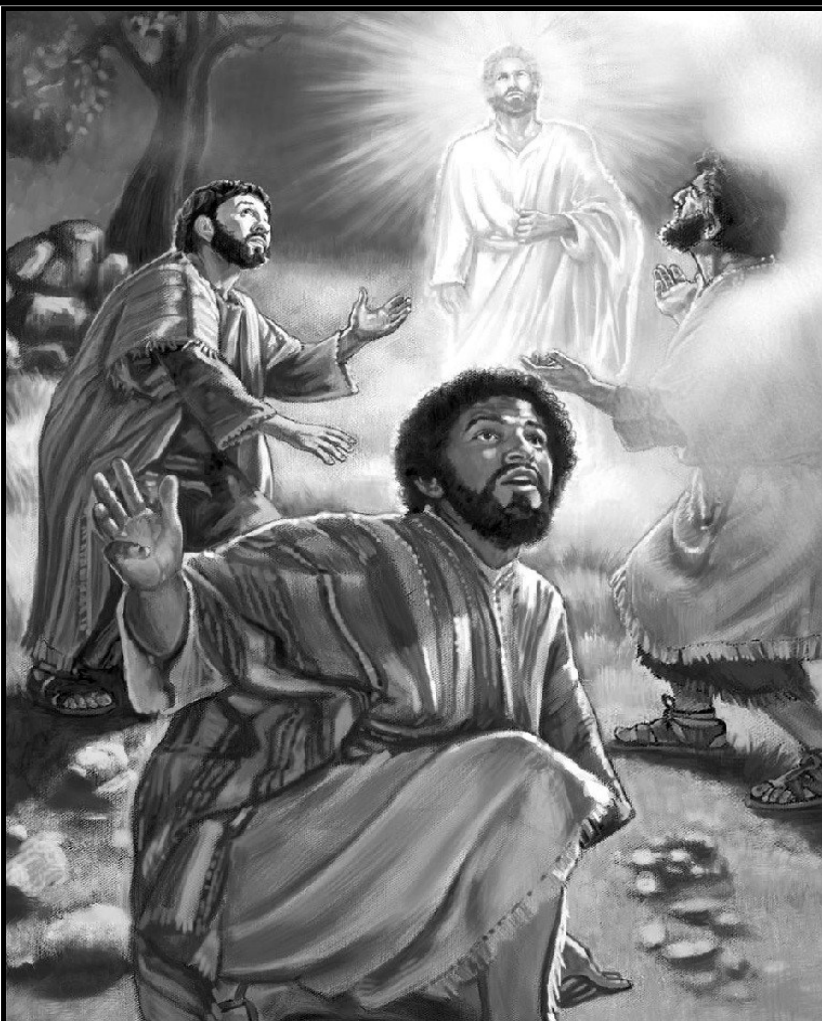


**St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish**  
**March 5, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Lent**



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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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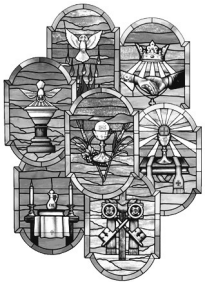
*Church Office Hours*

*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, February 26, 2023

<u>St. Agatha</u>	
Mass Offering	\$1,158.00
GiveCentral	<u>1688.27</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,846.27</b>

<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,373.00
January Online-Offering	1495.00
Special Kolbe House	<u>52.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,920.00</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, 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 brothers and sisters, we find ourselves, as we do every year on this Second Sunday of Lent, trekking up that mountainside with Jesus and his three homeboys: Peter, James and John. Jesus travels with these chosen three to the top of Mt. Horeb in Northern Israel. Here he encounters two of the most important figures of the Old Testament: Moses, the bearer of the Law, and Elijah, the greatest of the prophets. The Scriptures tell us that Jesus is transfigured before them, His person so brilliant in appearance that it is blinding. In this moment the 3 disciples are frightened and in awe at the same time. Their fear is not for their lives, but the type of overwhelming awe which elicits a drawing back, a shielding oneself from the immensity and beauty of such an experience. This why God, in his encounter with Moses on the mountain, shows Himself from the back, trying not to overwhelm Moses and actually harm him by revealing the fullness of the Godhead to him.

In the midst of this encounter, Peter suggests to Jesus that they build 3 tents, one for Jesus, Elijah and Moses. Peter always feels the need to do something, rather than just 'be' present to the moment. In the midst of all this, a voice comes from the clouds: "This is my beloved Son. Listen to Him!" In that moment, Jesus is confirmed as the One who will be the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets.

Then, just as quickly as it happened, everything returns to normal and Jesus leads them down the mountainside, telling them that the Son of Man will suffer the fate of the prophets, will die, BUT will rise on the third day... and he instructs them not to tell anyone else about this experience.

So what Good News does this Scripture reveal to us? I think, for one thing, God provides us with similar Transfiguration moments — baptisms, weddings, family celebrations, really any gathering where we not only encounter, but are touched deeply and profoundly by the presence of God in that moment. Like Peter, these are moments we want to hang onto, wishing we could just dwell forever in this mountaintop experience. But we know life doesn't work that way. We must descend from the mountain into the world that needs us to share the fullness of who we are and Whose we are, a world that needs to know that the Law of Love transcends all laws AND that, in the spirit of the prophets, we must challenge the false gods of materialism and power-over others and dedicate ourselves to care for every human being, every child of God, on this earth. Like Jesus' path, our journey requires selflessly offering our lives for those closest to us and to all of God's people. It means suffering, sacrifice, dying to selfishness, reputation, the need for control and instant gratification. The Church offers us transfiguration moments in our celebration of the 7 Sacraments, in vibrant Masses that express our deepest longing to give God thanks and praise and open ourselves to accepting God's invitation to a deeper love and freedom that God has to offer us through God's Word, through the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist, and through His Real Presence in the gathered community of disciples on Sunday.

**Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry**



**Next Sunday, March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**  
**Readings: Exodus 17: 3-7**  
**Romans 5: 1-2, 5-8**  
**John 4: 5-42**

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

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
04/09/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
04/16/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/23/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

**\*\*\* 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**

**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

**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.

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.

**Children's**  
**Liturgy of the Word**  
**1st, 2nd and 3rd Sunday of Each**  
**Month St. Martin de Porres**

**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**



**Mass Intentions for this Week**  
**Sunday, March 5, 2023**



**In Loving Memory of Sylvester Curtis**  
**From the Curtis Family**

**In Loving Memory of Grandmother Frances Fitzgerald**  
**From Michael McLemore**

**In Loving Memory of our Sister, Elisabeth Henry**  
**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**

**JOIN US !!!**

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