

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

June 19, 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

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| 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

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| 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 | Suzy Parsons | Web Page: | www.stagathaportland.com |
| Music Director | Gale Baird | | |

School

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| Principal | Leslie Jones | 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 |

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| Friends of St. Agatha | Tom McClung | Web Page: | www.friendsofstagatha.org |
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My Dear Parishioners,

This Sunday is Corpus Christi, the Feast of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ. It is about what we receive from the Holy Mass - Holy Communion. And so I like to share this story of St. Padre Pio which I am taking from a book by Fr. Gabrielle Amorth, the chief Exorcist of Rome, who knew Padre Pio personally.

"Padre Pio put his entire self into every Mass he celebrated: his love for God Crucified, for the God who is Love, for the God who is Victim for sins, for the God who is Savior. The life of Padre Pio was a life of an uninterrupted meditation and imitation of the Passion of Christ, accompanied by many tears – tears over his horror for sins, tears for his love for Jesus, tears for souls in purgatory, for the Church and for the world. Our Lord personally handpicked Padre Pio to assist Him in the work of redemption: the struggles against Satan, the dark night of faith, culminating in the visible stigmata. So it should come as no surprise that when Padre Pio said Mass, it truly looked as if he was reliving the Passion of Christ. When he went up the altar, one painful step after another, it really seemed as if he was going up to Calvary. Everyone's eyes were fixed on that face and its evident contortions of suffering, although equally evident were Padre Pio's efforts to keep them from showing. Tears would often stream down his face, and he would wipe them with a handkerchief. Then there was the striking of breast at the mea culpa and at the Agnus Dei with blows so hard it was a mystery how he could do it with his wounded

hands; the prolonged kneeling that sometimes gave the impression that he could not get up; and the long pauses, with his eyes staring and shrouded with tears, when it seemed that he could not go on any more."

"People have called Padre Pio's Mass a supernatural spectacle. There was nothing theatrical about it. But why did people from all over the world come to such an uncomfortable place and at such an ungodly hour to attend that seemingly interminable Mass? And when it did come to an end, why would they want it to last even longer? There is no doubt that Padre Pio was reliving the Passion of Jesus. Many saints with stigmata relived the Passion during Holy weeks. But no one lived it at the Mass like Padre Pio."

"There was no special mystery in the Mass of Padre Pio; the true mystery, of which we understand so little, is the Mass itself! The Mass is a sacrifice. The Mass is the unbloody Sacrifice of the Cross. The Mass is the immolation of Jesus, who offers Himself to the Father as a victim for us and gives Himself to us as the food of eternal life. We try to express the truths of the Mass with words, but they are never adequate. The people at Padre Pio's Mass were really making an effort to understand the true meaning of the Mass. Many priests and lay people said that they came to understand the Mass better only after they had attended the Masses of Padre Pio."

"Asked to explain the holy Mass, Padre Pio replied, '*My children, how can I explain it to you? The Mass is infinite, like Jesus.*' And he added, '*The world could go on even without the sun, but it could not go on without the Mass.*' It has been known that people had come to his Masses out of curiosity, but they left crying like children. Men who did not believe, and during that sacrifice felt all their doubts disappear. So many people arrived at his Masses had been hardened against repentance, hardened against changing their ways, and during Mass suddenly felt moved in their souls to form the firm resolution to convert back to God. Many young men and women who, during the sacrifice, saw all of their uncertainties crumble and gave themselves entirely to God in the priestly or religious life."

"Every Mass was an agony for Padre Pio. But the graces came down like rain, and often they were extraordinary. There was no need for explanation: it was clear that this was truly a sacrifice, the sacrifice of Jesus, to which was united the sacrifice of the priest, with those present striving to take part in it also."

And so, on the Sunday of Corpus Christ, we thank God for the Mass. We thank God for St. Padre Pio who said, "*The world could go on even without the sun, but it could not go on without the Mass!*"

Fr. Luan

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Corpus Christi

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! Join us on 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

June 26, 2022

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:16b, 19-21

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 9:51-62

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

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| June | 5 | \$ 5,272 |
| | 12 | \$ 4,691 |

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

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| June 25 | 5pm | Ana Maria McClellan |
| June 26 | 8:30 | Geri Adams |
| | 10:30 | Pat Hainley |

ALTAR CARE

June 22 – Tim & Mary Eivers

July 6 – Helen Davalos, Kelly Petrin, Kurt Ziehlke

July 20 – Vicki Altenhofen & Patti King

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



PARISH ACTIVITIES

JUNE

- 19 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts begins at 9:30am – Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm- Church
- 20 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Karate, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 21 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 22 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
 Mom's Prayer Group, 8pm via Googlemeet
- 23 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 24 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 5pm – Hall Gym
- 25 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 10am – Church
 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 26 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 short-handed! 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

PRAYER GARDEN! Have you seen our new Prayer Garden? It's located behind the Parish Center! Stop by and see the wonderful creation from our volunteers!

