



1ST SUNDAY OF *Advent*

# St. Agatha Catholic Church

## December 2, 2018

### Schedule of Masses

Monday through Friday	8:30am	Saturday Vigil	5pm
First Saturday of the Month	8:30am	Sunday	8:30 / 10:30am
Sunday Evening Vesper's	5pm	Sunday Latin Mass	12:30pm
Reconciliation - Saturday	3:30-4:30pm	Holy Days	8:30am / 7pm
Sunday	before Mass		

Pastor	Fr. Luan Tran
Parish Coordinator	Karen Blodgett
Business Manager	Suzy Parsons
Music Director	Gale Baird

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Parish Center:	503-236-4747
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Friends of St. Agatha	Kevin Lough
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St. Agatha Thrifty Cottage

Address:	1418 SE Nehalem Street
Hours:	Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm
	Saturday 10am - 3pm
	Closed Sunday & Wednesday

My Dear Parishioners

Advent is once more upon us. We have only four weeks to prepare for Christmas, and, before you know it, the whole joyful season will be over! What could we do so that not another Advent would come and go and we remain the same - unchanged? We are too absorbed in our work, our tasks, and our jobs. We barely have time to breathe, and life goes on from morning till evening without break for us. God has graced us with another Advent season! And He wants us to truly take time out for Him from our busy schedule, to slow down, to take in the taste and the smell and the flavor of the season, so that we may make the most of this beautiful season as we prepare for Christmas.

Please join me and others at Vespers these Sundays of Advent. We have sung Vespers at 5pm every Sunday. And on the First Sunday of Advent we will have a reflection during Vespers to help us reflect on the graciousness of God in the event of the Incarnation. We will have a potluck dinner afterwards. So, there is my invitation to you, so that we could be together one more time on a Sunday Advent evening to praise God and to be with each other!

Fr. Luan

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**  
**December 2, 2018**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**December 1 Saturday**  
 5pm †Patrick O'Donnell...O'Donnell Family  
**2 Sunday**  
 8:30am †Gwen Spencer...Gene Meucci  
 10:30am Living & Deceased Altar Society Members  
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions  
**3 Monday**  
 8:30am †Murial Lacey...Bob & Doreen Modena  
**4 Tuesday**  
 8:30am †Pat Fouche...Elizabeth Adrian  
**5 Wednesday**  
 8:30am †Dick Brenneke...Ann Brenneke  
**6 Thursday**  
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**7 Friday**  
 8:30am †Henry & Mercedes Niiranen...The Modena's  
**8 Saturday**  
 8:30am †Fr. Slider Steuernol  
 5pm †Minnie Shaw...Bob & Doreen Modena  
**9 Sunday**  
 8:30am †Eugene Meucci, Sr...Gene Meucci  
 10:30am †Mary Illk  
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

November	4	\$ 9,178
	11	\$ 5,399
	18	\$ 5,248
	25	\$ 3,395

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTERS**

Dec. 8 8:30 Denise Gende, Ann MacNeela  
 5pm Amy Burroughs, Tim Eivers  
 Dec. 9 8:30 Denise Gende, Joanne Geiger  
 10:30 Peter & Alison Sample, Suzanne Kruse,  
 Maia Kirkelie

**LECTORS**

December 8	8:30	Christine Pashley
	5pm	Jennifer Trask
December 9	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	Marcy Huss

**ALTAR SERVERS**

December 8	8:30	T. Pashley, S. Preciso, L. MacNeela
	5pm	Alana Keepses
December 9	8:30	Graham Spencer
	10:30	Lillian & John Kirkelie

**Parish Activities**

**DECEMBER**

2 Altar Society Meeting, 9:30am-SFMR  
 Advent Vespers, 5pm-C / Dinner, 6pm-H  
 3 Communion & Liberation, 7pm-H  
 5 Middle School Elective Classes, 12:30pm-H  
 RCIA, 6:30pm-C / 7pm-H  
 6 Middle School Religion Class, 10am-SFMR  
 Advent Penance Service, 6:30pm-C  
 7 Men's Retreat Meeting, 6pm-H  
 8 Immaculate Conception Mass, 8:30am-C  
 9 First Communion Class, 9:30am-SFMR  
 Children's Liturgy, 10:30am-SFMR  
 Respect Life Meeting, Noon-SFMR  
 Rosary for Life, 12:30pm-C  
 Advent Vespers, 5pm-C / Dinner, 6pm-H  
 10 Communion & Liberation, 7pm-H  
 Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30pm-PC  
 11 55 & Over Luncheon, 1:30pm-H  
 Mom's Prayer Group, 7pm-SFMR  
 St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7pm-PC

