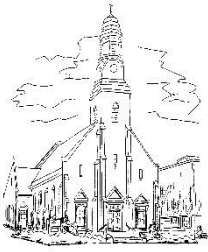


ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

August 28, 2022



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:	8:30am	Saturday Vigil Mass:	5pm
		Sunday Mass:	8:30 / 10:30am
Sunday Evening Vesper's:	TBA	Sunday Latin Mass:	12:30pm
Reconciliation – Saturday:	3:30-4:30pm	Holy Day Mass:	8:30am / 7pm

Church

Pastor	Fr. Luan Tran	Address:	1430 SE Nehalem Street
Deacon	Greg Pashley	Parish Office:	503-236-4747
Parish Coordinator	Karen Blodgett	Email:	stagathapdx@gmail.com
Business Manager	Pat Hainley	Web Page:	www.stagathaportland.com
Music Director	Gale Baird		

School

Principal	Trista Casey	Address:	7960 SE 15 th Avenue
Office Manager	Annie Anderson	Phone:	503-234-5500
Bookkeeper	Kathy Hart	FAX:	503-232-7240
		Web Page:	www.stagathaschoolpdx.us

Friends of St. Agatha	Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org
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My Dear Parishioners,

Recently, a priest mounted the pulpit of his parish at a Sunday Mass and began his homily with this opening statement: "You know, the common concern for people is the salvation of their souls!" Some of the people shook their heads. Just when he was about to launch onto his long sermon about what one must do to be saved, a lady in the back pews was heard mumbling to herself, "I think Father has been sitting in his office for too long! Who thinks about eternity when gas is almost 6 bucks a gallon?" And she added, "For the life of me, I can't recall the last time we discussed heaven and hell at the dinner table!" For me, a priest, often time I find myself drifting away from the liturgy and lost in thinking about school enrollment, teachers' salaries, fixing the sidewalk, replacing the roof, restoring the stones, or even changing the light bulbs! Somehow, all the worldly concerns conspire together to knock heaven off the top of my list and place it somewhere near the bottom, while I wrestle with my parish problems! May God forgive me!

On the other hand, maybe the answer is even more mundane: Why look for salvation when salvation is already here? On just a pure gut level, I understand why. What promise of heaven could outweigh a night out on the town with my Asian buddies, sampling the best sushi and trying the most sophisticated sake money could buy, or an evening at the opera, or a Mozart concert, or a trip to Cancun, for that matter? What can take away sorrows and worries better a rare-cask McCallan whiskey, or my favorite Irish whisky, Red Breast 21-year, or Belgian chocolate? My world is full of delights, why should I embrace another world? And if my world is less than desirable, than there will always the couch at my psychiatrist's office and all the marvelous prescription drugs!

But is it true that God has already been so irrelevant that He might as well be dead? The truth is, people are still out looking for God – maybe in all the wrong places, but they are still out looking for Him! My world might be filled with sun and light now, but darkness is lurking ahead, and the search for God begins whenever I feel totally inadequate in front of reality – either in joy or sorrow, in gladness or in despair. What does this inadequacy consist of and when does one feel inadequate? When the heart is filled with gratitude, but the mind does seem to know whom to say “thank you” to! When the moral strength is completely drained out of my soul, and my will power is helpless, and I am paralyzed in front of all the problems facing me. When I cannot go on because the road ahead has been washed away by the flood and when I can’t see around the bend what else is waiting for me. When the sky is dark and threatening, and there is no more sense of security, and there is no guarantee, no promise, of a tomorrow. Twenty-one years ago on September 11, looking at the smoldering ruins of what used to be the World Trade Center, people were utterly overwhelmed at the power of hatred fueled by ideology, and they flocked to churches and chapels and synagogues for an answer and for hope. And now?

Padre



Don't forget to join us for

Coffee & Donuts!

Sunday's in the Parish Hall

beginning at 9:30am

St. Agatha Catholic Church
August 28, 2022
22nd Sunday in Ordinary time

Want to visit our **ADORATION CHAPEL** and you don't want to commit to an hour? Stop in anytime Monday through Friday 7am – 4pm, stay for as long or as little you'd like!

We have **COFFEE & DONUTS!** Every Sunday after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses in the Parish Hall!

Join us in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for **WEEKLY DEVOTIONS** to our Mother of Perpetual Help!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 4, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

August	7	\$	5,988
	14	\$	5,952
	21	\$	2,638

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

LECTORS

September 3	5pm	Pat Dieringer
September 4	8:30	John Meyer
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

ALTAR CARE

Aug. 31 – Jeanene Bernert, Gary & Cheryl McClain
 Sept. 14 – Karen & Molly Scrutton & Shannon Ellison
 September 28 – Tim & Mary Eivers

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Information and membership questions visit www.kofc7388.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES

AUGUST

- 28 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
- 29 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 30 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 31 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 No 8:30am Mass
 Funeral Mass, 10am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 2 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 3 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
 Seiwakan Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 4 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church

PARISH PICNIC!

