

**ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH
PORTLAND, OREGON**



St. Agatha's Annual

Christmas Bazaar in the Parish Hall

Saturday, November 5

Sunday, November 6

9am – 4pm

9am – 1pm

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
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Friends of St. Agatha

Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org
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My Dear Parishioners,

The Gospel last Sunday was about the conversion of Zachaeus. Msgr. Giussani called him the Mafia Boss of Jericho!

He was the head tax collector; and in that capacity, he was the mafia boss of Jericho and the surrounding area. He was the archenemy of the people. One day this mafia boss heard that Jesus was in town, because everybody talked about it in those areas. He didn't dare to go through the crowd to catch a glimpse of Jesus – he was afraid people would trample him to death. So, He ran ahead of the crowd and climbed a sycamore and hid in its branches, a tree that is not very tall, so he could see Him pass. Why did this notorious sinner do this? Perhaps it was out of curiosity. Perhaps it was out of desperation. Something was killing him inside. The crowd was coming closer, Jesus was talking and gesturing and passing along with the people. Suddenly He was there under the sycamore tree where the scoundrel was hiding. He stopped, looked up and called out, 'Zacchaeus, come down; I'm coming to your house.' And Zacchaeus almost fell out of the tree! Now, shocked beyond description, he quietly slid down from the tree and ran quickly for home. He had no time to lose! Christ was coming to his home!

Let's think about everything that just happened! Would this story have unfolded this way if Zachaeus was perfectly happy, perfectly content? Of course not! This filthy rich mafia boss of Jericho had always been living high on the hog, but inside, he had been dying a slow death. Everything had started long before all of this. Being short, he would have been the last one in line for everything. He would have been shoved and pushed around. He would have been made fun of, looked down upon. Then one day he decided to take vengeance on the world. He decided to be a tax collector. By extorting and robbing people in broad daylight, not only would he become rich, but he could also get even with other people. By Roman law, a tax collector could set his own rates and keep for himself whatever he could demand from the people over the minimums. No one was hated more in Israel than a tax collector. And that was how his life had been unravelling. Perhaps, every morning, upon getting up, he could not even bear to look at himself in the mirror. He could not say "I" without deep shame and profound sadness. To say "I" is to be able to love oneself. And to be able to love oneself, one has to be loved first by somebody else! And no one loved him! In fact, the people probably wanted him dead! The "I" was cursed, and his name was used as a curse. Sitting on top of a pile of fortunes, Zachaeus felt completely lost.

And then one day he heard that that Man was coming to town, and he decided to take a chance! What happened next was beyond what he had hoped: that Man came along and called out to him, "Zachaeus!" "Zachaeus!" He was thunderstruck with that one word! Then, in silence, his ears and his heart began to be filled up with that word - his name! Thoughts were swirling in his little head: "He called my name!" Yes, Christ said his name out loud in front of the crowd, "Zachaeus!" The name that was used as a curse, because it was the name of a horrible traitor who should have not been born. But now, today, at this very moment, this famous rabbi was calling for him, was saying his name – full of affection and kindness! "Zachaeus!" "Zachaeus, you are nothing but a curse on your people in their eyes. All your ill-gotten gains have caused you such pain! You had nowhere to go. But today, you climbed up this sycamore tree in order to see me. And so I have called you down and I want you to hear it from me: it is good that you exist!" We can well imagine how that call echoed in his head even as he was climbing down from the tree, when he was running home, when he was preparing that meal for Him.

We are all Zachaeus! But Christ still calls our names and wants friendship with us! Perhaps we can say yes more enthusiastically by returning to Confession this Advent season!

Padre

Be sure to join us!

Coffee & Donuts!

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

ANNUAL ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH AND SCHOOL

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Saturday, November 5 9am - 4pm
Sunday, November 6 9am - 1pm

Handmade arts, crafts, and inspiration!
Enjoy food from Lisa's Kitchen while
shopping for the holidays.

St. Agatha Parish Hall 7959 SE 15th St. Sellwood

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Don't forget to stop by the THRIFTY COTTAGE! We're all set up with Christmas Treasures! We're open the same hours as the Christmas Bazaar this weekend!

