

# St. Agatha Catholic Church

## Portland, Oregon

May 28, 2023



**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
First Friday Mass/Devotions	3pm	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

<b>Friends of St. Agatha</b>	Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org
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My Dear Parishioners,

*A modern day parable:*

Many years ago, at a village on the Northeastern Coast of England, a tragedy was prevented because a Christian, a priest, lived out his mission at the right time and in the right place. It was 4am on that summer day in that little village, Father John was out for an early morning run in his clerical outfit. When he was approaching the boardwalk, he spotted a young teenage girl leaning over the railings and was sobbing. He asked her if he could help. And quite unexpectedly, she turned to him and proceeded to tell him what she was contemplating! "You know, I have been here an hour and I could not decide whether I should just end it all right here, right now. Finally, a voice in my head was telling me, 'What's the hurry? Give it 10 more minutes and should no one come along to talk with you, then by all means jump in!'" It was at the precise moment that the priest saw her on the boardwalk and came over to her. It was as if the girl had wanted to wait for someone to come along and stop her. In front of a complete stranger in a funny outfit, quite unexpectedly, she felt completely uninhibited, and she poured out her heart to this man in black. She was debating whether her life was worth living anymore. Her best friend had just died of a drug overdose. And she blamed herself for it. Two nights before, they both went to a party, and she gave her friend some ecstasy with her drinks. Within half an hour, her friend was dead. Nobody knew she was responsible for it, but she knew, and that night in her room, she became hysterical thinking she had killed her friend.

The next two days were pure hell for her. Having been raised by godless parents, she never heard of the gospel. She had no concept of God. She did not know to whom to turn, because in her heart of hearts she knew she alone bore the responsibility for the death of her best friend. She thought her crime was unpardonable. She could not forgive herself, and she did not know to whom she would go for this forgiveness. Despairing, she thought she could not go on living with this blood guilt on her conscience. There was no way out, except the only way she knew, and that how she ended up at the town boardwalk near the water edge at 3 o'clock in the morning. While she was still debating within herself, this priest came along, and he began to pry her heart open with his kindness. It's funny how people in desperate situations would pour their hearts out to a complete stranger at a bar, or in some unlikely places. That morning, the priest by the grace of God happened upon her, and in a few words, he told her about the mercy of God. As if she had been waiting for this moment all her life, the words spoken by the priest touched her soul in a completely unforeseen way. She never unexpected that this encounter would happen this way. She changed her mind and went home to tell her parents what had transpired.

Padre

# Coffee & Donuts!

Sunday's in the Parish Hall beginning at 9:30am



# Grounds Help!

We are in desperate need for your time, talent and treasure!

## **Time**

We have two large laurel hedges that need trimming! Need share hours? Can you spare an hour or two on Saturday, June 17?

## **Talent**

How about a little mowing and edging and general clean up to make our campus beautiful?

## **Treasure**

We need to purchase 4 yards of mulch for our campus, plus we need white vinegar for keeping our beds weed free!

Any and all help would be appreciated!  
Contact Andy for additional information 503-953-5336

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**  
**May 28, 2023**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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**

June 4, 2023

First Reading: Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:11-13

Gospel Reading: John 3:16-18

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

May	7	\$	9,844
	14	\$	3,398
	21	\$	3,730

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**

June 3	5pm	Doreen Modena
June 4	8:30	John Snyder
	10:30	David Kingsella

**CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE**

June 7 – M. Parra, K. Petrin, E. Unrein  
 June 21 – Shannon Ellison & Madison Hansen

**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 Pat & Jan Hainley for being our April Family of the month. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Bart Spencer for being our May Knight of the month.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**MAY**

- 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
- 29 Weekday Mass, 8:30am - Church  
 Parish Office is Closed today  
 Thrifty Cottage is Closed today  
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 30 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
 Thrifty Cottage is Closed today  
 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Mass Practice, 1:30pm – Church  
 Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm – Hall Gym  
 NP Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall  
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 31 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church  
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym  
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center