**ALTAR CARE**

December 4-8 Vicky Altenhofen, Janice Altenhofen  
 Mary Elizabeth Schwoeffermann

For more information, monthly updates, or membership,  
 email us at [stagathaaltarsociety@gmail.com](mailto:stagathaaltarsociety@gmail.com)

**GREETERS**

December 8	8:30	TBD
	5pm	Bob & Doreen Modena
December 9	8:30	Scott Lewin, Kathy Aune, Eleanor Trebesch
	10:30	Dennis & Angie Knoy

**SCRIP SELLERS**

December 9 8:30 & 10:30 Jan Hainley

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

December 9, 2018

First Reading: Baruch 5:1-9  
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11  
 Gospel Reading: Luke 3:1-6

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION** -- A place for solace and healing! Come visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and experience His real presence. If you can't spend an hour, just drop by. For information or to sign up, please call Emma Bosco 503-238-0072 or Paulita Bos 503-238-6686

Sunday	6-7pm; 10-11am; 11am-Noon; 11pm-Midnight
Monday	5-6am; 6-7am
Tuesday	6-7am; 8-9am; Noon-1pm
Wednesday	10-11pm
Thursday	6-7am; 9-10pm
Friday	10-11am; 2-3pm
Saturday	Noon-1pm; 1-2pm; 2-3pm; 5-6pm

# Advent Penance Service

## Thursday, December 6

### 6:30pm

**THE WORD MADE FLESH...** Following Baby Jesus in the Womb – At 38 weeks after conception baby weighs about 6¾ pounds and is around 21 inches. Many mothers don't grow larger during the last several weeks of pregnancy, yet still feel very uncomfortable. Mother may not feel like eating much at this time, but it's important to keep eating a healthy diet. Snacks are also important to keep mother's energy levels up, nourish baby and help avoid heartburn. Baby's approximate due date is December 25, 2018

**FRIENDS OF ST. AGATHA** – Gifts to the Friends of St. Agatha of appreciated securities can provide significant income tax benefits to the donor. For more information, please pick up the FSA Planned Giving brochure in the vestibule or visit [friendsofstagatha.org/legacy-giving](http://friendsofstagatha.org/legacy-giving).

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – As we begin Advent we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Wherever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they call the Society of St Vincent de Paul and ask for YOU to help them.

Do you know of someone needing (food, rent or utility) assistance? Please call the Society of St Vincent de Paul so that together we can be a sign of God's love to the suffering and poor who live next to us.

December suggested donation item: Tuna and/or Soup

**MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY** – Did you know our group discusses the weekly scripture readings? Join us on Wednesdays for breakfast and fellowship from 6:45-8am at the Eastmoreland Golf Course Grill (2425 SE Bybee Blvd.).

**RESPECT LIFE** – On Saturday, December 8 at 10:30am, Archbishop Emeritus John Vlazny will dedicate the "Marian Garden and Shrine to the Unborn and Memorial Wall" at Our Lady of Peace Retreat House. Please join us for this special event at 3600 SW 170<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Beaverton. The Knights of Columbus Honor Guards will help dedicate the garden. The Memorial Wall will have names engraved for remembrance and healing for all who have suffered through abortion, loss of a loved one, or any loss or sorrow in their life. Up to three lines can be engraved. Anyone can participate in the wall with their own personal inscription. The price is \$60 per line. Join us and if you have questions call 503-649-7127.



**SCRIP NEWS** – Please remember St. Agatha School Scrip when purchasing those gift cards for the St. Vincent de Paul Giving Tree. It's a win-win for the school as well as for those you are purchasing gifts to donate for. We have a large variety of Fred Meyer, Target, Walmart, New Seasons, Safeway and Whole Foods scrip to choose from for all your gift giving/dinner needs. Scrip is for sale after both Masses on Sunday in the Parish Hall and every school day (7:55-8:15am and 2:55-3:15pm; Wednesdays 1:55-2:15pm) at the front desk of the school. Thank you to all our regular scrip purchasers from the parish and school for your constant support, to all the scrip sellers for your dedication, and to all who support and tirelessly work for St. Vincent de Paul to help those in need.

