

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

September 4, 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

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School

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My Dear Parishioners,

A few years ago, I told you about the story of a beggar priest who was graced with a providential encounter with the great St. Pope John Paul II. Through the humility of Pope John Paul II, who truthfully and honestly saw himself as God saw him, that homeless priest was saved. Pope John Paul was a genius in many ways, but on this, he was simply following our Lord. He was simply looking at reality, at the world, at people, through the eyes of Jesus. Years later, after he had been stricken with Parkinson's we recognized the same humility at work. Being the pope, John Paul did not hesitate to embrace his own illness, his own frailty, his own mortality – even in front of the entire world. Cardinal Angelo Comastri, who was very close to him, still remembered how the great John Paul II conducted himself during his very long battle with Parkinson's disease. Cardinal Comastri recalled one of the pope's final "appearances" before his death, when he watched the Good Friday Stations of the Cross at the Colosseum via video from his private chapel. "The image we saw on television is unforgettable," Comastri said. "The pope, who had lost all his physical strength, holding the Crucifix in his hands, gazing at it with pure love. One could sense he was saying: 'Jesus, I too am on the Cross like you. But together with you I await the Resurrection.'" And who could forget the last time the dying pope appeared at the window of his apostolic palace, clearly in distress for his inability to raise his hand to bless the crowds down below.

Indeed, in the words of Cardinal Comastri, "Pope John Paul II was a true master of pain", because he was a humble servant of God. Through humility, he accepted his seemingly unbearable physical suffering as an occasion of grace. As the end was drawing near, he knew he could do nothing for himself. It must have been hard, considering what and how he had been all his life: a man of robust

health and a brilliant intellect. But the old pope knew the story of St. Teresa of Avilla. He knew what God could do. John Paul II was able to drag the cross through the finish-life not through sheer will. He was able to finish the race through humility: it was God all along, who would never leave him on his own. His pain was redeemed, and frailty was transformed into incredible strength – which the whole witnessed almost daily over the media during the last year of his life. The humility of the sainted pope was a humility sustained by a deep and genuine affection for his own destiny – the destiny he knew even as a child. Pope John Paul II knew that only with Christ can one bear interminable pain and not despair.

John Paul II knew that life is a race towards God's eternal banquet. Even in the hardest moments, he never lost his serenity. Through humility, he was able to turn to Christ in the most painful moments of helplessness and tell the Lord, "I surrender myself to you, O Jesus! Take care of this life for me!"

According to Comastri, "today many people no longer believe in that purpose. That's why they live pain with despair: because they can't see beyond the pain." People can't see beyond pain because there is no one to whom they could surrender their lives to! But we Christians live pain in communion with the Crucified Jesus: clinging to Him, we fill our pain with love and transform it into a force that challenges and overcomes the selfishness that is still present in the world.

Padre



Don't forget to join us for

Coffee & Donuts!

Sunday's in the Parish Hall

beginning at 9:30am

St. Agatha Catholic Church
September 4, 2022
23rd Sunday in Ordinary time

Want to visit our **ADORATION CHAPEL** and you don't want to commit to an hour? Stop in anytime Monday through Friday 7am – 4pm, stay for as long or as little you'd like!

We have **COFFEE & DONUTS!** Every Sunday after the 8:30 & 10:30 Masses in the Parish Hall!

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 11, 2022

First Reading: Wisdom 9:13-18b

Second Reading: Philemon 9:10, 12-17

Gospel Reading: Luke 14:25-33

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

August	7	\$ 5,988
	14	\$ 5,952
	21	\$ 2,638
	28	\$ 3,727

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

September 10	5pm	Doreen Modena
September 11	8:30	Geri Adams
	10:30	Ana Maria McClellan

ALTAR CARE

Sept. 14 – Karen & Molly Scrutton & Shannon Ellison
 September 28 – Tim & Mary Eivers
 October 12 – Helen Davalos, Kelly Petrin, Kurt Ziehlike

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
 Information and membership questions visit www.kofc7388.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
- 5 Parish Office Closed
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage is closed
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 6 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 11am
 Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 7 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am - Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 8 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 PIPs Meeting, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 9 Parish Office Closed
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- 10 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
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 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm- Church
- 11 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
 Parish Picnic, 1pm – Parish Ctr Grounds

Altar Society Meeting

Our Sunday, September 11 meeting has been canceled so we can attend the Parish Picnic!

