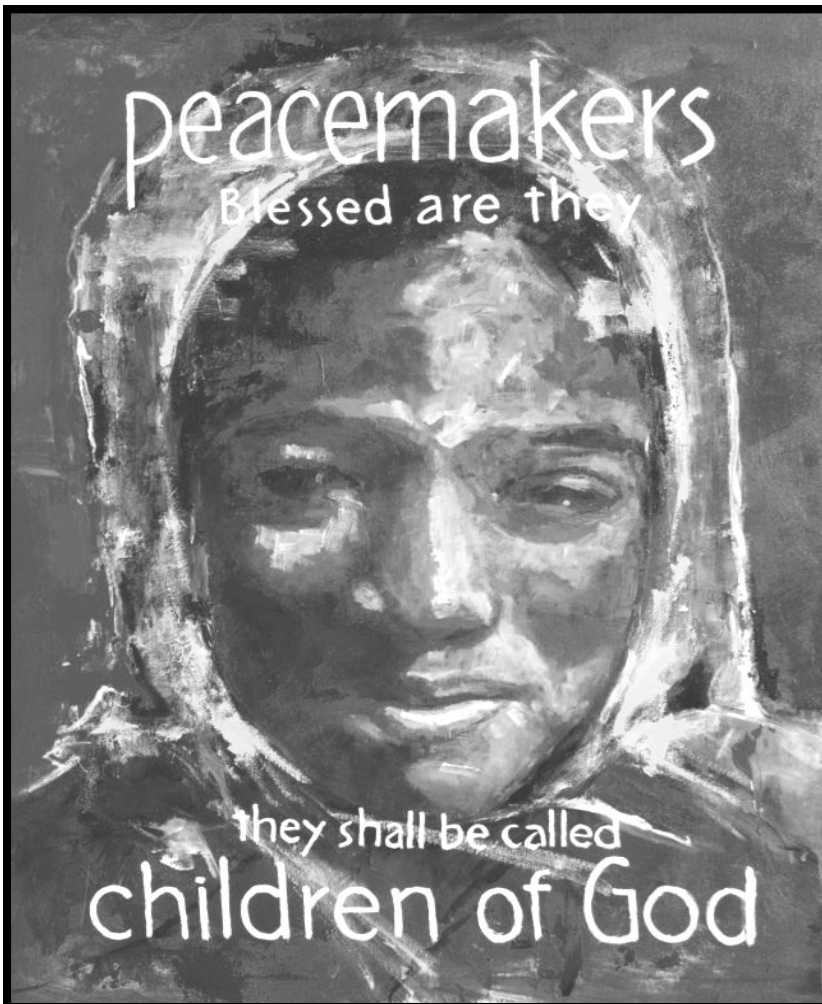




St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
January 29, 2023
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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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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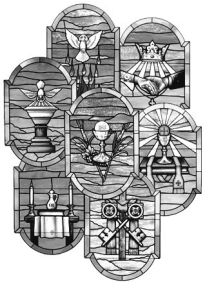
Church Office Hours

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, January 22, 2023

<u>St. Agatha</u>		<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,151.46	Mass Offering	\$2,052.00
GiveCentral	<u>1180.00</u>	Special Kolbe House:	<u>25.00</u>
TOTAL	\$3,331.46	TOTAL	\$2,077.00

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, 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 Hailey, 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 Mannede, 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 friends, what does it mean for you to be blessed? In what ways do you see yourself as blessed? We are called every day to give thanks for our blessings. It sets a great tone for the day, especially if our actions and words are motivated out of that gratitude. It is at the heart of being a Eucharistic people. Remember, the word 'eucharist' come from the Greek meaning 'thanksgiving.'

In this coming Sunday's Gospel, we find tens of hundreds of people seeking out Jesus. Having been touched by their encounters with John the Baptist in the wilderness, after having been baptized by John in the flowing and life-giving waters of the Jordan, they are now looking for, longing to encounter the person John was preparing them for, the one who will baptize them with Spirit and fire.

