

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

November 13, 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

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
		Web Page:	www.stagathaschoolpdx.us

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

Last Sunday's first reading presents one of the most powerfully gripping stories in the Bible. The pagan rulers of ancient Israel attempted to force the Jewish people to violate their dietary laws. They really wanted the Jews to abandon their faith in God, who had commanded them not to eat certain foods. Why did God do that? Many of the foods that God prohibited were food sacred to the pagan idols in Egypt. By avoiding these foods, they renounced the pagan practices they had acquired in Egypt and truly lived their faith in the true God. The young men, together with their mother, all affirmed that they were prepared to die rather than offend God. Their relationship with God was so real and so significant that they preferred the Lord over earthly life itself.

It is now clear that our relationship with God will cost us. And the more God matters to me, the more He is real to me, the stronger my friendship with Him, the more I must have my eyes fixed on Him, the more I must be willing to bear witness to Him. Martyrs are literally witnesses. What's the good of calling myself Christian if I am afraid to give witness to Christ? Christians are not Christians unless we are willing and ready to witness to the world that God is real, that God is good, and that God is worth it.

But many Catholics today readily admit they are not comfortable sharing their faith. In my estimation, we can and must be witnesses of God once we ourselves had tasted the goodness, the kindness, and the fidelity of God to us in our own lives. We cannot not give witness! So now, do me this favor of asking yourselves: Have I ever experienced His kindness and goodness and mercy? Of course, the answer is Yes! And now the Church is asking us not to hesitate so that others might come to know Him too! Young or old, smart or dumb, educated or illiterate: according to the measures we have been given, we glorify God with our lives and we proclaim His goodness with our lips!

Padre

Be sure to join us!

Coffee & Donuts!

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

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

St. Agatha Catholic Church

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33rd 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 20, 2022

First Reading: 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Second Reading: Colossians 1:12-20

Gospel Reading: Luke 23:35-43

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

November 1 & 6 \$ 4,820

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 19	5pm	Jennifer Trask
November 20	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	David Kingsella

CHURCH CLEANING SCHEDULE

Nov. 23 – Jan Hainley & Jacque Steuernol
Dec. 7 – Gary, Cheryl & Chris McClain
Dec. 21 – Karen & Molly Scrutton, Shannon Ellison

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.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

- 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
- 14 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 15 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm - Hall Gym
Friends of St. Agatha Mtg, 3:30pm – PCtr
Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 7pm – PCtr
Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 16 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am- Church
School Elective Classes, 2pm – Parish Hall
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 17 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
Padre Movie Night, 6pm – St. Francis Room
- 18 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 19 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
- 20 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Children's Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Rm
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
PIPs Wreath Sale set up, Noon – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

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!



Save the Date!

St. Agatha School is hosting

The Snow Ball

December 9, 2022

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Nov. 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
- 14 Monday** (St. Serapion of Algiers)
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
- 15 Tuesday** (St. Albert the Great)
8:30am In Thanksgiving
- 16 Wednesday** (St. Margaret of Scotland)
8:30am Pastor's Intention
- 17 Thursday** (St. Elizabeth of Hungary)
8:30am †Danny Daniel
- 18 Friday** (St. Rose-Philippine Duchesne)
8:30am †Johanna & Leo Willenbacher
- 19 Saturday** (St. Matilda)
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm †Don Cook
- 20 Sunday – Christ the King Sunday**
8:30am Missa pro Populo
10:30am Fr. Luan Tran
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

NOVEMBER 24 AT 10AM

BRING A NON-PERISHABLE FOOD OR CASH
DONATION FOR ST. VINCENT DE PAUL



Have you ever wanted to help at the Cottage? We have a faithful group of people who volunteer **THE THRIFTY COTTAGE** monthly (2 or 4

hours a month) 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

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

RESPECT FOR LIFE – In recent years pro-abortion groups have radically altered their messaging strategy, abandoning the slogan of “choice” to claim instead that abortion is simply essential health care for women. References to abortion or abortion “services” have been replaced in pro-abortion literature by the euphemism “abortion care.” By claiming an objective basis in medicine, abortion supporters seek to marginalize health care providers and others who disagree with them, dismissing these Americans as not living up to “the standard of care.” But this claim is contrary to the facts. Abortion is a marginal practice, neither performed nor accepted by most health care providers; it does not improve (and can even jeopardize) women’s life and health. ~ USCCB