Our Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Annual Parish Picnic, Sunday, September 11 beginning after the 10:30 Mass on the grounds of the Parish Center/Cottage!

Not sure what to do with that old car or truck sitting in your driveway? Consider donating it to **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S PORTLAND COUNCIL** to support our emergency rent, utility and food programs! The donation process is easy and completely free to you; vehicle donations are also tax-deductible. Call Katie at 503-595-2286 to donate or kathryn.h@svdpportland.org or more information.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Aug. 27 **Saturday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

5pm Missa pro Populo

28 **Sunday**

8:30am †Elizabeth Meyer

10:30am †Harlan Potts

12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

29 **Monday**

8:30am †Mary Ann King

30 **Tuesday**

8:30am †Brian Spencer

31 **Wednesday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

Sept. 1 **Thursday**

8:30am NO MASS TODAY

2 **Friday**

8:30am Mike Eivers

3 **Saturday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

5pm Margaret Kerger

4 **Sunday**

8:30am Living/Deceased Altar Society Members

10:30am Missa pro Populo

12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

ST. MARY'S 50TH QUILT & CRAFT FAIR

September 15 – 17 10am–4pm. Lunch served daily at 11am. "Star of Bethlehem" raffle quilt tickets are \$1 each or 6/\$5. St. Mary's Catholic Church, 960 Missouri Avenue, Vernonia, OR. 503-429-8841 maryscatholicchurch@frontier.com

ST BENEDICT'S LODGE AND RETREAT

CENTER in McKenzie Bridge is pleased to announce our annual Women's Retreat on September 9–11, 2022. Our speaker will be Jeremy Miller, the author of "It's about the Eternal Life After All". It will be an excellent opportunity to spend a few days of quiet and reflection. Cost for the retreat is \$130 per person for a dorm room or \$120 for a shared room. Cabins are extra. To register, send a \$50 deposit to: St Benedict Lodge, 56630 North Bank Rd, McKenzie Bridge, OR 97413 or contact us at 541-822-3572 stbenedictretreat@gmail.com

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Today, we hear Jesus say to us, "...when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame and the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference continue to help and serve our neighbors in need. 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.

Sept. suggested donation item: Hot or Cold Cereal

RESPECT FOR LIFE – A quote from Abby Johnson, former Planned Parenthood clinic director who is now a Pro-Life leader: "I am in this movement today because of ordinary people who took on an extraordinary task. My Abortion clinic is closed because of their sacrifice. Babies are alive because of them. Women are no longer being harmed by abortion in their community. You can do this. You can save a life. I now stand alongside you in this 40 Days for Life movement." The fall 40 Days Campaign begins on September 28. For information see www.40daysforlife.com/portland.

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 23 weeks after conception - Baby now weighs almost 1 pound. Crown-to-rump length is 8 inches. His body is getting plumper but the skin is still wrinkled. He will soon gain even more weight. The pancreas is developing quickly. This organ is vital to hormone production - particularly insulin, which is necessary for the body to break down and use sugar. Baby's approximate due date is December 25, 2022.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

Come pray with us! Join us for the 16th Annual Rosary Bowl NW – A Marian and Eucharistic Celebration: Saturday, October 1 from 9am-3pm at the East Salem Community Center. For information visit www.RosaryBowlNW.org.

Join us on Saturday, October 1, 2022:

- 9am: Doors open to the public
- 10am: Holy Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith
- 11am: Holy Rosary and Reflection
- Noon-2:30pm: Confession available
- Noon-3pm: Explore our Ministries Hall with Community Resource Tables, Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit and more
- 2pm: Keynote by Father Theodore Lange
- 2:45pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3pm: Event ends
- Music provided by Daniel Oberreuter, Lead Singer of The Thirsting
- Free parking and free admission. A free will offering will be accepted.
- Carpooling encouraged. Overflow parking at Blanchet Catholic School.

For details visit www.rosarybowlnw.org or email us at info@rosarybowlnw.org.

The East Salem Community Center is located at: 1850 45th Avenue, NE, Salem
Conveniently located east of I-5 (Market Street Exit)

Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Rosary Bowl NW - SAVE THE DATE



New Location:
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1850 45th Ave NE, Salem

Pray with us:
Sat., October 1st, 2022
9am - 3pm

www.RosaryBowlNW.org