



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
Second Sunday of Advent
December 4, 2022



*"A voice
of one
crying out
in the
desert,
Prepare
the way
of the
Lord,
make
straight
his
paths."
Mt 3: 3*



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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)

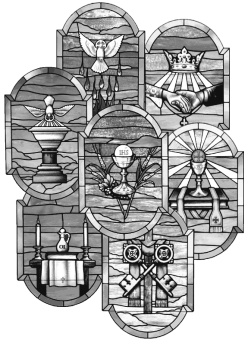
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Church Office Hours

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, November 27, 2022

St. Agatha
Mass Offering \$1,951.25
GiveCentral 1590.24
\$3,541.49

St. Martin de Porres
Mass Offering \$2,913.00
Special: Kolbe House 40.00
\$2,953.00

Thank you for your generosity!



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, Jimmy Lee, 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...

I have always been fascinated by the character of John the Baptist. Cousin of Jesus, he first 'meets' Jesus while both are still in the womb, when Mary, pregnant with Jesus, goes to support her cousin Elizabeth, suddenly pregnant in her old age. The encounter happens through 'womb kicks', as Elizabeth relates the movement of John within her womb as Mary greets her for the first time. In Luke 1:41, we hear about the encounter: "When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit." We must believe that John, as well, was filled with the Holy Spirit which would attest to dedicating his life to call people to repentance in anticipation of the coming of Jesus, proclaiming to everyone from every walk of life, "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

The First Readings of Advent offer us the beautiful poetry and imagery of the Prophet Isaiah. This Sunday's readings offer us the beautiful image of something growing out of a seemingly dead tree stump. The imagery foretells the coming of Jesus and, again, touches on the presence of the Holy Spirit and the Gifts offered to those who are anointed in the Spirit of God, the Spirit that we know flows from the life-giving eternal relationship between Father and Son. Listen to Isaiah's words: *On that day, a shoot shall sprout from the stump of Jesse, and from his roots a bud shall blossom. The spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Not by appearance shall he judge, nor by hearsay shall he decide, but he shall judge the poor with justice, and decide aright for the land's afflicted. He shall strike the ruthless with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Justice shall be the band around his waist, and faithfulness a belt upon his hips.* (Isaiah 11: 1-4)

Both John the Baptist and the Prophet Isaiah challenge us to believe that new life and new beginnings are possible when we realize that God's promise is that He will accompany us every step of the way. When we falter, when we sin, he immediately offers us the gift of forgiveness and a pathway to sincerely repent and get back on track in living our lives as God would have us do. When we doubt, he gives us hope through the gift of family, friends and a community of faith. When we find ourselves overwhelmed, he calms us through the gift of prayer, silence and companions to walk the journey with us who offer us the gift of just listening. When we find ourselves hungry and thirsty Good News, he offers us wisdom through the Scriptures, the counsel of wisdom figures and the sacred food to fortify our bodies, minds and spirits through His Body and Blood in Holy Communion.

John calls the people of his time – and all of us today – to repent of our fears and doubts and hatreds, to be immersed in the waters of the Jordan – symbolic of the waters that wash away the sins, bad habits and addictions of the past and to 'put on the Spirit of the Lord' to guide us into a future of greater integrity and promise.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

OPPORTUNITIES TO CELEBRATE TOGETHER THIS ADVENT SEASON

Masses: Tuesdays 9:00 a.m. SMdeP, Thursdays 7:30 a.m. StA

Adoration/ Benediction Thursdays 9:00 a.m. SMdeP

Wednesday Prayer Together on ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83120205574?>



Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Virgin Mary
Mass

7:30 a.m. St. Agatha
9:00 a.m. St. Martin de Porres

Next Sunday, December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent
Readings: Isaiah 35: 1-6a, 10
James 5: 7-10
Matthew 11: 2-11

Celebrant Mass Schedule

	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
11/27/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
12/04/22	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
12/11/22	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
12/18/22	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 Liz Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, December 4, 2022

Lillian LeCoure, from Alesia Nelson and Family
 Dion Dee Brown-Whitfield, from the Hicks Family

Tommy & Bradley Trifone

Safe Travels for Roger and Martha Villalba

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

Donation is \$10

JOIN US !!! Parish Women's Faith Sharing

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dial in at (267) 807-9533

Access code: 386562#

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.

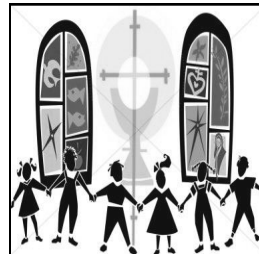
Lord, release me from
my enslavement

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



Children's Liturgy
of the Word

1st, 2nd and 3rd
Sunday of Each
Month

Prepare the way of the Lord !