## Immaculate Conception Mass

### Saturday, December 8

### 8:30am

**55 & OVER LUNCHEON** – Join us on Tuesday, December 11 at 1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Bring your friends and neighbors for an afternoon of fellowship, food and fun!!

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – Christmas Choir! Calling all singers to join the St. Agatha music ministry for Christmas Eve and/or Christmas Day Masses. You'll have options to come to Mass at 5pm or Midnight Christmas Eve and 10am Christmas Day. Contact Gale Baird at [stagathamusic@gmail.com](mailto:stagathamusic@gmail.com) or 503-360-3466 for more information.

**THRIFTY COTTAGE NEWS!** Christmas has arrived at the Cottage! Stop by for a new decoration or ornament! Need a card or two? We have them! How about a special outfit? We have that, too! Monday through Friday 10am-2pm; Saturday 10am-3pm; closed Wednesday and Sunday!

The **ALTAR SOCIETY'S** collection for Christmas flowers will be next weekend (December 8 & 9) after all Masses.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – For information and membership questions, visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)



**CALLED TO GREATNESS** is a discernment retreat for all high school youth who are courageous enough to ask the question: Lord, how are you calling me to greatness? There will be an opportunity to explore all vocations the Church holds up for us. December 14-15 at Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mount Angel, Oregon. For registration information contact [vocations@archdpdx.org](mailto:vocations@archdpdx.org) or 503-233-8368

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#### New Parishioner Registration

(please complete and place in the collection basket)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email: \_\_\_\_\_



# *St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Food Box Ministry*

Once again, we are given the opportunity to share the spirit of Christmas with less fortunate families in our own community through the St. Agatha Conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul.

*There are many ways to support this ministry*

*Make a financial donation through the Giving Tree  
found in the church vestibule and  
the lobby of St. Agatha School*

Monetary donations will be used to purchase food for the food boxes and to provide gifts for all of the children in families receiving food boxes.

*Volunteer to deliver food boxes on  
Saturday, December 22*

Please consider donating time to share God's love with a needy family at Christmas by delivering a box filled with holiday food and gifts.

To sign up for deliveries please see the Sign-Up Genius site at  
[www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ea5af2fa57-stagatha](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/904044ea5af2fa57-stagatha)

or contact

Erin Taylor at [erinlynett.taylor@gmail.com](mailto:erinlynett.taylor@gmail.com)

Brant Blodgett at [brantrb@yahoo.com](mailto:brantrb@yahoo.com)

# Vespers in Advent

## (Evening Prayer)

During the season of Advent, join us on Sunday evenings (5pm in the church) for Advent Vespers.

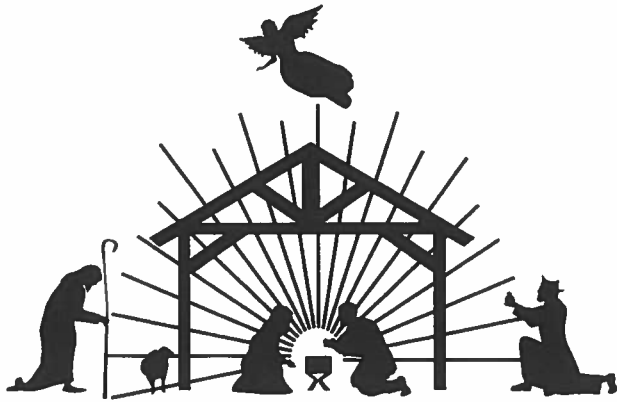
We will celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with traditional prayers, psalms and reflections.



Our gift to you is *The Magnificat, Advent Companion* (*generously donated by one of our Parish families*)

Following Vespers, we will gather for a potluck dinner in the Parish Hall

On Sundays at 5pm in the Church  
(December 2, 9, 16, and 23)



**St. Agatha Church  
Christmas Schedule  
2018**

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

**Monday, December 24**

**Mass at 5pm & Midnight**

**CHRISTMAS DAY**

**Tuesday, December 25**

**Mass at 10am**

**NEW YEARS DAY**

**Tuesday, January 1**

**Mass at 10am**