



St. Agatha Catholic Church Portland, Oregon

January 3, 2021

Schedule of Masses

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

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My Dear Parishioners,

This epitaph was found on the grave of St. Ignatius of Loyala: "Non coaceri maximo, contineri tamen a minimo, divinum est" ("Not to be contained by the greatest, yet willing to be encompassed by the smallest – that is divine"). This is the essence of Christmas! Think about it! God, Whom nothing could contain, has allowed Himself to be encompassed by the smallest! The infinitely great was willing to be encompassed by the infinitely small! Yes, that is the kind of God we Christians worship. He Who is infinitely great has stooped down to our own level. He Who is maximum has allowed Himself to be bound by the minimum! He Who is beyond the greatest thing or idea human beings could ever imagine has deigned to become a little tiny baby! This thought about God has consoled me so much in these COVID times. There were times when I was about to give up on bothering with God, God reminded me of how much He in fact cared about me – me and my petty sins and non-sins, me and my irrelevant worries, me and my trifling concerns! Christmas was a most beautiful reminder of this to all of us, I hope. May we always remember that, regardless how helpless and frustrated we may feel in front of God's apparent silence, God does indeed pay attention to each one of us. God is so great that nothing, however small, can escape His notice. No prayer of ours ever goes unanswered. No sorrow of ours is ever ignored. And no tear of ours is ever not acknowledged. God knows us better than we know ourselves, and before we even think about asking Him for something, He has already known what He would do to help us! This is how I have been able to continue to pray and to trust in God, even now! As we enter a new year, may we never forget this truth about God! Have a most blessed New Year!

God Bless You!

Fr. Luan

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January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

January 10, 2021
 First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11
 Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-9
 Gospel Reading: Mark 1:7-11

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

December	6	\$ 4,640
	13	\$ 4,630
	20	\$ 3,666
	Christmas	\$ 5,408
	27	\$ 3,013

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

January 9	5pm	Doreen Modena
January 10	8:30	Geri Adams
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

ALTAR CARE

January 13 Victoria Altenhofen & Patti King

THRIFTY COTTAGE – Be sure to stop by the Cottage! All new items will be stocked! Monday – Saturday 10am-2pm; Closed Wednesday and Sunday. At this time, we are NOT accepting donations. Contact Karen with any questions 503-236-4747

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE is a call to strengthen the Church by ensuring that a Holy Hour is prayed each day of the week for the sole intention of a specific priest or bishop. We want to start a group for Fr. Luan. I am looking for seven ladies to commit to pray one hour each week, thus covering a complete week, preferably in front of the Blessed Sacrament. Please prayerfully consider joining/leading this worthy cause. Questions? Sign up information? Contact Jennifer Williams at sevensistersportland@gmail.com www.sevensistersapostolate.org

SPECIAL THANKS! With heartfelt appreciation, the Altar Society thanks the many people who have donated to the Christmas decorations. Our church is decorated so beautifully for the Christmas season! We especially thank the Knights of Columbus for the festive Christmas trees. What a treat!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Today we celebrate the feast of the Epiphany, where the Magi find the newborn king and offer him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. In the spirit of the Magi, please put your gift in the St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box so that comfort and peace can once again be given to a newborn child.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference continues to work hard every day through the unusual times of virus and stay-at-home orders in our communities. We haven't stopped helping others. January suggested donation item: Lysol Cleaning Wipes (or similar type product)

RESPECT FOR LIFE (and Religious Liberty) – This past Tuesday was the 850th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Cantaberry. "Thomas Becket's martyrdom changed the course of history. It eventually brought about numerous constitutional limitations on the power of the state over the Church.... When the Archbishop refused to allow the King to interfere in the affairs of the Church, Thomas Becket stood at the intersection of church and state.Thomas Becket's death serves as a powerful and timeless reminder to every American that our freedom from religious persecution is not a mere luxury or accident of history, but rather an essential element of our liberty. It is our priceless treasure and inheritance. As Americans, we were first united by our belief that "rebellion to tyrants is obedience to God".... We pray for religious believers everywhere who suffer persecution for their faith. To honor Thomas Becket's memory, the crimes against people of faith must stop....A society without religion cannot prosper. A nation without faith cannot endure — because justice, goodness, and peace cannot prevail without the grace of God." ~ from US Presidential Proclamation, 12/29/20)

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

January 2	Saturday
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	Missa pro Populo
3	Sunday
8:30am	†Mary Exener
10:30am	Mort Joyce
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions
4	Monday
8:30am	†Paul Ivancie
5	Tuesday
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
6	Wednesday
8:30am	Chuck McDonald
7	Thursday
8:30am	†Tamara, Don. Jr., Tim Bos
8	Friday
8:30am	Fatima Rose Vianney & Family
9	Saturday
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	Theresa Suntheram
10	Sunday
8:30am	Missa pro Populo
10:30am	Joey Wade
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions

1st Communion Classes



- **Is the mass an important element in your life?**
- **Are the sacraments important to your family?**

If the answer is yes and you are ready for your child (age approximately 7-9 years) to prepare for 1st Communion, please contact the Parish Office and sign up for classes. Classes start in January 2021 and run through May 2021.

A Meet and Greet is available to answer your questions. Contact the Office to find out more.

We look forward to hearing from you!

St. Agatha Thrifty Cottage

1418 SE Nehalem Street

It's a brand new year at The Thrifty Cottage! Let's celebrate! The Cottage is stocked with all new items for the New Year!

We have clothes for the entire family, as well as, knick-knacks and kitchen items. How about a 5-piece place setting for 10 of Currier & Ives dishes? Stop in and see this 94 piece set!



We have some beautiful jewelry! And a new book area that is full! We also have a lot of children's books and games!



Also, if you are donating electrical items (i.e., hand mixer, coffee maker, or drill) or anything that runs on a battery, it would be helpful if you could attach a note indicating if it works or not.



A few reminders as you begin that year end cleaning! Would you go to a thrift store and purchase that item? If you're donating old toys, please keep small parts together in a separate bag – please don't just pour the contents of a toy box into a bag. If you have any questions about what to donate, don't hesitate to call Karen at 503-236-4747.

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