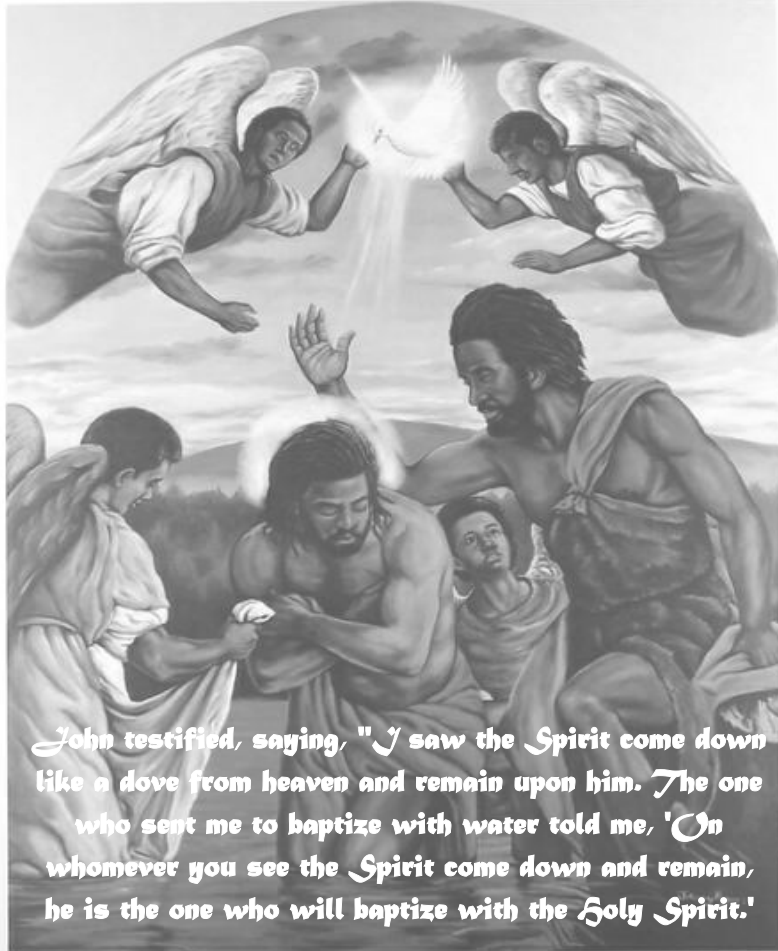
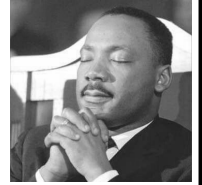




St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
January 15, 2023
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



John testified, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. The one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.'"

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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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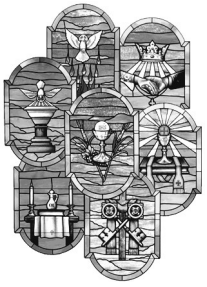
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Monday - Friday

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 Dcn 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 patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, January 8, 2023

| <u>St. Agatha</u> | |
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| Mass Offering | \$1917.00 |
| GiveCentral | 1582.00 |
| Christmas | <u>50.00</u> |
| | \$3,549.00 |

| <u>St. Martin de Porres</u> | |
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| Mass Offering | \$3,982.00 |
| Christmas | 25.00 |
| Special Kolbe House: | <u>25.00</u> |
| | \$,4032.00 |

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, Christopher Browne, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, 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 Gruszczyk, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leatrice 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...

My brothers and sisters, we enter a period now that the universal church calls Ordinary Time. The word 'ordinary' does not refer to a time that is unexceptional, because our lives, although seemingly 'ordinary', are called to be lived with extraordinary generosity and humility. The word 'Ordinary' comes from the root 'ordinare' which means 'to count', and so we begin the count until our next two major seasons of Lent and Easter. Our vestments are again green, signifying life and growth in the Lord, and our commitment to give life to the world by continuing to announce the Good News through the ways we live our daily lives.

In today's Gospel, we have St. John the Baptist giving witness when Jesus approaches his cousin at the Jordan to be baptized by John. John has been preaching and calling people to repentance in preparation for this very moment, as Jesus prepares to begin his 3 year long ministry before he faces the inevitability of the cross. John announces Jesus as the 'Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world!' With this reference, John knows that Jesus, like a sacrificial lamb, will live and die in sacrifice for the sins of all humankind; not that sin will be erased, but that sin will always be forgiven through our sincerity in acknowledging our offenses and accepting that forgiveness from God AND by accepting the grace to live our lives true to our God-given life, love and purpose. John the Baptist further testifies that he knows that Jesus is the One, proclaiming that he saw the Spirit of God hover over Jesus as he was being baptized.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, each of us are called to witness to the presence of Christ, the presence of the Holy Spirit, in the world. We are called to affirm that Holy Spirit in others when we witness them pursuing their God-given purpose, when we see them growing in their own self-identity, when they begin to see themselves as loved by those who support them on their journey, when they begin to share their unique giftedness with others.

Each of us are born into this world because God willed it. We were born into this world because God loves us. We are born into this world because God has a purpose, a mission for us. God also gives us the free will to choose to claim that we are chosen by God, to claim that we are loved by God, to claim that we have a unique purpose for existing in this world. Our role as Christians is to help each other, especially those who suffer the injustice of the world, to make those choices that will ultimately add value to the ongoing life of the people and the planet.

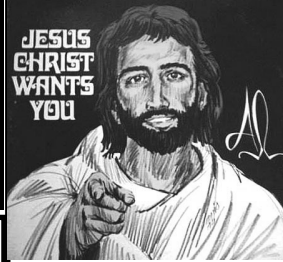
We are servants of God's vision and purpose for us. But, as the Prophet Isaiah hears from the Lord in this Sunday's first reading, so God says to us: *It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.* We may not envision ourselves as a light to the nations, but we can be a light in our homes, our workplaces, our schools, our communities, a light that shines and casts out the darkness in the lives of those closest to us and to all who God places on our path each day! **Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**

PLEASE !

Mail in or drop off your Sunday Tithe or Call the Parish Operations Director at (773) 522-3050 x 223 to sign up for Give Central. **Thanks!**

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

Next Sunday, January 22, 2023
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Is 49:3, 5-6
1 Cor 1:1-3
Jn 1:29-34



**CALLING ALL
DISCIPLES OF
JESUS CHRIST !**

**Join Us for our
First Annual
Unified Parish**

MINISTRY FAIR
Saturday, January 28, 2023
Purcell Hall

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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| 01/15/23 | Fr. Larry | Fr. Thad |
| 01/22/23 | Fr. Thad | Fr. Larry |
| 01/29/23 | Fr. Larry | Fr. Thad |
| 02/05/23 | Unity Mass St. Agatha 10:00 a.m. | |

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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
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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, January 15, 2023

Beatrice Micourt, from Nicole Morris

Tommy and Bradley Trifone

Safe Travels for Roger and Martha Villaba

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

Donation is \$10

I Dream a World

I dream a world where man
No other man will scorn,
Where love will bless the earth
And peace its paths adorn
I dream a world where all
Will know sweet freedom's way,
Where greed no longer
saps the soul
Nor avarice blights our day.
A world I dream where
black or white,
Whatever race you be,
Will share the bounties of the earth
And every man is free,
Where wretchedness
will hang its head
And joy, like a pearl,
Attends the needs
of all mankind -
Of such I dream, my world!

- Langston Hughes