

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

November 20, 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,

Four years ago, a powerful documentary from The Atlantic titled "Being 97" went viral on the internet. It generated at least 32 thousand comments. It introduced an elderly man named Herbert Fingarette, a 97-year-old philosopher nearing the end of his life. Fingarette taught philosophy at the University of California at Santa Barbara for forty years, and wrote many books on Chinese philosophy, responsibility, and criminality and alcoholism. And he wrote his last book at 77 and it was titled "Death: Philosophical Soundings". Now actually dying himself, twenty years later, he reflects on that work: "What I said was, in a nutshell, is there's no reason to be afraid or concerned or anything about death because when you die, there's nothing. You're not going to suffer. You're not going to be unhappy....You are not going to be. So it's not rational to be afraid of death. I now think that is not a good statement....It is something that haunts me, the idea of dying soon. I often walk around the house and I ask myself, often out loud, "What is the point of it all?"

Fingarette had already experienced the sting of death—he brings up the difficulty of losing his wife and the loneliness of having lost here. And now, when death was coming for him, it was no longer a philosophical problem to be solved, but a mystery to be lived out. He felt the great fear of that future and it shall hold for him. And yet, there was also a great amazement at the

present: "Death. It's a frightening thought....What does it means that I'm going to leave? As I sit out now on my deck of the house. I look at the trees blowing a little in the breeze. And I've seen them innumerable times. But somehow seeing the trees this time is a transcendent experience. I see how marvelous it is, and I think to myself: I've had these here all along. But have I really appreciated them? And the fact is that I have not, until now. And in a way, it makes the fact of death even more difficult to accept. It just brings tears to my eyes."

The one thing that keeps coming back to me after I watched that film is the poignant question the professor kept repeating to himself while he was pushing his walker round and round the empty house: "What is the point of it all?" Fingarette was never a believer in God, I don't think. But the question he asked is the question I asked myself, "What is the point of it all?" By the grace of God, I now know: to know God, to love Him and to serve Him in this life so as to be with Him in the next! It is heart-breaking when the question is not asked. Professor Fingarette did ask the question, but he was a day late and a dollar short.

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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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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 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

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

November 27, 2022 – *First Sunday in Advent*

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Reading: Matthew 24:37-44

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

November	1 & 6	\$ 4,820
	13	\$ 4,919

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 26	5pm	Pat Dieringer
November 27	8:30	John Snyder
	10:30	Ana Maria McClellan

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 almurphyter@gmail.com.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

NOVEMBER

- 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
- 21 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 22 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Seiwakan Judo, 2pm & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 23 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church
Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 24 Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10am – Church
Parish Office Closed
- 25 Parish Office Closed - No Weekday Mass
- 26 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
Seiwakan Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 27 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Children's Liturgy, 8:30am – St. Francis Rm
Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

THANKSGIVING DAY MASS

NOVEMBER 24 AT 10AM

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

St. Agatha School is hosting

The Snow Ball

December 9, 2022

More information to come!

Save the Date!

Communion & Liberation presents an **ADVENT RETREAT** on Saturday, December 10 in the Parish Hall. The Retreat begins at 2pm, followed by reconciliation in the church at 3:30pm, Mass at 5pm and a potluck dinner at 6:30pm.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Nov. 19 Saturday (*Blessed Virgin Mary*)
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
21 Monday (*Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary*)
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
22 Tuesday (*St. Cecilia*)
8:30am †Marie Hong Tran & Paul Tran
23 Wednesday (*Sts. Clement I & Columban*)
8:30am †Tamara, Don Jr. & Tim Bos
24 Thursday (*St. St. Andrew*)
10am St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers
25 Friday (*St. Catherine of Alexandria*)
8:30am No Mass Today
26 Saturday (*Sts. Siricius & Sylvester*)
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Theresa Suntheram
27 Sunday – First Sunday of Advent
8:30am †Bob Gilbertz
10:30am Missa pro Populo
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Information and membership questions visit www.kofc7388.org



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).

The St. Philip Neri Altar Society invites you to **MICHAEL ALLEN HARRISON'S ANNUAL CONCERT** on Tuesday, November 29 at 7pm in the church (SE 16th & Division Street).

RESPECT FOR LIFE – “The inviolability of the person which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the inviolability of human life. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture- is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” ~ Saint Pope John Paul II, 1988

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 35 weeks after conception - Baby now weighs over 5½ pounds and his total length is 20+ inches. Mother's increasing size is due to the growth of the baby and placenta, as well as the increased amount of amniotic fluid. All these factors make estimating baby's weight more difficult. Emotional changes within mother are normal. Many changes are happening to mother's body as baby grows. 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.





ST. AGATHA
— Est. 1911 —
Catholic School

Meet our Kindergarten Teacher

Mary Mahoney has been working in education for 15 years and she has been at St. Agatha for three of those years. Mary loves our little St. Agatha community because it's a special place for her whole family. Her three kids (who attend the school) benefit from the support of our teachers, staff, and families as much as she does, and Mary and her husband enjoy getting to know the parents at school functions. They are so happy to be able to gather together in person again.

Kindergarten is a unique time and Mary feels very blessed to spend her school days with her students. The kindergarteners work hard every single day to share, learn, play, and grow their faith and understanding of God. When she thinks about all that they do each and every day at the young ages of five and six, it's really quite impressive!

Her favorite bible verse comes from Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and of good courage."

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; 6-7pm; 7-8pm
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 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 10 Advent Retreat in the Parish Hall
- 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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