

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Portland, Oregon

April 25, 2021



Our Mission Statement - Saint Agatha Parish is centered on the living Word of God and Christ's Eucharistic presence in the Liturgy. We are committed to evangelization through Catholic education and faith formation. By spreading the Good News of God's love and salvation, we encourage adherence to the greatest commandments: love of God and neighbor. We welcome new disciples to the Catholic Church and promote the culture of life, peace and justice.

Schedule of Masses

Monday through Saturday (No Mass on Wednesday)	8:30am	Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday Evening Vesper's	6pm	Sunday	8:30 / 10:30am
Reconciliation – Saturday	3:30-4:30pm	Sunday Latin Mass	12:30pm
		Holy Days	8:30am / 7pm

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My Dear Parishioners,

The Easter Season is indeed the season of Divine Mercy, which stands in the starkest contrast to the insidious "cancel culture" around us. On the one side is the ruthless and merciless unforgiving habit of a society that has lost its moorings and now has only its own forever-changing standard with which to judge the world; on the other side we have the enduring mercy of God who never stops seeking out the sinner to bring him back to life. The "cancel culture" can never convert anyone from the heart, but the God we worship as Christians touches with His grace the depths of the soul of every sinner who has strayed from Him and calls him back with the tender mercy of a loving father. That is why I love the conversion stories of Rudolf Hoess and Col. Kappler and other notorious criminals. God's mercy never cancels anyone, but relentlessly seeks out especially those who have rejected God and His Law. Like the Hound of Heaven, God pursues the sinner tirelessly and does not rest until He has rescued him.

Fr. Luan

St. Agatha Catholic Church

April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ADORATION CHAPEL – Chapel hours are Monday through Friday 7am – 3pm. Attendance is limited to 4 people per hour and a mask is required!

WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS – Our school children have returned to Wednesday School Mass. Due to the current COVID rules, only the school children and teachers will be able to attend at this time.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 2, 2021

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 9:26-31

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

Gospel Reading: John 15:1-8

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April	4	\$ 6,414
	11	\$ 7,467
	18	\$ 4,097

THANK YOU for continuing to support your Parish during this difficult time! Please drop your donation off at the Parish Center, mail it, or sign up for online giving via our website www.stagathaportland.com

LECTORS

May 1	5pm	Jennifer Trask
May 2	8:30	John Meyer
	10:30	David Kingsella

ALTAR CARE

May 5 Paulita Bos & Elizabeth Meyer

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – For information and membership questions, visit www.kofc.org/joinus



GROUNDS HELP! Many hands make light work! We need your help! Only 1-2 hours, once a month! Mowing, edging, blowing, and general clean up! If you're a school parent, you get share hours for grounds help! Contact Karen at 503-236-4747

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Today, we celebrate "Good Shepherd Sunday" where we reflect on Jesus' care and love of us.

Do you know of someone needing (Food, Rent or Utility) assistance? We want to help! Please call the Society of St Vincent de Paul (503-235-8431) so that we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor who live among us.

April suggested donation item: Cereal (Hot or Cold)

RESPECT FOR LIFE – Recently, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services published a proposed rule to reverse "The Protect Life Rule," a regulation issued in 2019 to clearly separate abortion from family planning in the federal Title X family planning program. Archbishop Joseph F. Naumann of Kansas, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following statement expressing profound disappointment over this action: "This policy change will allow the Title X program to become an indirect funding avenue for abortion providers. While the USCCB has always had strong objections to government promotion and funding of contraceptives, we have also long supported clear financial and physical separation between Title X-funded projects and programs and facilities where abortion is a method of family planning. This proposed rule is terrible policy; it would reintegrate abortion into what is supposed to be a pre-pregnancy family planning program. I strongly urge the Biden Administration to suspend this proposed rule and leave the Title X program as it was intended and authorized to be – a program entirely separate from abortion."

~ USCCB, April 16, 2021

ST. AGATHA SCHOOL! Have you thought about sending your children to our School? We are open for in-person classes! Contact Leslie Jones at 503-234-5500 for more information!

On February 21, we held our Parish Commitment Weekend for the **2021 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Thank you to those who responded. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge. We would like 100% participation in showing our support of Archbishop Sample and the Catholic Church in western Oregon. Every gift means so much! If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card (there are cards available in the Vestibule and the Parish Office). Drop off your commitment card either in the Sunday collection basket or the Parish Office – we'll send it in for you!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

April 24 Saturday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
 5pm †Albert Gonsalves

April 25 Sunday
 8:30am †Tom Tennant
 10:30am Missa pro Populo
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

26 Monday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions

27 Tuesday
 8:30am †Lydia Brenneke

28 Wednesday (School Only)
 8:15am †Donald Bos

29 Thursday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions

30 Friday
 8:30am †Elsa Wehage

May 1 Saturday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
 5pm Elizabeth Adrian

2 Sunday
 8:30am Missa pro Populo
 10:30am †Marcus Tulio Cardenas
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

CAMP HOWARD IS HIRING! Spend your summer in the outdoors! Learn leadership skills, build your resume and create lasting memories. Open positions include, nurses, lifeguards, counselors, unit directors, dishwashers and more. Visit www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs or contact Peggy English at peggye@cyocamphoward.org

CYO IS HIRING! Are you an adult or high school student who would like to be a part-time referee and earn extra spending money? CYO is now hiring for Spring Track & Field, Fall Volleyball, Cross Country, Hot Shots Basketball and Winter Basketball. Visit www.cyocamphoward.org to apply by state deadlines. Questions? Contact Jamie Alfieri at jamiea@cyocamphoward.org

*Congratulations to Valentino Mullin
 who was baptized on
 April 24, 2021*

THRIFTY COTTAGE NEWS! Have you stopped by the Cottage lately? We are stuffed full of everything you need for spring! Pretty pots for flowers, planting books, and bird feeders! We have clothes for the entire family! And lots of fun games and puzzles for those rainy days! We need your donations! Is it time to clean and purge those closets and cupboards? Remember the Cottage for those donations! We accept the following:

- Clothing for the entire family (no shoes)
- Books, Games and Toys
- Dishes and Silverware
- Small Appliances (i.e., coffee makes, mixer)
- Jewelry and Scarves
- Candle Sticks and Vases
- Picture Frames and Lamps
- Sports Equipment (tennis rackets, fishing rods)
- Serving Bowls and Platters
- Table Linens and Napkins
- Seasonal Decorations!



How about volunteering? We have a faithful group of people who work the Cottage monthly (2 and 4 hours a month) or as a substitute! We can use your help, too!

Our hours are Monday through Saturday 10am to 2pm. We are closed on Wednesday and Sunday! If you're a school parent, you receive Share Hours for your Cottage time! Questions? Contact Karen at 503-236-4747 or stagathapdx@gmail.com

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New Parishioner Registration
 (please complete and place in the collection basket)

Name: _____ Home Phone: _____
 Address: _____ Apt # _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____