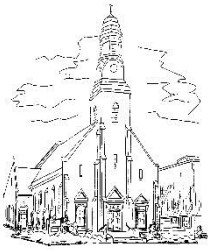


ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

July 31, 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,

Our Blessed Lord asks us to always pray and He has given us the perfect prayer with which to pray without fear to the Father - the Our Father!

But what if I don't pray often enough? What if I can't yet relate to God as my Father? What if praying seems awkward to me, for I hardly ever ask for things from anybody, much less from God? Well, there will be times when there is nothing you could do! And then you pray! And prayer is prayer! And prayer in a desperate hour is true prayer, because God is the One initiating it in the heart of the casual believer! Yes, God does listen to prayers by an occasional prayer too! A woman suddenly found herself in a terrible situation: her husband suddenly collapsed in urgent care: his body was overwhelmed by sepsis shock and he was at the point of death. It all happened within just a 24-hour period. The nature of septic shock is that it happens rather quickly: all of a sudden, the body, overwhelmed with the toxins from bacteria, can no longer maintain normal blood pressure, which may lead to organ failure and eventual death. But the family of victim is also in shock! And so, out of the blue, completely unexpected, this woman was confronted with the terrifying prospect of losing her beloved husband after 24 years and three children, with whom she had shared every decision, every concern, every anxiety. And now, he was just lying there with eyes closed as if ready for the other world! In an instant, she saw flashing before her eyes the agony and the sorrows of being left completely alone in this world. And so, she did the one thing that came to her at the moment: she prayed like she had never prayed before. She called upon her favorite saints, she said many Rosaries and chaplets, she begged God and made outlandish promises she had never made before – just so that her husband recover! And he did! After the ordeal was over, she told her priest, "Father, I was never a very devout catholic, and my prayer life was quite

minimal. And yet, in those desperate hours in the ICU with him being unconscious and teetering between life and death, I prayed like a child begging her father! And never once did I felt ashamed about coming to Him although I had not been the best of daughters to Him. I did not once feel I like a hypocrite because I was coming to Him when I actually needed something. I didn't have time to feel embarrassed, to explain my actions, to justify my asking Him for help! I was forced down on my knees because my husband might not make it, and I had no one else to go to! And so I prayed like I had never prayed before!

I knew God put those words of prayer in my heart with which I could beg Him. God wanted me to know He is my true Father. He wanted me to ask Him for help – especially now, when my husband at death's door and I was feeling so helpless! Now, I have begun to understand how He is Father to me. Now, I have begun to understand how there is only one thing necessary. Now, I have become certain of this truth: God is truly Life of my life. Because that Who God is, there is nothing that could stop from coming to Him! From the most trivial things to the most serious concerns, there is nothing I cannot share with my Father!"

Padre



**Don't forget to join us for
Coffee & Donuts!
Sunday's in the Parish Hall
beginning at 9:30am**

St. Agatha Catholic Church

July 31, 2022

18th 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

August 7, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 18:6-9

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:2-3, 8-19

Gospel Reading: Luke 12:32-48

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

July	3	\$ 4,915
	10	\$ 5,581
	17	\$ 2,209
	24	\$ 4,369

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

August 6	5pm	Doreen Modena
August 7	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

ALTAR CARE

Aug. 3 – Paulita Bos, Doreen Modena, Bev Trapp

August 17 – Jan Hainley & Jacque Steuernol

Aug. 31 – Jeanene Bernert, Gary & Cheryl McClain

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES

JULY

- 31 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church

AUGUST

- 1 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 2 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
- 3 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 4 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 5 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 6 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
- 7 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

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



The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference needs help picking up food during the day. If you are available and want to help, please contact Brant Blodgett at brantrb@yahoo.com or 503-880-1838. Requires lifting up to 20 lbs. and walking stairs to our pantry and a vehicle.

Save the Date!

St. Agatha School is hosting

The Snow Ball

December 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

July 30 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Missa pro Populo
31 Sunday
8:30am †Fred Rigutto
10:30am †Johann Brenneke
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions
Aug. 1 Monday
8:30am †Julia Galicia
2 Tuesday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
3 Wednesday
8:30am †Evans McLean
4 Thursday
8:30am Joe Bosco
5 Friday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
6 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Frances Sweistris
7 Sunday
8:30am Missa pro Populo
10:30am Lakshi Aldredge
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP for singles, ages 40-60. Our first meeting was a hit! Our next topic is "The Life of St. Bridget of Sweden" led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Join us on Friday, August 12, 7-8:30pm at St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Road, Portland. RSVP to CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.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 the Gospel, Jesus tells the parable about the rich man who selfishly stored all his grain and goods only to die and not enjoy his abundance anyway. What we struggle all our lives to learn is that life does not consist of possessions nor our perceived security, but of being possessed by God. 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 – The U.S. House of Representatives recently passed the Women's Health Protection Act, H.R. 8296. The vote was along party lines. This bill would impose abortion on demand nationwide at any stage of pregnancy and would eliminate all pro-life laws at every level of government. In response, Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore and Cardinal Timothy M. Dolan of New York issued the following statement: "The majority in the House of Representatives voted to pass the most unjust and extreme abortion on demand bill our nation has ever seen. Answering the needs of women by promoting taxpayer-funded elective abortion, as this bill would do, is a grave evil and a failure to love and serve women. Offering free or low-cost abortions, instead of increasing the resources women need to care for themselves and their children, is not 'choice' but coercion and callous abandonment. Simply repeating the mantra that abortion is healthcare doesn't make it so. Deliberately ending the lives of defenseless and voiceless human beings is the antithesis of healthcare....We exhort our nation to prioritize the well-being of women, children, and families with both material resources and personal accompaniment so that no woman ever feels forced to choose between her future and the life of her child."

~ USCCB

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: Baby now weighs 7 ounces. It is incredible to think that baby will increase its weight 15 times between now and delivery. Since week 6 the main divisions of the central nervous system have been established while increased development of the brain and spinal cord continues. 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: _____