

# ST. AGATHA CHURCH

## Portland, Oregon

January 10, 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	8:30am	Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday Evening Vesper's	TBA	Sunday	8:30 / 10:30am
Reconciliation – Saturdays	3:30-4:30pm	Sunday Latin Mass	12:30pm
		Holy Days	8:30am / 7pm
Pastor	Fr. Luan Tran	Address:	1430 SE Nehalem Street
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Business Manager	Suzy Parsons	Email:	stagathapdx@gmail.com
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Friends of St. Agatha	Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org

My Dear Parishioners,

Please read the following from the Catholic News Agency (CNA): "On the 8th of December, 2020, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." In making his declaration, Pope Francis noted that this year marks the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX on Dec. 8, 1870. Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. "Each of us can discover in Joseph -- the man who goes unnoticed, a daily, discreet and hidden presence -- an intercessor, a support and a guide in times of trouble," the pope wrote. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." The year begins Dec. 8, 2020, and concludes on Dec. 8, 2021.'

Personally, I have not met any Catholic does not have a special affection for St. "Joe"! Years ago, he assisted the Vietnamese Catholic community in Portland in their efforts to purchase the Holy Child Academy property on NE Alameda Drive for their spiritual home. It was an amazing success! St. Joseph has accompanied me all my priestly life and protected me from all kinds of dangers – spiritual and physical. He and the Blessed Mother saved our family through some very difficult crises. At our weekday Masses, I and the daily Mass people always remember to pray to St. Joseph for his protection over our school and parish families. So far, through his help, the darn virus has been kept at bay! We could not have survived this far without him!

I will be out for several weeks for knee replacement surgery and recuperation. Please remember this poor priest in your prayer on Tuesday this coming week.

God bless you!

Fr. Luan

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**  
**January 10, 2021**  
**The Baptism 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 17, 2021

First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

Gospel Reading: John 1:35-42

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

January 3                      \$ 7,630

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](http://www.stagathaportland.com)

**LECTORS**

January 16	5pm	Jennifer Trask
January 15	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	David Kingsella

**ALTAR CARE**

January 13      Victoria Altenhofen & Patti King

**THRIFTY COTTAGE** – Be sure to stop by the Cottage! All new items along with Valentine's Day have been 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

**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. AGATHA SCHOOL NEWS!** We are planning on opening for in-person school in late January! Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Contact Leslie Jones at 503-234-5500 for more information! Plans are still being finalized for middle school in person classes, too!

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – After Jesus was baptized, he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. As you place your gift in the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Poor Box, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering, and you give them reason to believe and to trust.

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference continues our work every day despite the risks of health. We haven't stopped helping our neighbors. January suggested donation item: Lysol Cleaning Wipes (or similar type product)

**RESPECT FOR LIFE** How do we live out the message of Christmas in the New Year? One way to live out the message of Christmas and follow Our Lady's example is to join "9 DAYS FOR LIFE" which takes place taking Thursday, January 21 – Friday, January 29. The 9 Days for Life Novena is for the annual Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children on January 22, which is the anniversary of the Supreme Court Roe v Wade decision that legalized abortion in America. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life. 9 Days for Life Participants can receive the novena by subscribing to daily emails or text messages. You can join at [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

<b>January 9</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	Theresa Suntheram
<b>10</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:30am	Missa pro Populo
10:30am	Joey Wade
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions
<b>11</b>	<b>Monday</b>
8:30am	Fr. Luan Tran
<b>12</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
<b>13</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>
8:30am	†Donald Bos
<b>14</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
8:30am	Elizabeth Adrian
<b>15</b>	<b>Friday</b>
8:30am	Michael Eivers
<b>16</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	†Betty Kehoe
<b>17</b>	<b>Sunday</b>
8:30am	†Janar Fernando
10:30am	Missa pro Populo
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions

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



**St. Agatha Altar Society Fundraiser**  
***RAFFLE BASKETS***

**TWO**  
Chances to Win

\$2 per ticket or \$5 per set of three tickets.

**WOW...**

**First Prize Tea Basket - Moss Rose Service for 8**

- \$50 Fred Meyer Gift Card
- 2 teapots, cream & sugar, teacups/saucers, dessert plates, & cloth napkins.
- Including other items needed for your perfect tea party!

**Second Prize Tea Basket - Moss Rose Service for 4**

- \$50 Fred Meyer Gift
- 1 teapot, cream & sugar, teacups/saucers, dessert plates, & cloth napkins.
- And many other tasty treats for a tea party!

\*\*Tea services were donated by Agnes Woldrich Onkka in loving memory of Helen Baseel past long-term member of the St. Agatha Altar Society.

\*\*Checks may be included with your membership payment or may be made out to the Altar Society and mailed to the Parish Office. We also accept cash in an envelope labeled to the Altar Society and dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at church.

\$2 per ticket or \$5 per set of three tickets.

**\*\*\*Ticket sales end February 10th and the winners will be drawn on Valentine's Day\*\*\***



St. Agatha



Altar Society

