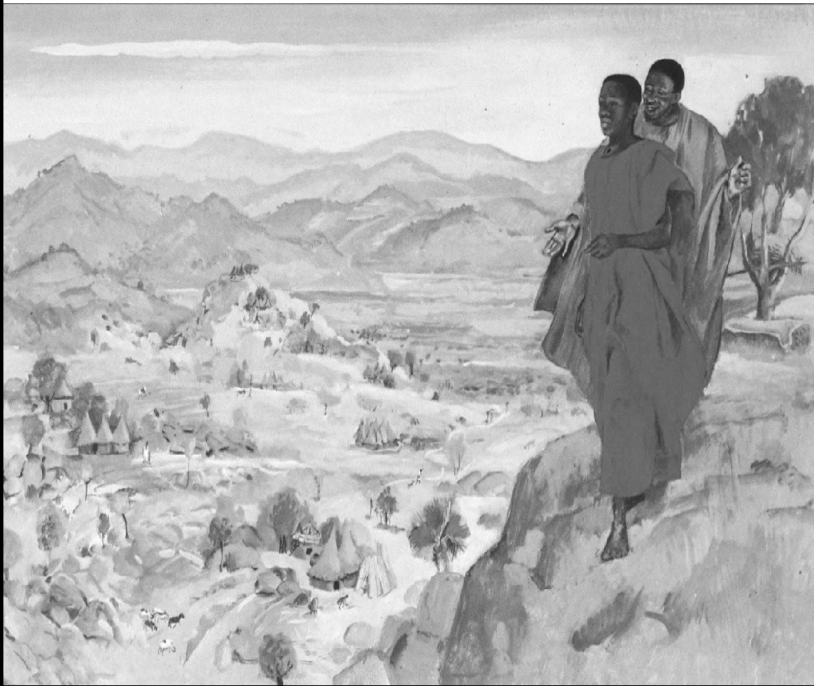


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
February 26, 2023
First Sunday of Lent

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Lent



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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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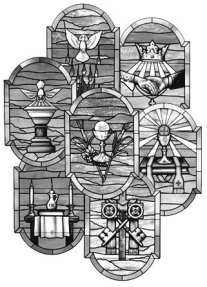
Church Office Hours

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 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 19, 2023

<u>St. Agatha</u>	
Mass Offering	\$1,320.70
GiveCentral	<u>1138.28</u>
TOTAL	\$2,458.98

<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,114.00
Special Kolbe House	<u>232.00</u>
TOTAL	\$2,346.00

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, 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, Leatrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, 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, Regina Taitis Sr., 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, recall the words we pray at the very end of the Lord's Prayer, an ending to the prayer that we call a doxology, a brief prayer of praise to God. "For Thine is the Kingdom, and the Power, and the Glory, forever and ever, Amen." These are the exact temptation that Jesus purposely experiences in his encounter with Satan in the wilderness/ Jesus has just been baptized in the Jordan River. This is symbolic of the Chosen People being led into the desert, crossing the Red Sea and then entering into 40 years of trial crosses the Jordan, blessing the waters, which will become the waters of our unique baptism into the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. He then makes the willing and necessary journey of 40 days in the desert to prepare to bring ALL OF US to the Promised Land through his life, death, Resurrection and Ascension.

In the desert, Jesus, who has just been told by the Voice from heaven that He is God's beloved Son, chooses to confront the temptations of using that power, that title, for good or evil. As Jesus, both human and divine, grows into his understanding of His unique role in salvation history, so we must do the same. Forty days in the desert might prove a difficult journey for us, but the Church offers us these 40 days of Lent to spend time evaluating the path that God desires for us and confronting the obstacles within ourselves to fully embracing our unique God-given identity that will add our unique value to the world.

Ash Wednesday reminds us not only of how fragile we are – 'Remember, you are dust and unto dust you shall return,' but also reminds us that the spirit and soul within us are eternal if and only if we connect ourselves more deeply to the eternal Spirit of our God.

The Season of Lent calls us to deepening 3 practices in our lives: prayer that reflects a greater dialogue with God, fasting to be in solidarity with the poor and to open us to be filled by those things that strengthen us in our care for ourselves and others. We are all subject to temptation. Deep down we want to do the right things in proper care for ourselves and for others; but we also want to taste some of that 'other stuff' that offers us instant gratification, a feeling that we are in control, that we have power over others, that we are superior to others, that because we do so many great things for others, we can break the rules that apply to everyone else. Lent is a great time to do two assessments for ourselves: one is to name all of our gifts and talents and our relationships that are meant to be mutually life-giving; and the other is to name those things that distract us from using those gifts and talents fully or from making the time and necessary investment in honoring those life-giving relationships in our lives. We, like Jesus, might be tempted to want to claim our own little kingdom, build a power-over others base, and seek glory for ourselves without acknowledging all those who helped us become who we are, including God. May I suggest that on rising each morning we pray the full Lord's Prayer, ending with this doxology: For thine is the kingdom and I am a beloved subject in your kingdom; thine is the power and my only true power is fund in You, and thine is the glory of which I can never fully claim, but share through, with and in You.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Pray WITHOUT
CEASING

Next Sunday, March 5, 2023
Second Sunday of Lent
Readings: Genesis 12: 1-4a
2 Timothy 1:8b-10
Matthew 17: 1-9

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
04/02/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

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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 26, 2023

In Loving Memory of Mr. Larry Mapp
 Happy Heavenly 81st Birthday, Love always, Dee

Happy Birthday David Hicks
 From the Hicks 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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 During Lent Benefitting the Local and
 International work of Catholic Relief
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Parish Women's Faith Sharing

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

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