

# St. Agatha Catholic Church

## Portland, Oregon

May 21, 2023



*The Ascension of the Lord*

**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 <sup>th</sup> 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,

I came across these illuminating words from a homily by a priest a long time ago, and I would like to share with you:

"Ascension reveals the mystery of the Man-God. We know from where Jesus comes because we see where He is going: He comes from the Father and now He is returning to Him. What is the implication for us: our life is not hanging in thin air: God is our beginning and so He must also be our end. Ascending to the sky, Christ takes us into His heart and puts us in the heart of the Father.

Christ is the One who, in His incarnation, has united heaven and earth. He has joined together extremes: the poverty of man with the infinite riches of God, the lowly earth and the exalted heaven, the material and the spiritual. Heaven is not a place far away and above and beyond the most distant stars; it is something far more greater, it is where man can find his place in God. Christ is the man who is in God. At the same time Christ is the perpetual openness of God toward mankind. With the Ascension, we now know our true destiny."

"He himself is, therefore, what we call 'heaven', because heaven is not a space, but a person, the person of the one in whom God and man are forever inseparably united. And we get closer to the heaven, indeed we enter into heaven, in the measure in which we draw near to Jesus and enter into Him." (*J. Ratzinger, Homily for Ascension 1975*)

Padre

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## The Ascension of the Lord

Our **ADORATION CHAPEL** is now open Monday through Friday 6:30am – 8pm. See attached flyer for more information.

Join us in the church on Tuesday evenings at 7pm for **WEEKLY DEVOTIONS** to our Mother of Perpetual Help!

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

May 28, 2023

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

Gospel Reading: John 20:19-23

### OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

May	7	\$ 9,844
	14	\$ 3,398

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

### LECTORS

May 27	5pm	Jennifer Trask
May 28	8:30	John Meyer
	10:30	Pat Hainley

### CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

May 24 – Karen & Molly Scrutton

June 7 – M. Parra, K. Petrin, E. Unrein

June 21 – Shannon Ellison & Madison Hansen

**LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN** 3 to 7 years of age, is offered during the 8:30 Sunday Mass. Children's Liturgy involves listening to simplified Gospel texts, singing hymns and practicing liturgical gestures as well as some dialogue. We meet the first 3 Sundays of each month allowing the children to remain with their families for the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. This is not "Sunday School" but an opportunity to "Come and Join the Circle ... Come and Share God's Word with Me" (*Bernadette Farrell's song*). The children will return to Mass after the Creed. Contact Rosemary Rettig with questions at [rj5rettig@gmail.com](mailto:rj5rettig@gmail.com).

## PARISH ACTIVITIES

### MAY

- 21 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church  
Children's Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Room  
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class, 11:30am – Parish Center  
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
- 22 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 23 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm – Hall Gym  
NP Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall  
Weekly Devotions, 7pm - Church
- 24 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym  
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center
- 25 Men's Bible Study, 6:30am – Parish Center  
Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 5pm – Hall Gym
- 26 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
Seiwakan Judo, 6pm – Hall Gym  
Taize Prayer Service, 8pm - Church
- 27 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today  
Seiwakan Judo, 10am – Hall Gym  
1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church  
Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 28 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church  
Children's Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Room  
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall  
1<sup>st</sup> Communion Class, 11:30am – Parish Center  
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

Help grow HOPE, EDUCATION, AND FAITH through a donation to the **Archbishop's Catholic Appeal**. More than 22 life-changing ministries answering the needs of our neighbors, friends, and family are supported through your generosity.

To make an immediate impact for your faith community, visit [www.jesuschangeseverything.church](http://www.jesuschangeseverything.church) or call 503-233-8336

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference continues 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.  
Donation Suggestion: Canned Fruit

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**May 20 Saturday** (*St. Bernardine of Siena*)  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
5pm †Inez Seley  
**21 Sunday – The Ascension of the Lord**  
8:30am †Shirlene Walters  
10:30am Missa pro Populo  
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions  
**22 Monday** (*St. Rita of Cascia*)  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**23 Tuesday**  
8:30am †Tammy, Don Jr. & Tim Bos  
**24 Wednesday**  
8:30am †Jeanne DiGiovanni  
**25 Thursday** (*Sts. Gregory, Mary Magdalene de 'Pazzi, Bede the Venerable*)  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**26 Friday** (*St. Philip Neri*)  
8:30am †Patty Wand  
**27 Saturday** (*St. Augustine of Canterbury*)  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
5pm Missa pro Populo  
**28 Sunday – Pentecost Sunday**  
8:30am †Jerry & Vi Bernardo  
10:30am †Charles Sirianni  
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

**FIRST FRIDAY MASS/HOLY HOUR** – Join us on Friday, June 2, we will have Mass at 3pm followed by the Diving Mercy Chaplet. There will be no morning Mass on the first Friday of the month.

**GROUNDS HELP!** We really need your help! Mowing, edging, blowing, and general clean up. Only 1-2 hours a month! If you're a school parent, you get share hours for grounds help! Contact Karen at 503-236-4747

**THRIFTY COTTAGE!** Stop in and see all the new items! Monday through Saturday 10am – 2pm; Closed Wednesday and Sunday! Want to volunteer? Not sure what to donate? Contact Karen at stagathapdx@gmail.com!

