



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time October 30, 2022



**"Zacchaeus, come
down quickly,
for today I must stay
at your house."
And he came down
quickly and received
him with joy."
Luke 19: 5-6**

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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)

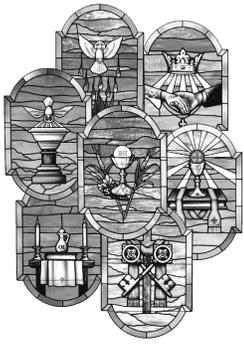
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Church Office Hours

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 23, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$1794.79
GiveCentral 3208.47
\$5,006.26

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$2837.00
Special: Kolbe House 70.00
\$2,907.00

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 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, 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, today we are met in the Gospel by the character of Zaccheus, a tax collector who, as the Gospel suggests, was a man 'short in stature.' Now Zacchaeus may have been vertically challenged, but we know that he was reviled by his townspeople for his role as a corrupt tax collector. Needless to say, the villagers were quite surprised and upset when Jesus called Zaccheus down from his perch and then Jesus invites himself into Zacchaeus' home. I'm sure he didn't force himself into Zacchaeus' household; Jesus always acts through invitation, leaving it up to us to accept or not. A modern example is that, when we come forward to receive Holy Communion, we are met by a member of the Body of Christ with Jesus' invitation for us to accept His Precious Body and Blood to strengthen us and to bind us to His mind and His heart. Our 'Amen' expresses our wholehearted desire for Jesus to 'come on in' and bind himself to us.

When Jesus enters into the home of Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus goes through an incredible positive change, not only seeking to make reparation for his sins, but to do even more in helping those he has hurt through his actions. Zaccheus was hated by the people because he took advantage of them.

There are people in our society today who are reviled, ignored, and cast to the margins of society. We can list many: those who are homeless, imprisoned, formerly incarcerated, undocumented immigrants, refugees - and those men, women and children legally seeking asylum from extreme poverty, violence from gangs, drug and gun cartels in their home countries.

In light of the current situation with the influx of men, women and children seeking asylum in the US, I offer these questions: Have you ever reflected on the fact that Jesus was homeless, that he was a wandering preacher and holy man who depended on the goodness of others for food and shelter? Have you ever reflected on the fact that Jesus was an immigrant - initially from heaven, then to Egypt, constantly threatened and being told by Herod, some scribes, Pharisees and political leaders, "Go back to where you came from!"

Now I ask you: What if Jesus is everyone in the list of outcasts above who is asking us to accept Him into our hearts and minds, to allow Him to find welcome, hospitality, rest, safety, and the nourishment of food and relationship? Because... this is exactly how Jesus often presents himself to us. Recall Matthew 25: When you welcomed the stranger, nourished those hungering for food, drink and inclusion, when you ministered to the sick, helped those in prison and those who have been in prison to find hope and love in you, "you did it for me." (Mt 25:40)

The vast majority of us are not corrupt like Zacchaeus was. But each of us can open the doors of our hearts, minds and souls to allow Jesus to enter in and open us to new awareness of how we can, with Jesus' help, expand our hearts and minds to a greater generosity of spirit to help those in need.

Next Sunday, the Cardinal has asked us to conduct a Special Collection, for a sacrificial offering, to support Archdiocesan efforts through our parishes and Catholic Charities to help the women, men and children fleeing violence and seeking to start new lives here in the Archdiocese of Chicago. My hope is that all of us will hear Jesus call out to us, "Today I long to enter and stay at your house." And we will answer with joy, "Yes, Lord!" And, as we respond to Jesus call to us to a deeper conversion of heart, we will hear and find joy in Jesus saying to us, "Today salvation has come to you!"

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!!

**St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres
Unity Banquet**

**NEXT 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**

**Next Sunday, October 30
31st Sunday Ordinary Time
Readings: Wisdom 11:22 - 12:2
2 Thess 1:11 - 2:2
Luke 19: 1-10**



**& WOMEN JOIN US !!! Parish Women's
Faith Sharing
Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00
am Dial in at
(267) 807-9533**

**St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres
Catholic Parish
"Walking in Faith,
Moving Forward with Christ"
"be church after church!"**

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, October 30, 2022**

For the Deceased and Living members of the
Kovatch, Stone and Gallagher Families

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



**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**

**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**

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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!**