see them as a spiritual reality check – an ego check if you will. We live in a world very much caught up in division, the division that Jesus addresses very clearly today. He says that those of us who center ourselves in God, in understanding and embracing the true unconditional life-giving nature of God, will face persecution from those who see themselves as the center and use God as a convenient tool who we can use and abuse to meet our own ego needs for power over others, to feel superior to others. These people and groups use God as a tool to somehow try to justify their actions, and they attract others by supporting a basic human inclination to feel that they are better than others.

Recall the classic quote from former President Lyndon B. Johnson, "If you can convince the lowest white man he's better than the best colored man, he won't notice you're picking his pocket. Hell, give him somebody to look down on, and he'll empty his pockets for you." Sadly, this is the continuing reality of white supremacist politics still very much alive today.

So what do we do in the midst of all of this division? I believe Jesus is telling us to daily assess our relationship with God. Is God the center of our lives? Or is God the occasional person we reach out to to do something for us? Do we know God, as Jesuit Fr. John Foley, expresses, "as the gentle source of life and the affectionate mother of the entire universe."

Recognizing God as the center of our lives requires a constant check on our own egos. It requires a resistance to be 'of the world' and instead to be committed to be a positive force 'in the world.' Another famous quote reminds us, "I may not be able to change the world, but I can choose whether to allow the world to change me."

In another week we will celebrate the Feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe. As we prepare to embark on our Advent journey, take the time to re-orient your life that, every day, you may look to the Source and Center of All Life to guide you on your daily journey. Try using this prayer to begin each day: "Lord, take me where You want me to go; Let me meet who You want me to meet; Tell me what You want me to say; And keep me out of Your way." - Fr. Mychal F. Judge, O.F.M. FDNY Chaplain, 5/11/33 - 9/11/01. **Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

Stewardship Prayer

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.

Next Sunday, November 20, 2022
Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe
Readings: 2 Samuel 5: 1-3
Colossians 1: 12-20
Luke 23: 35-43

Celebrant Mass Schedule

	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
11/13/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
11/20/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
11/27/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
12/04/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
12/11/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, November 13, 2022

Tommy Trifone

Verta C. Lightford, from the Morris Family

Dreon Terrell

From the Brown-Weatherspoon and Johnson Family

Leon Williams and Joseph Brown

From the Eucharist Ministers

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

Donation for Mass is \$10.00

JOIN US !!! Parish Women's Faith Sharing

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dial in at (267) 807-9533

Access code: 386562#

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 Bechel

Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

A Slave to True Freedom
in God's Love
(a prayer in the spirit of
Blessed Augustus Tolton)



Gracious God, God of Moses,
of Harriet Tubman, God of salvation
found in Jesus Christ:

In true freedom you call me daily,
in each moment, in every breath,
to surrender to the transformative
and empowering gift of Your all-
embracing, ever life-giving love.

Lord, release me from
my enslavement
to ego, to the need for control,
to unforgiveness and hatred,
to apathy and indifference,
to prestige and power-over,
to prejudice, racism, and sexism,
to fear of speaking truth to power.

Center me, ground me, root me
in humble and generous
servanthood to Your gracious will.
Send me forth to minister where I am
needed; and, when I find myself
wanting, allow me to humbly invite
and accept the ministry of others.

May my every word,
my every action this day
be worthy of Your blessing.
Loving God, let it be so! Amen!

Fr. Larry Dowling



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FOOD PANTRY

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

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