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP** – Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 8-9:30pm. Meeting locations vary. If you are interested in joining us, email at Allison Williams at almurphyster@gmail.com.

The **2023 SEVENS SISTERS Women's Mini-Conference** June 10 at Christ the King. Registration at 8am, followed by Mass, Adoration and speakers discussing distractions in prayer, intercessory prayer and the Blessed Virgin Mary. Cost is \$50 and includes a breakfast and lunch. Contact Jennifer at SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com or 304-972-4003 to register.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
Information and membership  
questions visit [www.kofc7388.org](http://www.kofc7388.org)



The Knight of Columbus would like to acknowledge and thank Brian Quinn for being our April Family of the month. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Matthew Wade for being our April Knight of the month.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE** – In early March 2023, the Oregon Health Authority released its 25th annual report on assisted suicide within the state. The report revealed that physician-assisted suicide prescriptions increased for the 23<sup>rd</sup> time in its 25-year history. In 2022, 431 people received lethal prescriptions. In total, 278 people died from ingesting the lethal medication. Since the law was passed in 1997, doctors have written 3,712 lethal prescriptions and 2,454 people have died from ingesting the medications. Of the 278 Oregonians who died by physician-assisted suicide in 2022, only three were referred for psychiatric evaluation. With Oregon consistently ranking as one of the worst states for mental health, greater consideration should be had for the mental state of people seeking physician-assisted suicide. A society that legalizes physician-assisted suicide subtly signals that some people's lives are not worth living. It creates intrinsic pressures for people to end their own lives when they begin to feel guilt for their very existence. The data bears that truth out. Euthanasia victims overwhelmingly cite issues of guilt and shame for their choice. As the pro-life movement seeks to end euthanasia, we must also address the culture of death by valuing life in every stage — including the final ones. ~[www.ortl.org](http://www.ortl.org)

**QUO VADIS DAYS** - June 26-29 Registration is now open for Quo Vadis Days 2023! All high school-aged young men are invited! Quo Vadis Days is a 4-day camp for young Catholic men, ages 13-18, to learn more about the priesthood, deepen their faith, and better discern God's call in their lives. Cost is \$150. Contact the Office of Vocations for more information and to register: 503-233-8368 or e-mail us at [vocations@archdpdx.org](mailto:vocations@archdpdx.org) This year, we will be at Fr. Bernard Youth Center in Mt. Angel

**CALLING ALL CAMPERS...** don't miss out on our epic 70<sup>th</sup> summer at Camp Howard! Parents: you can save \$500 on your camper's fees by volunteering a week at camp as a cabin counselor or in the kitchen. Also, we're hiring summer staff!

Do you know a teen (15 years+) or young adult looking for a meaningful summer job? We offer competitive pay, valuable training, and a summer bonus program. Visit us at [www.cyocamphoward.org](http://www.cyocamphoward.org) to learn more about joining us this summer at Camp Howard!

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1430 SE Nehalem



## Monday through Friday

### 6:30am – 8pm

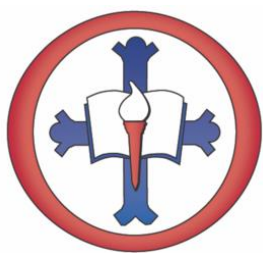
Looking for a quiet moment? Come visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and experience His real presence. Don't worry about what you will do for a whole hour. Just sit and be with Jesus. If you can't spend an hour, just drop by.

#### VACANT HOURS

Tuesday	1-2pm; 3-4pm, 4-5pm; 6-7pm; 7-8pm
Wednesday	Noon-1pm; 1-1:30pm; 4-5pm
Thursday	4-5pm; 5-6pm
Friday	2-3pm; 3-4pm; 4-5pm; 6-7pm

Questions or sign up information?

Paulita Bos at 503-238-6686 / Emma Bosco at 503-238-0072



**ST. AGATHA**  
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**Catholic School**

### **Our Virtues Program**

One of the programs that we began this year at the school is the Virtues Program. We are using materials from Openlight Media (<https://openlightmedia.com/education-in-virtue/>).

Last August, our teachers selected one virtue for each month throughout the school year that we would focus on together. Teachers incorporate lessons about the virtue throughout the month and then choose one or two students who have modeled that virtue consistently. We have a Virtue Awards Assembly each month to recognize these students.

The virtues we have focused on this year are:

- September- Respect
- October- Kindness
- November- Gratitude
- December- Generosity
- January- Prayerfulness
- February- Justice
- March- Self-control
- April- Patience

Our virtue for May is humility and our virtue for June will be perseverance. I always open up each monthly assembly by reminding the students that virtue is the habit of doing good. The program is divided into three components:

- Learn It- Learn the language of virtue
- Live It- Live joyfully as a disciple of Christ
- Witness- Witness to conversion and happiness

We are enjoying this program and by teaching the language of virtue, we are honoring our mission to be a faith-filled learning community committed to the academic and spiritual development of each child, fostering students who will be dedicated to a lifetime of learning, faith, and service.