BAPTISM CLASS – We will have a Baptism Class on October 2 & 9, 2022. This 2-part virtual class will begin at Noon on both days. To register, contact Randy & Kathy Stewart at rrstwt@gmail.com



MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 3 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Margaret Kerger
4 Sunday
8:30am Living/Deceased Altar Society Members
10:30am Missa pro Populo
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions
5 Monday
8:30am †Evans McLean
6 Tuesday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
7 Wednesday
8:30am †Johann Brenneke
8 Thursday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
9 Friday
8:30am †Dore Altenhofen Jaeger
10 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm Missa pro Populo
11 Sunday
8:30am †Naomi Arpon
10:30am †Judy Hetrick
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

Not sure what to do with that old car or truck sitting in your driveway? Consider donating it to **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL'S PORTLAND COUNCIL** to support our emergency rent, utility and food programs! The donation process is easy and completely free to you; vehicle donations are also tax-deductible. Call Katie at 503-595-2286 to donate or kathryn.h@svdpportland.org or more information.

Parish Picnic September, 11 at 1pm on the grounds of the Parish Center

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ."

The Society of St Vincent de Paul St Agatha Conference continue 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.

Sept. suggested donation item: Hot or Cold Cereal

RESPECT FOR LIFE – The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is Saturday, September 10. On this day Americans throughout our country will gather and pray at memorials for children whose lives were ended by abortion. St Agatha's beautiful memorial to the unborn was recently vandalized but the damage it received is only a small fraction of the violence of abortion. Please join in praying for the most innocent and helpless of our brothers and sisters. We know that God hears our prayers and answers our prayers, often in a way we least expect. Jesus, protect and save the unborn.

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 24 weeks after conception - Baby is continuing to fill out. His face and body look more like an infant at birth. Amniotic fluid continues to increase and its composition changes during pregnancy. At first, the amniotic fluid is similar to maternal plasma. It then changes to be similar to the baby's own cells. The baby is starting to find it difficult to move around. As he grows, space in the mother's womb decreases. Baby's expected due date is December 25, 2022.

Come pray with us! Join us for the 16th Annual Rosary Bowl NW – A Marian and Eucharistic Celebration: Saturday, October 1 from 9am-3pm at the East Salem Community Center. For information visit www.RosaryBowlNW.org.

Join us on Saturday, October 1, 2022

- 9am: Doors open to the public
- 10am: Holy Mass with Auxiliary Bishop Peter Smith
- 11am: Holy Rosary and Reflection
- Noon-2:30pm: Confession available
- Noon-3pm: Explore our Ministries Hall with Community Resource Tables, Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit and more
- 2pm: Keynote by Father Theodore Lange
- 2:45pm: Chaplet of Divine Mercy
- 3pm: Event ends
- Music provided by Daniel Oberreuter, Lead Singer of The Thirsting
- Free parking and free admission. A free will offering will be accepted.
- Carpooling encouraged. Overflow parking at Blanchet Catholic School.

For details visit www.rosarybowlnw.org or email us at info@rosarybowlnw.org.

The East Salem Community Center is located at: 1850 45th Avenue, NE, Salem
Conveniently located east of I-5 (Market Street Exit)

Thank you for helping us spread the word.

Rosary Bowl NW - SAVE THE DATE



New Location:
East Salem Community Center,
1850 45th Ave NE, Salem

Pray with us:
Sat., October 1st, 2022
9am - 3pm

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