**JUNE**

- 1 Men’s Weekly Bible Study, 6:30am – Parish Ctr  
 Thrifty Cottage is Closed today  
 Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 5pm – Hall Gym
- 2 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
 Divine Mercy Mass/Devotions, 3pm – Church  
 Seiwakan Judo, 6pm – Hall Gym
- 3 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
- 4 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church  
 Children’s Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Room  
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall  
 Altar Society Meeting, 9:30am- St. Francis Room  
 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 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

**29 Monday** (*Blessed Virgin Mary*)  
8:30am Madelaine Eivers

**30 Tuesday**  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions

**31 Wednesday** (*Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)  
8:30am Riley Coen

**June 1 Thursday** (*St. Justin*)  
8:30am †Patrick Gilroy

**2 Friday** (*Sts. Marcellinus & Peter*)  
3pm †Evans McLean, Jr.

**3 Saturday** (*St. Charles Lwanga & Companions*)  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
5pm Mark Eivers

**4 Sunday – The Most Holy Trinity**  
8:30am Missa pro Populo  
10:30am Living/Deceased Altar Society Members  
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.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:SevenSistersPortland@gmail.com) or 304-972-4003 to register.

**RESPECT FOR LIFE** – The Mother and Child Education Center, located at 1515 NE 41st Ave. Portland, offers help to expectant mothers and those raising young children. They also offer classes to the community at no cost. Classes include; childbirth, caring for baby and childcare provider training. Classes are opened to all and are offered virtually. They also have a library with many books available about pregnancy and parenting. For more information go to [www.atmomchildpdx.org](http://www.atmomchildpdx.org) or call 503-249-5801.

**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!

**MT. ANGEL ABBEY BACH FESTIVAL** – A Fantasy, a Schubertiade & Charlie Chaplin! We have a terrific and varied program for you this summer. Wednesday, July 26, please welcome the return of the Cavatina Duo. "Eugenia Moliner is an excellent, exciting and imaginative flute player, totally in control of the sometimes ferocious technical demands of the scores and Denis Azabagic plays with both great virtuosity and sensitivity." Thursday, July 27, a Schubertiade, intimate gatherings in music lovers' homes for piano and lieder. Mezzo-soprano Solmaaz Adeli joins me and clarinetist Igor Shakhman. We close the festival on Friday, July 28 with Charlie Chaplin! Celebrated violinist Philippe Quint presents a full program of video and live music. We invite you to join us this summer for three nights of inspiring classical music.

# ADORATION CHAPEL

St. Agatha Catholic Church

1430 SE Nehalem



## Monday through Friday

### 6:30am – 8pm

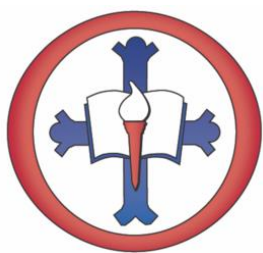
Looking for a quiet moment? Come visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and experience His real presence. Don't worry about what you will do for a whole hour. Just sit and be with Jesus. If you can't spend an hour, just drop by.

#### 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

We are enrolling for the 2023-2024 school year  
Be a part of a faith-filled community rooted in the Catholic faith!

### MISSION

St. Agatha Catholic School is 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.

### PHILOSOPHY

St. Agatha Catholic School is rooted in the traditions and teachings of the Catholic Church. In partnership with the parish we acknowledge the role of the whole community, family, and school in ensuring that each student reaches his or her full potential as a child of God. We recognize parents as the primary educators of their children. We value our educators who create an enthusiastic learning environment to develop the mind, body, and spirit of each child. Our program is directed toward the mastery of academic skills, while allowing students the opportunity to develop a range of individual talents and abilities contributing to the greater community. We encourage and expect our students to work toward their academic potential, to serve others, and to grow in their faith.

If you would like additional information, please contact our school office at (503) 234-5500 or email [office@stagatha.us](mailto:office@stagatha.us).