They bring a spiritual, emotional and physical hunger for Good News to that mountainside, seeking relief from physical poverty, the daily struggles of living under Roman occupation, and the hypocrisy of some of their religious leaders. Jesus begins by being clear that He seeks to encourage them with positive news, with words that come from the very heart of God.

- * If your spirit is failing, you are blessed... because God and His believers will be there to accompany you to renew your spirit! If you are mourning, you are blessed... because God and those connected to God are there to support you!
- * If you are meek, that is, humble and rooted in God's love, you are blessed... because it is only through humility and generosity that you will inherit God's eternal reward for you!
- * You are blessed if you hunger and thirst for the desire to live in right relationship with God, with others and within yourself – to reject self-righteousness – your hunger and thirst will be satisfied!
- * If you are merciful, you are blessed... because you have chosen to approach another as a kindred Child of God, a person like you with hopes and dreams, struggles and pains, and with a God-given purpose... God will meet you where you're at and, in the encounter, will accompany both of you on the journey you have begun together!
- * If you have a heart free of ego, free of those things that are not 'of God', then you are blessed... because the presence of God in you, around you and in every other human being will reveal Himself/ Herself to you more and more clearly!
- * If you are a person who seeks healing, wholeness and greater integrity for yourself and seeks to encourage and nurture those same things in others, you are blessed... because the true child of God, one who trusts wholeheartedly in God and that God will always provide for you in that trust, will naturally desire that same thing for others and seek, one-by-one, to enlarge that circle of peace until it naturally expands to embrace all creation!
- * You are blessed because sincere faith in God and its manifestation in life-giving action, especially in seeking relief for the poor, the marginalized, the victims of systemic racism and other '-isms' will be challenged, diminished and even destroyed by those who are caught up in power that is self-serving, Know that a spirit connected to the Eternal Spirit of God will never die, that this brief life in this world will lead you inevitably and unquestionably into the very Heart of God!

So, my friends, claim your blessing,! Jesus reminds us today and every week we celebrate the Eucharist. Let us remind each other daily! We are blessed!

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Reminder: NEXT SUNDAY, FEB. 5th, UNITY MASS AT ST. AGATHA 10:00 A.M.

Next Sunday, February 5, 2023
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 58: 7-10
1 Cor 2:1-5
Matthew 5: 13-16

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

01/29/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
02/05/23	Unity Mass	St. Agatha 10:00 a.m.
02/12/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
02/19/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
02/26/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall

4300 W. Washington Blvd.
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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

Mark Your Calendars !

PARISH UNITY MASS

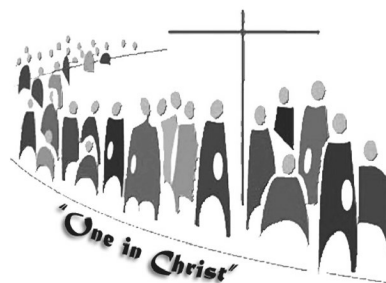
Sunday, February 5, 2023

St. Agatha Church

10:00 a.m. (only Mass that day)

Reception Afterward

Unity on the Feast of St. Agatha



MARDI GRAS IS COMING !

Saturday, February 18, 2023

Purcell Hall

Get your tickets NOW thru

Grady Anderson Aux

Members or the Church Offices

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, January 29, 2023

In Memory of Booker, Davis, Hawkins,
 Lattimore & Moore Family

In Memory of
 Joseph Brown and
 Joseph Centorbi

From the Peters and Clark Family

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

Donation is \$10

**Take a Minute to Pray for
 a Young Person**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your children and youth all around the world. You have created them in your own image and likeness. Help us to guide, affirm and love them so they are equipped to make healthy choices for their lives. Help the children experience your great love for them deep in their hearts. Send your spirit upon them to comfort, heal, protect and enlighten all their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

JOIN US !!!

Parish Women's Faith Sharing

Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am

Dial in at (267) 807-9533

Access code: 386562#