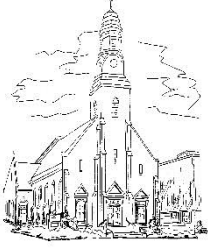


ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

July 17, 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
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Parish Coordinator	Karen Blodgett	Email:	stagathapdx@gmail.com
Business Manager	Pat Hainley	Web Page:	www.stagathaportland.com
Music Director	Gale Baird		

School

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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,

In his long Nobel Prize acceptance speech in 1983, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn has one key phrase he kept going back to: Men have forgotten God! Yes, men have forgotten God, but it is also true that God has not forgotten men! That was essentially the heart of the Gospel today. Something happened this past week that confirms what I have just said: we might have forgotten God, but God has never forgotten us!

Last Sunday, after sunset, in the dark hours of night, someone consumed with anger with the Supreme Court's decision overturning Roe v. Wade decided to take it out on us and proceeded to vandalize the KofC's pro-life monument in front of the church. I was rather shaken when I heard the bad news. Driving back immediately, my heart was filled with rage! How dare they? One closer look at the thing and I was able to calm down! The monument was vandalized all right, but all was not lost. For one thing, it was still standing in one piece! But the way it was attacked reveals something interesting. If you should look closely, you will see that most of the damage was concentrated on the inscription, and not at all on the Holy Faces! It was as though there were something that held back the hands of the vandal and kept him (or her) from going off the deep end into blasphemy and sacrilege! Yes, the anger and the hatred and the hostility were visible, but somehow there was still something in the heart of that individual that prevented him or her from going completely insane! God had made sure a way back open to this person, no matter how angry, how wrathful, how hate-filled he or she might have been at the Catholic Church! Thus, there is hope of conversion and reconciliation! Men have forgotten God, but God has never abandoned men! Even when someone in the middle of his/her frenzied attack on something as humble and inconspicuous as a stone memorial, God was not far from that person. God allowed the attack, the vandalism, to go only so far and no more, so that a way back to God would be still possible!

God is the Good Samaritan and there is no one He would refuse to touch, to heal, to bandage, to lift up, to take back, and to run after! It's because His name is Mercy!

Padre

St. Agatha Catholic Church

July 17, 2022

16th 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!

COFFEE & DONUTS! Don't miss it! Sunday's after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses for coffee, donuts and fellowship 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

July 24, 2022

First Reading: Genesis 18:20-32

Second Reading: Colossians 2:12-14

Gospel Reading: Luke 11:1-13

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

July	3	\$ 4,915
	10	\$ 5,581

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

July 23	5pm	Jennifer Trask
July 24	8:30	John Snyder
	10:30	Pat Hainley

ALTAR CARE

July 20 – Vicki Altenhofen & Patti King
Aug. 3 – Paulita Bos, Doreen Modena, Bev Trapp
August 17 – Jan Hainley & Jacque Steuernol

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Information and membership questions visit www.kofc7388.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES

JULY

- 17 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
- 18 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 19 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 20 Weekday Mass, 8:30am - Church
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 21 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Ctr
Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 22 Weekday Mass, 8:30Am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 23 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 24 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

Congratulations!

Preston Brown

who was baptized July 5

and

Isabella Klein

who was baptized July 10

HELP WANTED!! Our Grounds Crew is shorthanded! Could you help once a month for 1-2 hours? We especially need help with weeding, edging, and mowing! Questions? Contact Andy at 503-953-5336

YLI SEMINARY BURSE LUNCHEON - Please plan on attending the annual Seminary Burse Luncheon on Saturday, August 6 at 11am. The Luncheon will be held at the Celebration Hall at Holy Family Parish (3732 SE Knapp Street, Portland). Luncheon tickets are \$20. Seating is limited, tickets will only be presold by contacting Michelle at 503-348-2461.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 16 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm †Fr. Slider Steuernal
17 Sunday
8:30am Missa pro Populo
10:30am Chuck McDonald
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions
18 Monday
8:30am †Duane Wade
19 Tuesday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
20 Wednesday
8:30am †Joan Gilbertz
21 Thursday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
22 Friday
8:30am †Dick Brenneke
23 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm †Sally Delegato
24 Sunday
8:30am †Joan Gilbertz
10:30am Missa pro Populo
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 8-9:30pm. We are meeting virtually via Googlemeet. If you are interested in joining us, email at Allison Williams at almurphy@gmail.com.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER - Are you anxious and worried about many things? Learn how to make Jesus a part of your marriage and take your worries away. Participate in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience on August 12-14 at Holy Redeemer Church or November 18-20 at Mt. Angel Abby. Apply online and search other dates at www.rediscoverthespark.org. For more information call 503-704-0836 or email at reservations@rediscoverthespark.org

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In this Sunday's Gospel, Jesus affirms that to be a disciple we must also sit at his feet and listen to him. St. Vincent de Paul taught that it is only in prayer that we can give selfless loving service to those who are poor. This week, please say a special prayer each day for the poor and forgotten in our parish.

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.

July suggested donation item: Hot or Cold Cereal

RESPECT FOR LIFE – On July 8, the President Biden signed an executive order on abortion access in response to the Supreme Court overturning Roe v. Wade. Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following response: "...we pledged ourselves to continue our service to God's great plan of love for the human person, and to work with our fellow citizens to fulfill America's promise to guarantee the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness for all people. It is deeply disturbing and tragic that President Biden is choosing instead to use his power to promote and facilitate abortion in our country, seeking every possible avenue to deny unborn children their most basic human and civil right, the right to life. Rather than using the power of the executive branch to increase support and care to mothers and babies, the president's executive order seeks only to facilitate the destruction of defenseless, voiceless human beings. I implore the president to abandon this path that leads to death and destruction and to choose life." ~ USCCB

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 18 weeks after conception: Baby is continuing to grow and develop, but the growth rate has leveled off. An ultrasound done at this point of pregnancy is helpful in confirming the baby's due date and examining the baby's anatomy. Parental bonds are strengthened with the visual picture of the baby. Baby's approximate due date; December 25, 2022.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____