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

St. Agatha Catholic Church
November 6, 2022
32nd Sunday in Ordinary time

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

GROUNDS HELP! We really need your help! Mowing, edging, blowing, and general cleanup for Fall! 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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 13, 2022

First Reading: Malachi 3:19-20a

Second Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3:7-12

Gospel Reading: Luke 21:5-19

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

October	2	\$ 3,320
	9	\$ 6,429
	16	\$ 2,843
	23	\$ 2,624
	30	\$ 2,923

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

November 12	5pm	Doreen Modena
November 13	8:30	Geri Adams
	10:30	Pat Hainley

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 9 – Vickie Altenhofen & Patti King
 Nov. 23 – Jan Hainley & Jacque Steuernol
 Dec. 7 – Gary, Cheryl & Chris McClain

PARISH ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

- 6 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Christmas Bazaar opens at 9am – Parish Hall
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 9am
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
- 7 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 8 Weekday Mass, 8:30am- Church
 Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
 3rd Grade Mass Rehearsal, 9:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 9 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 10 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 PIPs Meeting, 5:30pm – Parish Hall
- 11 PARISH OFFICE CLOSED
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 12 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo Tournament, All Day – Hall
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 13 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Children's Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Room
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

1ST COMMUNION CLASS signups have begun! Contact Karen at stagathapdx@gmail.com for your registration! Classes beginning in January (dates to be determined).

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – Join us on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month at 7pm. Meeting locations vary, if you're interested in joining us, email at Alli Williams at almurphyhyster@gmail.com.

Save the Date!
St. Agatha School is hosting
The Snow Ball
December 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 5	Saturday (St. Dominus & St. Theothimus)
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	†Casey Pachciarz
6	Sunday (St. Leonard)
8:30am	Living/Deceased Altar Society Members
10:30am	Missa pro Populo
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions
7	Monday (St. Prosdocius)
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
8	Tuesday (St. Adeodatus I)
8:30am	†Barbara Wiest
9	Wednesday (Sts. Mary and Neone)
8:30am	†Anna Marie Schick
10	Thursday (St. Leo the Great)
8:30am	Blake McBroom
11	Friday (St. Martin, Bishop of Tours.)
8:30am	†Evans McLean
12	Saturday (St. Josaphat Kuncewicz)
8:30am	Pastor's Intentions
5pm	Missa pro Populo
13	Sunday (St. Nicholas I.)
8:30am	†Mel Brooks
10:30am	†Don Zavada
12:30pm	Pastor's Intentions

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST'S 30TH ANNUAL Santa's Treasures Holiday Bazaar. November 12 & 13 (10955 SE 25th Avenue, Milwaukie). Arts, crafts, jewelry, soap, candles, homemade jams and salsa! Raffle and food sponsored by YLI



How about volunteering? We have a faithful group of people who work **THE THRIFTY COTTAGE** monthly (2 and 4 hours a month) or as a substitute! Want to join us?

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 stagathapdx@gmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS NEWS

November 12 & 13 will be **"Sign Up Weekend!"** Knights will be available after Mass to discuss upcoming projects and events and to help you with signing up!



RESPECT FOR LIFE – Last week, President Biden stated that his top legislative priority after the midterm elections will be codifying a national right to abortion. Archbishop William E. Lori, chairman of the USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities, issued the following response emphasizing the teaching of the Catholic Church on upholding the dignity of human life: "The President is gravely wrong to continue to seek every possible avenue to facilitate abortion, instead of using his power to increase support and care to mothers in challenging situations. This single-minded extremism must end, and we implore President Biden to recognize the humanity in preborn children and the genuine life-giving care needed by women in this country. As pastors who deal daily with the tragic impacts of abortion, we know that abortion is a violent act which ends the life of preborn children and wounds untold numbers of women." ~ USCCB

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 33 weeks after conception. Mother gains more weight as baby continues to grow and develop. Mother may be gaining weight faster than at any other point during pregnancy. However, mother is not putting on most of this weight - baby is! Baby is going through a period of increased growth and may be gaining as much as 8 ounces or more every week. Baby's approximate due date: December 25, 2022.

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL has a part time position available in our afternoon extended care program. A teaching license is not required, but experience around children is preferred. Duties include serving snack, supervising playtime and helping with homework. Schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 3-6pm and Wednesday 2-6pm. Must be able to meet requirements of Oregon Early Learning Division employment and will need to get a food handlers license. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Trista Casey, St. Agatha Principal, at 503-234-5500 or email trista.casey@stagatha.us.

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.