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 8 months after conception - The baby’s skin becomes smooth and pink. He weighs almost 5 pounds, measures 19 inches in length and is getting cramped. “Lightening” now begins - it’s the period when the baby’s head enters the birth canal. False labor is now possible. This occurs more often in women who have been pregnant before. It usually stops as quickly as it begins, and baby is never in danger. Baby’s approximate due date is 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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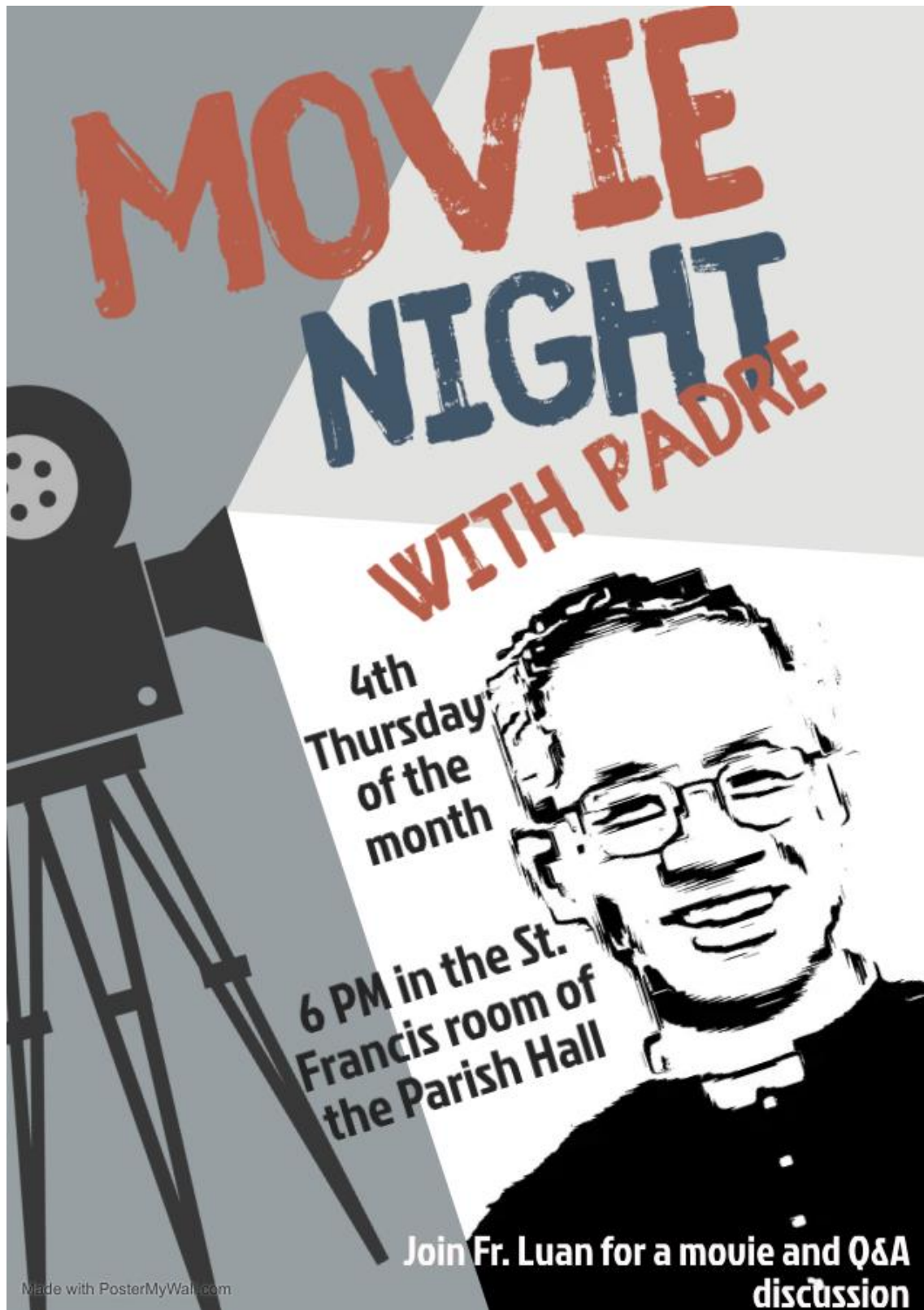
Meet our Preschool 2 Teacher

Jen Elle has been in education for 15 years and she has been at St. Agatha for 15 years.

Jen likes the wonderful staff at St. Agatha. She feels we are lucky to have so many wonderful teachers who truly care for each other and our students. Catholic education helps to create a faith filled community for our students and the many service opportunities available helps to shape them into kind and compassionate human beings.

Preschool 2 is currently preparing for their Harvest Gathering. The children are working hard on learning the songs we will be singing for their parents and grandfriends. The children continue to work on their scissor skills and letter recognition.

One of Jen's favorite prayers is the Serenity Prayer: God, Grant me the serenity to accept the things I cannot change, the courage to change the things I can and wisdom to know the difference.



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



- November 17 Movie Night with Padre, 6pm in the St. Francis Room
- November 24/25 Parish Office will be closed
- November 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10am
- November 28 PIPs Annual Wreath Sale pick up, Parish Hall
- December 9 “The Snow Ball” hosted by St. Agatha School
- December 14 St. Agatha Preschool Christmas Program
- December 15 Christmas Choral Concert (more information to come)

Did you know? We have **Men’s Weekly Bible Study** breakfast on Thursdays at 6:45am at the Parish Center? Our **St. Vincent de Paul Society** helps those people in need with emergency food boxes right here in our community – they can use your help! How about our **Thrifty Cottage**? It’s been in business for over 37 years! Stop in to find a treasure (Monday – Saturday 10am-2pm; closed Wednesday & Sunday).

Check out the Weekly Bulletin for more information!

If you have questions, please call Karen
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