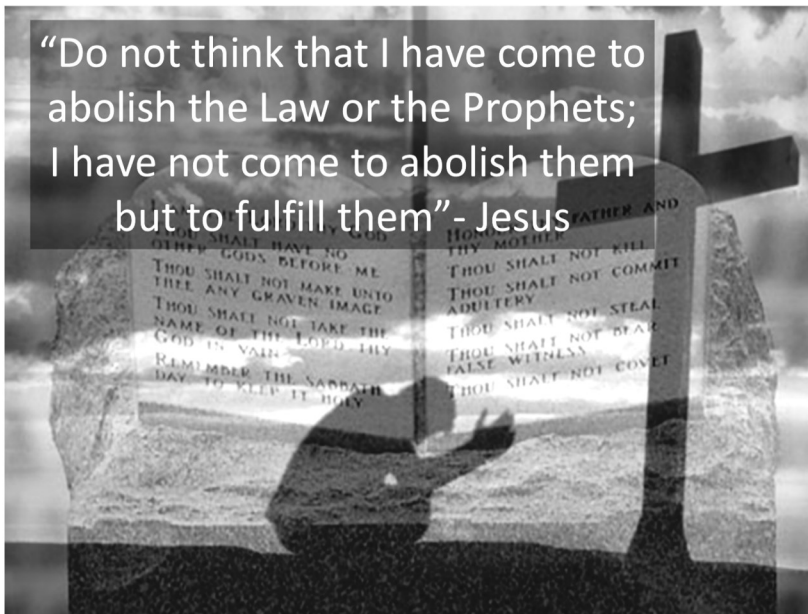


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

February 12, 2023

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time



“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them”- Jesus

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Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one.

Matthew 5:37

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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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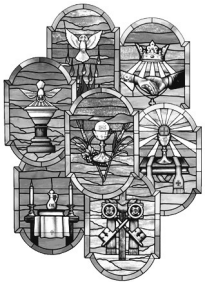
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Monday - Friday

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, February 5, 2023

<u>St. Agatha</u>		<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,851.25	Mass Offering	\$2,297.00
GiveCentral	1127.00	Special Kolbe House:	15.00
TOTAL	\$4,023.25	TOTAL	\$2,312.00

Thank you for your generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Ben Anderson Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Sandra Coffey, Conne Covey, 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 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, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Laurita Lockhart, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys 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, the Scriptures for today call us to seek wisdom in how we conduct our lives. We believe that true wisdom emanates from the heart of God. Because we are made in the image and likeness of God, then that Divine Presence within us means that that wisdom is already in us. It emerges and blossoms as we draw wisdom from our elders, parents, teachers, priests, deacons and others who carry that matured wisdom within them.

Some equate wisdom to 'street smarts'. In many ways 'street smarts' is like common sense, an awareness of how to get around, to act to survive and thrive in society. As some elders would say, "common sense is not so common!"

For us as Christians, God is Love, God is Beauty, God IS Wisdom. As Christians, wisdom is found by exploring the mystery of God, in plumbing the depths of our sacred teachings and doctrine which seek to express our understanding of the mind and heart of Jesus Christ.

The Church's moral teaching expresses the Church's understanding of the nature of creation and the nature of humankind. Church moral teaching, like understanding and wisdom, has evolved over time. The Church once taught that slavery was morally okay, and that the primary purpose of marriage was to have children. Both of these have changed - slavery is morally wrong and the primary tenets of sacred marriage is first the life-giving relationship between the couple, then the openness to give life to children, all in a lifelong commitment. Even the understanding of the theology of priesthood and priestly celibacy has evolved over time.

The wisdom, the moral teaching that Jesus offers in Sunday's Gospel, is meant to become 'common sense', common practice for us all. Jesus calls for harmony in our communities. When there is conflict, we are to face it upfront, seek healing and remedy to any hurt caused, restoring relationship rather than inflicting retribution. It means that there are no winners or losers. It means that we assess and address our own sinfulness, our own imperfections, before we seek to condemn others for their actions. Recall Jesus' words to the authorities accusing the woman caught in adultery: "Let the one among you who is without sin cast the first stone." Not one stone was thrown. The woman was allowed to walk away, touched by the love of Jesus and the encouragement to not commit this sin again. Jesus tells us never to objectify another person or harm another person for our own personal gratification. We are all beloved children of God and, if we view another human being as an object, we offend God who created her or him. That's why I never understand fathers who are proud of their sons when they have their first 'conquest', but protect their daughters from anyone and everyone. Talk about a double standard!

In the Kingdom of God, there are only winners. We seek to raise up the importance of human life and the natural world that God has given us. We express our respect and care for every person - body, mind and heart - including our own. We need the wisdom of God, the heart of Jesus, to guide us through this life and to encourage others to embrace that wisdom, that sacred heart, in all they do. **Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

ASH WEDNESDAY IS ONLY 10 DAYS AWAY

February 22, 2023

Services: St. Martin de Porres Noon Service with Distribution of Ashes

Mass 9:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.

St. Agatha

7:30 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. Mass, Noon Svc

Next Sunday, February 19, 2023
Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Leviticus 19: 17-18
1 Cor 3: 16-23
Matthew 5: 38-48

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

02/12/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
02/19/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
02/26/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/05/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall
 4300 W. Washington Blvd.
 773-626-0776

Open Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information
 Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry
 Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Bechel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, February 12, 2023

In Memory of Constance Covey

Jane Jurkiewicz
 From Legion of Mary

In Memory of Crida Micourt
 From Nicole Morris and Family

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

Donation is \$10

MARDI GRAS IS COMING !
NEXT Saturday, February 18
Purcell Hall
Get your tickets NOW thru
Grady Anderson Aux
Members or the Church Offices



**FEED THE
 HUNGRY**

FOOD PANTRY
St. Martin de Porres
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. to Noon

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

All Seniors are Welcome to
Golden Age Group

Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors,
Other Activities

Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, February 20 St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms McGowan (773) 522-3050

PLEASE !

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

JOIN US !!!
Parish Women's Faith Sharing
 Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533
 Access code: 386562#