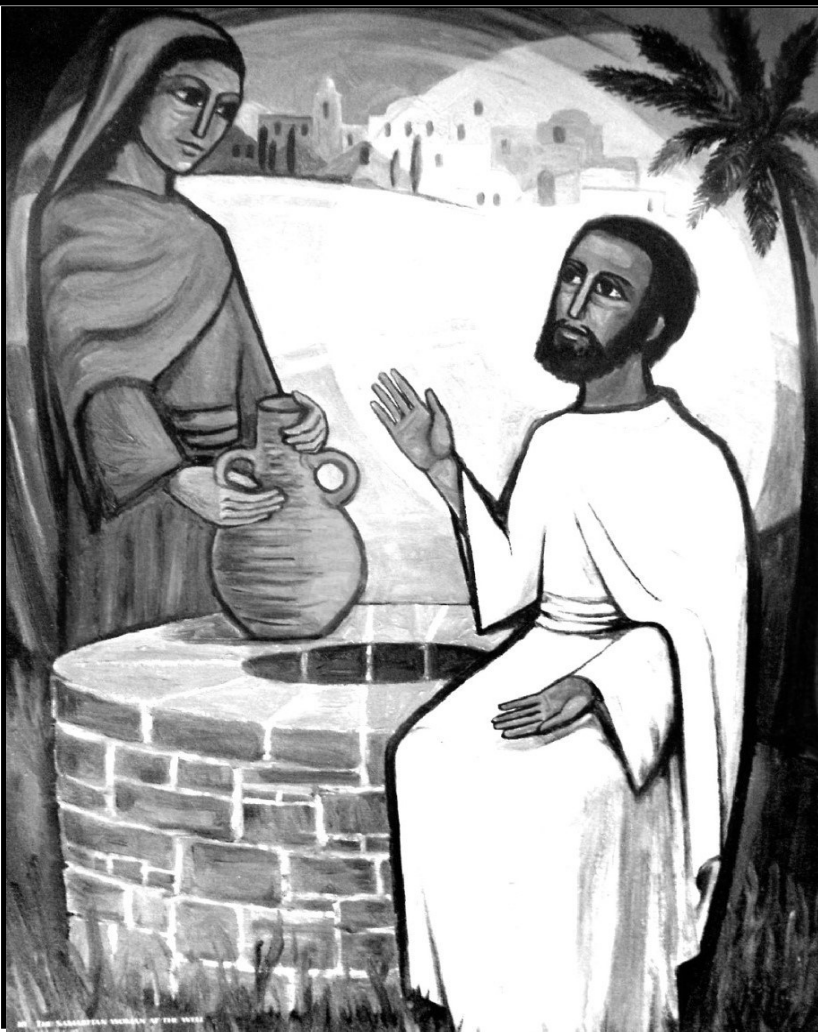


St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
March 12, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent



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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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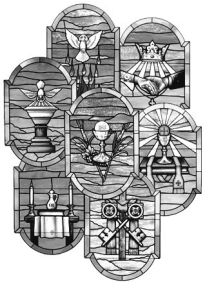
Church Office Hours

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, March 5, 2023

| <u>St. Agatha</u> | |
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| Mass Offering | \$2,736.70 |
| GiveCentral | <u>957.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$3,693.70 |

| <u>St. Martin de Porres</u> | |
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| Mass Offering | \$4,183.00 |
| Special - Kolbe House | <u>14.00</u> |
| TOTAL | \$4,197.00 |

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, Diana Foster, 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, 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, Shannon Long, 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, William Smith, 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 sisters and brothers, have you ever had an encounter with someone who could read you like a book, who, in their very first encounter with you, tell you things about yourself that it would take others a lifetime to see in you, both good and bad?

In this Sunday's Gospel, we have the beautiful encounter between Jesus and the Samaritan woman at Jacob's well. It is midday and the woman has come to avoid the early morning crowds, avoiding any ridicule for her history of failed relationships.

Jesus is breaking religious rules by talking publicly with a woman - and a *Samaritan woman* as well. The Samaritans and Jews were very much at odds with each other. But Jesus knows when the law of love takes precedence over any earthly laws.

Jesus addresses the woman with compassion and a promise of living water, a constant flow of grace that is available to anyone willing to acknowledge their past transgressions and embrace the life-giving transformative love of God. Jesus has a way of compassionately challenging us to acknowledge our sinfulness and, at the same time, offer a remedy for our past failings and a new way of approaching life with an open heart and mind.

The woman, amazed by Jesus' wisdom and specific knowledge of her, and touched by his compassion for her rushes back to her village and starts telling the villagers about this man who knew everything about her, but also affirmed in her that she is a beloved child of God. He has taught her to believe that, despite her past failings, she could still know authentic love, the love that only comes from a deep relationship with God. In many ways, she becomes an evangelist, a missionary, bringing good news to others in the form of a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ. The others are so moved by her excitement that they then go and seek Jesus out.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are invited to sit every day at the foot of Jesus – in prayer, in reflection on the Scriptures, or in conversations with other people of faith. We are called to share the power of these encounters with others who might be longing for such an encounter themselves, with someone who can affirm them, lovingly challenge them, and give them hope for the future.

I want to invite you on your journey through Lent to reflect on your own encounters with Christ, on those times where you have felt His presence in times of joy or sorrow, in times where you walk away from an encounter with another person feeling renewed in spirit. Perhaps in a time when you felt the spirit of God comforting you, strengthening you, giving you wisdom to address a certain situation, a time when you knew in your heart that there was something or Someone greater stirring in you in a moment of creativity, persistence, perseverance or empathy. Jesus offers us living water, a continuous flow of grace to draw from as we, make our way through each day, doing our best to add our unique God-given gifts, to grace the world.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry



**"Whoever believes in me,
as Scripture has said,
rivers of living water
will flow from within them."
John 7:38**

Next Sunday, March 19, 2023
 Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Readings: 1 Samuel: 1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Ephesians 5: 8-14
 John 9: 1-41

Celebrant Mass Schedule
 St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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| 03/19/23 | Fr. Thad | Fr. Larry |
| 03/26/23 | Fr. Mike Knotek -St. Agatha 9:00am | |
| | “ Fr. Thulani Magwaza -St. Martin 11:00am | |
| 04/02/23 | Fr. Thad | Fr. Larry |
| 04/09/23 | Fr. Larry | Fr. Thad |
| 04/16/23 | Fr. Thad | Fr. Larry |
| 04/23/23 | Fr. Larry | Fr. Thad |

Prayers and Blessings to
Sister Mary Ellen Meckley
 upon her Retirement to the Mother House
 1040 Carmel Drive, #477
 Dubuque, Iowa 52003 - 773.301.9325

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
 Located in Purcell Hall
 4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 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, March 12, 2023



Happy Blessed Birthday to
 Marie Flowers
 From James and Carolyn Collier

In Loving Memory and Honor of our Dear Mom
 Lucy Henry, Month's Mind
 From the Henry Family

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.
 Donation is \$10



***** YOU'RE INVITED LISTENING SESSIONS*****

Everyone is invited to one or both of two Listening Sessions to hear a brief report on our progress in unification and then listen to your concerns, comments, input and hope for the future. Representatives from the Archdiocese will join us. The dates and times are Saturday, March 18th at 1:00 p.m. at St. Agatha and Sunday, March 19th at 12:15 p.m. at St. Martin de Porres. Please plan on attending one or both of these sessions.

We need your input! Thank you

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 Services

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 Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533
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