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Singles, ages 40-60. Topic: Living the Faith While Single and Catholic. Talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Friday, July 22 at 7pm. Beverages and snacks provided. St. Birgitta Catholic Church 11820 NW St Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

June 18 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm J. M. Natar

19 Sunday
8:30am Deceased Members of the Class of 1963
10:30am Missa pro Populo
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

20 Monday
8:30am †Patricia Wade

21 Tuesday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions

22 Wednesday
8:30am †Mary Hedger

23 Thursday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions

24 Friday
8:30am Living & Deceased Altar Society Members

25 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Missa pro Populo

26 Sunday
8:30am †Mark & Alice Moothart
10:30am Cathy Howard
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 almurphyster@gmail.com.

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

CYO/CAMP HOWARD - Business Office Assistant position available at the CYO/Camp Howard Portland office. Full-time, Monday-Friday with flexibility. Experience with basic bookkeeping is a must. Abila MIP, ADP is a plus. Willingness to learn new software is an absolute. Contact Cathy Foy cathyf@cyocamphoward.org to apply

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – Today we celebrate the gift of the Body and Blood of Christ we hear Jesus ask his disciples, “Why do you not give them something to eat yourselves?” And he shows them how by the multiplication of the five loaves and two fishes. Today, as you donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul know that the multiplication of the loaves and fishes will happen again and the hungry will be fed.

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.

June suggested donation item: Financial help to assist with rising RENT and UTILITIES.

RESPECT FOR LIFE – Archbishop William Lori of Baltimore, the chair of the U.S. Catholic Bishop's pro-life committee has urged continued and intensified prayer and fasting that the Supreme Court will overturn Roe v. Wade. This follows the recent leak of a draft opinion of the U.S. Supreme Court case *Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization*, concerning Mississippi's abortion law. “The leak related to the U.S. Supreme Court case reminds us of the urgent need for prayer and action at this pivotal moment in our country. As Catholics, we care about every unborn child and every mother. Our Church has consistently witnessed in word and deed that life begins at the moment of conception.” He added that “we urge everyone to intensify their prayer and fasting that the final decision of the Court will bring about the reversal of Roe.”

~ Catholic News Agency, 05/04/22

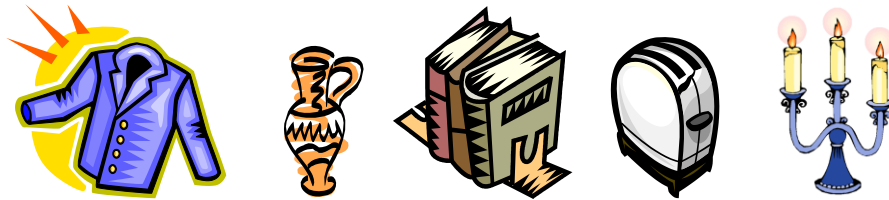
THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 12 weeks after conception. Fine hair begins to grow on the baby's upper lip, chin and brow making his face more attractive. His expressions may now closely resemble those of his parents. The baby now swallows and responds to skin stimulation. The baby has become much more active but mom may not feel anything yet. Baby's approximate due date; December 25, 2022.

St. Agatha Thrifty Cottage

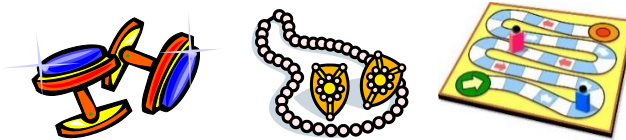
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Have you been to the Cottage lately? New items are stocked weekly!

We have clothes for the entire family, as well as, kitchen items, table linens, drinkware, and puzzles! How about a 5-piece place setting for 12 of Currier & Ives dishes plus all the extras? Stop in and see this 94 piece set!



We have some beautiful jewelry! And a book area that is full! Cookbooks galore! We also have a lot of children's books, puzzles 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 helpful hints as you begin cleaning and sorting donations! Would you go to a thrift store and purchase that item? If you're donating 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.

Monday through Saturday 10am-2pm
Closed Sunday and Wednesday
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