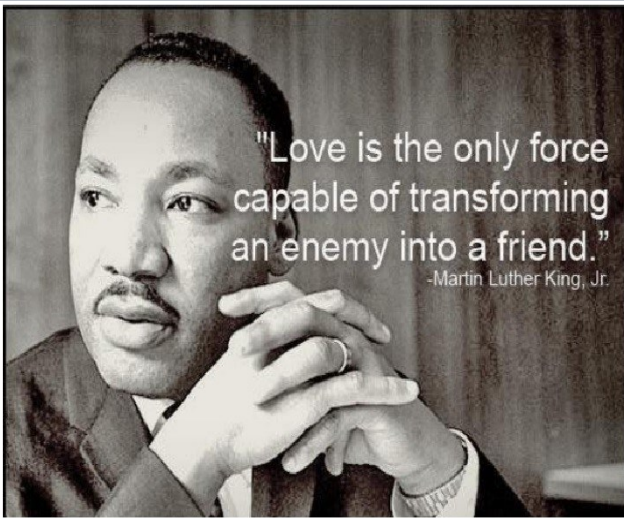


# St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish

## February 19, 2023

### Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



Ethel Lance, 70, left five children, seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren behind. A daughter spoke for the family. "I will never be able to hold her again. But I

forgive you and have mercy on your soul," she said. "It hurts me, it hurts a lot of people, but God forgive you and I forgive you."



## Forgiveness

BE KIND TO EACH OTHER, TENDERHEARTED,  
FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, JUST AS GOD THROUGH  
CHRIST HAS FORGIVEN YOU.

EPHESIANS 4:32

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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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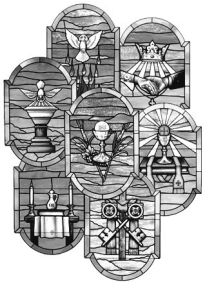
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*Monday - Friday*

*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 12, 2023

<u>St. Agatha</u>	
Mass Offering	\$3,558.00
GiveCentral	1015.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,558.00</b>

<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,952.00
Special Kolbe House	75.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,027.00</b>

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, 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, 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 Mannede, 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 3 DAYS AWAY**

**February 22, 2023 - Services**

**Noon Service with Distribution of Ashes**

**St. Martin de Porres 9:00 a.m. Mass - Noon Service - 7:00 p.m. Mass**

**St. Agatha 7:30 a.m. Mass - Noon Service - 7:00 p.m. Mass**



**Next Sunday, February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**  
**Readings: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3:17**  
**Romans 5: 12-19**  
**Matthew 4: 1-11**

**Celebrant Mass Schedule**  
**St. Agatha                      St. Martin de Porres**

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

**St. Martin de Porres Credit Union**  
**Located in Purcell Hall**  
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 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, February 19, 2023**

In Memory of Constance Covey

In Memory of Marcelle Perpignan  
 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**

**Lenten Regulations**

(from February 22, 2023 [Ash Wednesday]  
 to the Paschal Triduum)

Abstinence from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years old and older on Ash Wednesday and on all the Fridays of Lent. Fasting is to be observed on Ash Wednesday by all Catholics who are 18 years of age but not yet 59. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if necessary to maintain strength according to one's needs, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted. The special Paschal fast, as well as abstinence, are prescribed for Good Friday and encouraged for Holy Saturday.

"Lent is ordered to preparing for the celebration of Easter, since the Lenten liturgy prepares for celebration of the Paschal Mystery both catechumens, by the various stages of Christian Initiation, and the faithful, who recall their own Baptism and do penance." (Universal Norms on the Liturgical Year, #27)

By the threefold discipline of fasting, almsgiving and prayer the church keeps Lent from Ash Wednesday until the evening of Holy Thursday. All of the faithful and the catechumens should undertake the serious practice of these three traditions.

**Stations of the Cross**

**Fridays During Lent 3 p.m. St. Agatha**

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**Saturdays During Lent**

**10:00 a.m. St. Martin de Porres**

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**Please support Operation Rice Bowl  
 During Lent Benefitting the Local and  
 International work of Catholic Relief  
 Services**

**JOIN US !!!**

**Parish Women's Faith Sharing**

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

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