

# ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Portland, Oregon

May 2, 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 (No Mass on Wednesday)	8:30am	Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday Evening Vesper's	6pm	Sunday	8:30 / 10:30am
Reconciliation – Saturday	3:30-4:30pm	Sunday Latin Mass	12:30pm
		Holy Days	8:30am / 7pm

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My Dear Parishioners,

Recently, I was telling my friend how I wished time would slow down! I was feeling I was getting old much too quickly - way before my time! My friend, a wise priest, responded with a question to me, "Fr. Luan, is your mother still alive?" I replied, "Of course, you know she is alive! Why ask?" He then said something that touched me deeply, "As long as you still have a mother on this earth, as long as you can say 'I am going home to my mother!' as long you are still somebody's child, then you are still a child! You are still young!"

We all have a mother, the Mother of our Lord! She is our Mother and she is ever-young. And so, we are also ever young, for we are her kids! I came across this wonderful article about the month of Mary, the month of May, and I want to share it with you!

"God wills that all his gifts should come to us through Mary" (St. Bernard) It was in Rome, towards the end of the eighteenth century, one fine evening in May. A child of the poor gathered his companions around him and led them to a statue of Mary, before which a lamp was burning, as is the custom in that holy city. There, these fresh young voices sang the Litany of our Lady. The next day, the little group, followed by other children, again gathered at the feet of the Mother of God. Next came their mothers, to join the little assembly. Soon, other groups were formed, and the devotion rapidly became popular. Holy souls, troubled by the disorderly conduct which always increases and becomes graver at the return of the pleasant springtime, saw in these growing practices the hand of God, and they cooperated with the designs of Providence by approving and promoting this new devotion, as a public and solemn act of reparation. The Month of Mary was founded. "This is the month in which, in the churches and individual homes, the most affectionate and fervent homage of prayers and devotions from the hearts of Christians are raised to Mary. It is also the month in which from his throne descend upon us the most generous and abundant gifts of the Divine Mercy."

In our own times, we Catholics, wanting to be close to her always, offer her special presents in May: pilgrimages, visits to churches dedicated to her, little sacrifices in her honor, periods of study and well-finished work offered up to her, and a more attentive recitation of the rosary.

Fr. Luan

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## Fifth Sunday of Easter

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

Father Luan will be joining Archbishop Sample and his brother priests for a retreat next week. We will not have the **WEEKDAY MASS** at 8:30am on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday mornings (May 5-6-7-8).

**WEDNESDAY SCHOOL MASS** – Due to current COVID rules, only the school children and teachers will be able to attend at this time.

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 9, 2021

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles  
10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Second Reading: 1 John 4:7-10

Gospel Reading: John 15:9-17

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

April	4	\$ 6,414
	11	\$ 7,467
	18	\$ 4,097
	25	\$ 3,108

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

May 8	5pm	Doreen Modena
May 9	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	Pat Hainley

### ALTAR CARE

May 5 Paulita Bos & Elizabeth Meyer

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



**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. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – In the Gospel today, Jesus says “Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” Indeed, by helping the poor we can “bear much fruit” and we find that with Jesus we can do everything.

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.

May suggested donation item: Cereal (Hot or Cold)

Also - The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference needs help picking up food during daylight hours. If you are retired or free during the day and wanting to help make a difference please contact Brant Blodgett ([brantrb@yahoo.com](mailto:brantrb@yahoo.com) or 503-880-1838). Requires lifting up to 20 lbs. and walking stairs to our pantry.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE** – There's a new push in Congress to force Americans to pay for abortion. For nearly 50 years, the Hyde Amendment and other similar laws have protected taxpayers from funding elective abortion. Now, some in Congress want to take away these laws. Without the Hyde Amendment, billions of dollars in healthcare funding could go to abortion. The first responsibility of any government is to protect human life. Our country fails to fulfill this most basic role when it neglects to protect life and instead actively promotes its destruction. Pope St. John Paul II wrote that “the value of democracy stands or falls with the values which it embodies and promotes” (Evangelium vitae 70). As Catholics, we are called to follow Jesus' teachings in all aspects of our lives, including our participation in public and civic life. ~ USCCB

**ST. AGATHA SCHOOL!** Have you thought about sending your children to our School? We are open for in-person classes! Contact Leslie Jones at 503-234-5500 for more information!

On February 21, we held our Parish Commitment Weekend for the **2021 ARCHBISHOP'S CATHOLIC APPEAL**. Thank you to those who responded. If you have not yet completed your card, please prayerfully make your pledge. Every gift means so much! Please fill out a commitment card (there are cards available in the Vestibule and the Parish Office). Drop off your commitment card either in the Sunday collection basket or the Parish Office – we'll send it in for you!

