



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time November 6, 2022

Welcome to all of our guests!



Blessed Feast of St. Martin de Porres !

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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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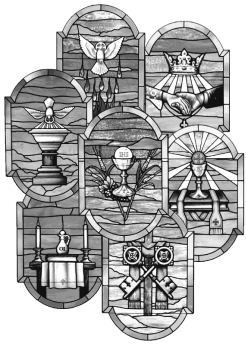
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Monday - Friday

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, October 30, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$1,551.00
GiveCentral 665.00
\$2,216.00

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$3,688.00
Special: Kolbe House 127.00
\$3,815.00

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 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 Gruszczeni, 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 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, 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 month of November is typically the time that the universal church centers us in remembrance and resurrection. With the Feast of All Saints and the Solemnity of All Souls, we begin the month in solemn remembrance and conclude with the Solemnity of Christ the King - King of our lives, King of all creation, the King of unconditional ever life-giving love.

Our First Reading and Gospel for today address both physical death and the continuation of all lives who have bound themselves to Christ. The First Reading from the Book of Maccabees recounts the story of bravery and martyrdom endured by a family who opposed the ruler of Jerusalem's rejection of traditional Jewish practice. This was a family bound together by love for each other emanating from a deep faith in God and God's infinite love for them, reassuring them that, in single-hearted faithfulness to God, God would never allow their spirit to die.

In the Gospel, Jesus addresses the Sadducees, a group of Jews who did not believe in resurrection. Of course, he doesn't directly address their challenge. Jesus rarely answers questions designed to trap him. Instead he raises up the primacy of love over life.

I quote Jesuit Fr. John Foley: "Real love is like a piece of rich earth that nurtures great trees. Roots dig deep down in this earth for nourishment and moisture. The green selves grow out of this earth and extend themselves to reach to the skies." He continues, "Notice something obvious: the earth does not grow out of them! Life grows out of love, not visa versa. Their life and our lives are rooted in the rich loam of love. Love is a force much deeper than life. When life ceases, love stays. It becomes the home, the embracing arms that enfold us. Love is the substance, life is the outgrowth. So the "place" dead persons go, leaving their bodies behind, is into the heart of love, into the arms of God who is love."

Love, as we all know, involves great joy, great commitment and great sacrifice. Jesus, in dwelling among us, knew this well. At the Last Supper Jesus knows that he will be betrayed, abandoned and denied by his friends and then suffer and die at the hands of those he was trying to save. Yet at the Passover meal, out of love and deep commitment, Jesus is saying to us, 'Take my Body, take my Blood! I give it to you freely. Do with me what you will, for I know that my deep bond of love with my Father will never be able to destroy the Spirit of love that binds us together. If you allow me to bind myself, my Spirit, to you, your spirit will be able to endure anything, any risks you take, any sacrifices you make, in humble and generous service to others. "Do this" in the ritual of the Mass and in the fullest living of your life 'in memory of me!'"

Today, as we celebrate our very first Unity Mass as one parish family uniting two churches, we celebrate the love of Christ that helped our ancestors, those founders of the various churches. who brought us to this moment to continue the teaching and living of faith as St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres Parish. We recognize that their sacrifice and honor them in our continued sacrifice of time, talent and treasure to continue their legacy, Christ's legacy, of the Catholic Church on Chicago's west blest side.

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry



**God is good... All the time...
All the time... God is good!**



**Next Sunday, November 13, 2022
33rd Sunday Ordinary Time**

**Readings: Malachi 3: 19 - 20a
2 Thess 3:7-12
Luke 21: 5-19**

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha

St. Martin de Porres

11/06/22	ONE MASS SMdeP	Fr. Larry/Fr. Thad
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

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, November 6, 2022**

For the deceased Family members of Nicole Morris

For the Soul of Ms. Stephanie Hayes, and the Souls of the
Legionary Dead of all the World
From Gerard Dupee

Healing for Sayyid Lestrade, From Adaline Brown

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved
ones, living and 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 Becnel
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



**FEED THE
HUNGRY**

FOOD PANTRY

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10:00 a.m. - Noon**

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9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.**