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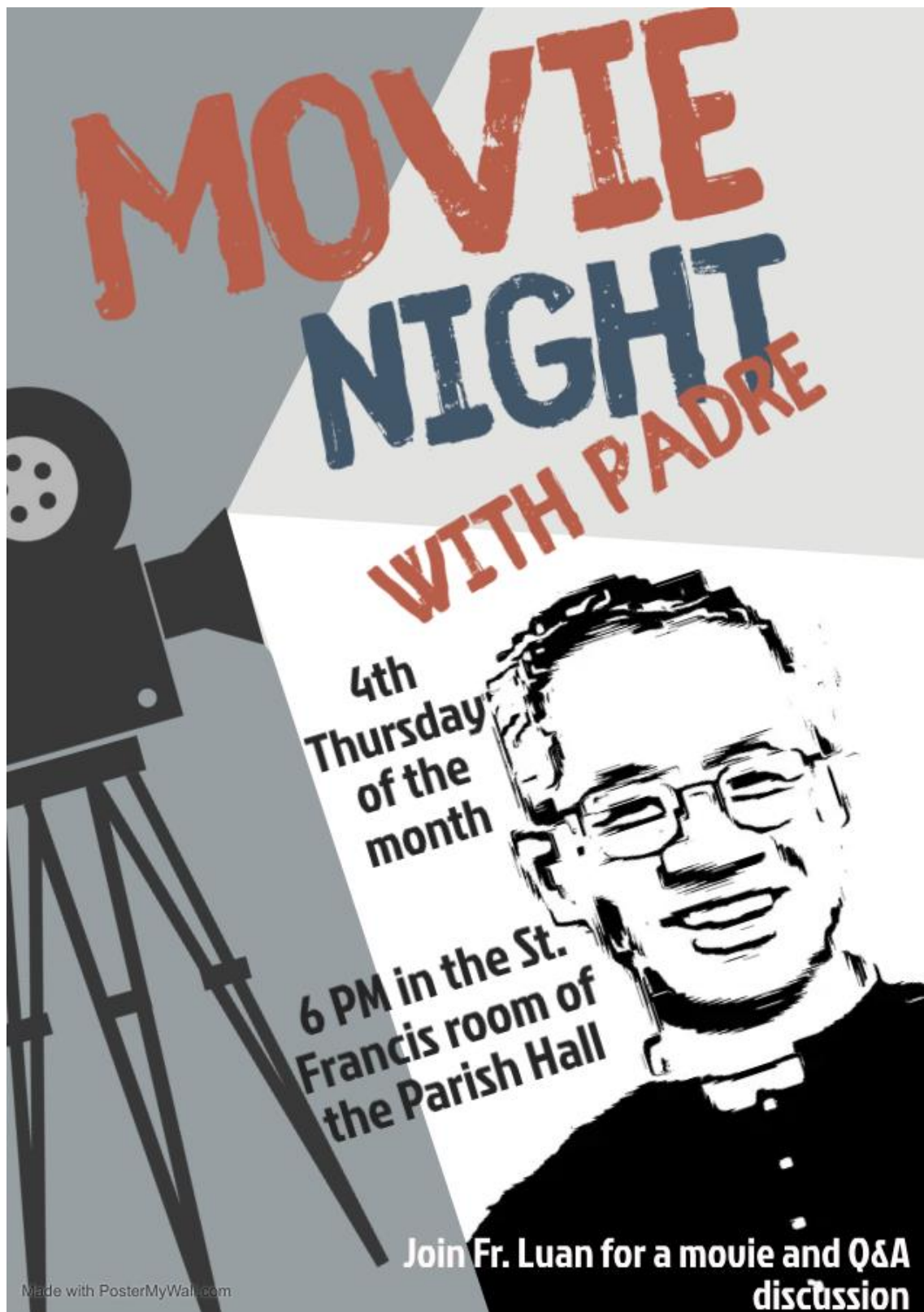
Meet our Preschool 1 Teacher

Jody Gray-Chrisan is the Preschool 1 Teacher at St. Agatha. This is her 11th year in education and her 4th year at St. Agatha.

Jody's favorite thing about St. Agatha is the tight-knit community with the families and staff and everyone working together. She likes Catholic education because of the emphasis it places on service to others and the education of each child.

Each week in Preschool 1, they work on the letter of the week. Each letter goes into an alphabet book that is put together throughout the year. Our preschool students also enjoy doing art, science, and sensory projects in the classroom.

Jody's favorite Scripture verse comes from the Gospel of Luke: "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." Luke 6:31



Thursday, November 17 @ 6pm
St. Francis Meeting Room

“The Pianist” 2002 film by the director Roman Polanski
Based on the Holocaust memoir of Polish-Jewish
pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman

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

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