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**May 1 Saturday**  
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
 5pm Elizabeth Adrian  
**2 Sunday**  
 8:30am Missa pro Populo  
 10:30am †Marcus Tulio Cardenas  
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions  
**3 Monday**  
 8:30am †Walter Brenneke  
**4 Tuesday**  
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**5 Wednesday (School Only)**  
 8:15am †Catherine Gladstone  
**6 Thursday**  
 8:30am †Casey Pachciarz  
**7 Friday**  
 8:30am †Evans McLean, Jr.  
**8 Saturday**  
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
 5pm John & Elizabeth Meyer  
**9 Sunday**  
 8:30am †Eugene Meucci, Sr.  
 10:30am Missa pro Populo  
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

**CAMP HOWARD IS HIRING!** Spend your summer in the outdoors! Learn leadership skills, build your resume and create lasting memories. Open positions include, nurses, lifeguards, counselors, unit directors, dishwashers and more. Visit [www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs](http://www.cyocamphoward.org/jobs) or contact Peggy English at [peggye@cyocamphoward.org](mailto:peggye@cyocamphoward.org)

**CYO IS HIRING!** Are you an adult or high school student who would like to be a part-time referee and earn extra spending money? CYO is now hiring for Spring Track & Field, Fall Volleyball, Cross Country, Hot Shots Basketball and Winter Basketball. Visit [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org) to apply by state deadlines. Questions? Contact Jamie Alfieri at [jamiea@cyocamphoward.org](mailto:jamiea@cyocamphoward.org)

**THRIFTY COTTAGE NEWS!** Have you stopped by the Cottage lately? We are stuffed full of everything you need for spring! Pretty pots for flowers, planting books, and bird feeders! We have clothes for the entire family! And lots of fun games and puzzles for those rainy days! We need your donations! Is it time to clean and purge those closets and cupboards? Remember the Cottage for those donations! We accept the following:

- Clothing for the entire family (no shoes)
- Books, Games and Toys
- Dishes and Silverware
- Small Appliances (i.e., coffee makes, mixer)
- Jewelry and Scarves
- Candle Sticks and Vases
- Picture Frames and Lamps
- Sports Equipment (tennis rackets, fishing rods)
- Serving Bowls and Platters
- Table Linens and Napkins
- Seasonal Decorations!



How about volunteering? We have a faithful group of people who work the Cottage monthly (2 and 4 hours a month) or as a substitute! We can use your help, too!

Our hours are Monday through Saturday 10am to 2pm. We are closed on Wednesday and Sunday! If you're a school parent, you receive Share Hours for your Cottage time!

Questions? Contact Karen at 503-236-4747 or [stagathapdx@gmail.com](mailto:stagathapdx@gmail.com)

**HELP A NEIGHBOR — DONATE YOUR VEHICLE TO ST. VINCENT DE PAUL!**



**Easy!**  
**Tax-Deductible!**  
**Free to You!**

**For more information:**  
**Call (503) 595-2286**  
 or  
**Email [cars@svdpportland.org](mailto:cars@svdpportland.org)**



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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Apt # \_\_\_\_\_  
 City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
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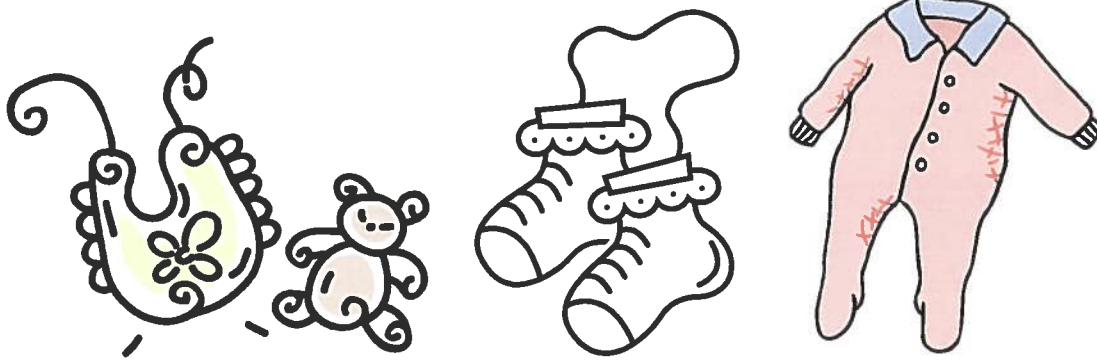
# Help Support

## MOTHER & CHILD EDUCATION CENTER

with a virtual Baby Shower hosted by  
**St. Agatha Altar Society**

Through your donation you're helping expectant mothers, single fathers, and families facing challenges such as lack of housing, poverty, fleeing domestic violence, refuge or immigration status and DHS involvement.

MCEC provides prenatal & parenting classes, supplies such as diapers, food, clothing, and access to additional resources through community partners.



If you would like to help support babies in need, checks may be made out to the Altar Society and mailed to the Parish Office. Also accepting cash in an envelope labeled to the Altar Society - Mother & Child Education Center (MCEC) dropped off at the Parish Office or placed in the collection basket at church.

Please drop them off by Monday May 10<sup>th</sup>.

We will send one (1) check to the Mother & Child Education Center.

**\*\*Gifts of new clothes, accessories, or toiletries are also accepted\*\***