

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

September 5, 2021



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
Parish Coordinator	Karen Blodgett	Parish Office:	503-236-4747
Business Manager	Suzy Parsons	Email:	stagathapdx@gmail.com
Music Director	Gale Baird	Web Page:	www.stagathaportland.com

School

Principal	Leslie Jones	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,

It is true that the Catholic Church is becoming more and more irrelevant in the life of modern man. The only thing that will save the Church from becoming totally irrelevant is the testimony of witnesses who have encountered Christ, who have met Christ – not just on the pages of the Bible and theology books, but Christ Himself, witnesses who have received His strength from the Cross, who have been transformed into a new humanity themselves. Without such witnesses we have nothing, and nothing we try to do to evangelize will succeed.

Modern people have little patience and time for preachers and teachers and philosophers and professors and lecturers, but they do listen to witnesses. And should a preacher be listened to, it's because he is also a witness. That is exactly what Pope St. Paul VI said many years ago!

God bless you!

Fr. Luan

St. Agatha Catholic Church
September 5, 2021
23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ADORATION CHAPEL – Chapel hours are Monday through Friday 7am – 4pm. Space is limited to 6 adorers. Masks are required.

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

SCRIPTURE READINGS

September 12, 2021

First Reading: Isaiah 50:4c-9a

Second Reading: James 2:14-18

Gospel Reading: Mark 8:27-35

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

August	1	\$ 4,649
	8	\$ 4,807
	15	\$ 3,623
	22	\$ 4,338
	29	\$ 2,173

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 11	5pm	Doreen Modena
September 12	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

ALTAR CARE

Sept. 8 – Victoria Altenhofen & Patti King
 Sept. 22 – Shannon Ellison, Karen Scrutton,
 Molly Scrutton

SAVE THE DATE! Knights of Columbus' annual Spaghetti "To Go" Dinner! Sunday, October 17, 2021! More details to come!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS – For information and membership questions, visit www.kofc.org/joinus



WELCOME BACK
ST. AGATHA SCHOOL
STUDENTS!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 5 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church
- 6 Parish Office is CLOSED today
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage is CLOSED today
 Karate, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 7 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm - Church
- 8 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
 Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center
 Mom's Prayer Group, 8pm – via Googlemeet
- 9 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 10 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 5pm – Hall Gym
- 11 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
 Ramirez Quicenera Mass, 11am - Church
 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm – Church
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church



Do you miss Coffee & Donuts? So do we! **THE ALTAR SOCIETY** is hosting Coffee & Donuts and fellowship on Sunday, September 12, right after the 10:30 Mass. Come on over to the Thrifty Cottage lawn. There's plenty of space to spread out.

The Parish Office and Thrifty Cottage
 will be **CLOSED**
 Monday, September 6

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

- Sept. 4 Saturday**
- 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
- 5pm †Johann Brenneke
- 5 Sunday**
- 8:30am †Harlan Potts
- 10:30am Missa pro Populo
- 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions
- 6 Monday**
- 8:30am Living/Deceased Altar Society Members
- 7 Tuesday**
- 8:30am Mark Eivers
- 8 Wednesday**
- 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
- 9 Thursday**
- 8:30am †Evans McLean, Jr.
- 10 Friday**
- 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
- 11 Saturday**
- 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
- 5pm Missa pro Populo
- 12 Sunday**
- 8:30am †Donald Bos, Sr.
- 10:30am †Helen Mele
- 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

GROUNDS HELP! We really need your help! Mowing, edging, blowing, and general clean up! If you're a school parent, you get share hours for grounds help! Contact Karen at 503-236-4747

IS YOUR GARDEN overflowing with fruit and vegetables? Please consider donating your extra fruit and produce to our St. Vincent de Paul pantry! Contact Brant at 503-880-1838



ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC SCHOOL - It's not too late to enroll your students for 2021-2022 school year! Tuition assistance is available. We offer an exciting and dynamic curriculum centered on faith-based learning. For more information please email our school office at office@stagatha.us.

PARISH HALL – Now that school us begun, a few reminders! The Parish Hall is used for the school only until further notice. If you need to access the Hall for any reason, please contact Karen in the Parish Office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel we hear how Jesus "makes the deaf hear and the mute speak!" In living the gospel, we must open our ears to hear and recognize all the everyday opportunities for making God's presence known especially to those who are poor and suffering. On September 9, the Church also celebrates the feast of Blessed Frederic Ozanam, the founder of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. Frederic heard the call of Jesus to love and serve those who are suffering. 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. September suggested donation: Soup, any kind

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – Join us for a study on the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy written by the Blessed is She Ministry. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month from 8-9:30pm. We are meeting virtually via Googlemeet. If you are interested in joining us, email at Allison Williams at almurphyster@gmail.com.

RESPECT FOR LIFE: Today, September 5, is the feast day for Saint Teresa of Calcutta. Following are quotes from St. Teresa; "At the end of life we will not be judged by how many diplomas we have received, how much money we have made, how many great things we have done. We will be judged by "I was hungry, and you gave me something to eat, I was naked and you clothed me. I was homeless, and you took me in."....."Any country that accepts abortion, is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what it wants."....."The greatest destroyer of peace today is abortion."....."How can there be too many children? That is like saying there are too many flowers."....."God doesn't require us to succeed, he only requires that you try."

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____



Catholic Sentinel celebrates 150 (well, 152) years

Because of the pandemic, the Sentinel canceled three 2020 events that were to mark our 150th anniversary. We're delighted in safer times (2022) to celebrate 152 with you!

YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR OPEN HOUSE

Friday, February 4, 2022

11 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Catholic Sentinel offices, 2838 E Burnside St., Portland, OR 97214

Join us in celebrating 152 years of journalistic excellence. A free-to-all event to learn more of our history and to meet the staff of the Catholic Sentinel — the oldest Catholic newspaper in the West — and El Centinela, which just celebrated 25 years. See a video about how the paper is produced. Encounter a ghostly but friendly editor from the 19th century at 11:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Light refreshments served. RSVP required to edl@catholicsentinel.org or 503-460-5353.

WALKABOUT

Saturday, August 6, 2022

9 a.m. – noon

Gather at the Northeast corner of Southwest Washington and Third Streets

Meet at the original site of the Catholic Sentinel and walk to the various places where the paper published in its early days. Sentinel staff will give commentary along the way about the historical context and what the paper was doing at those locations. Walking shoes required. We will end with an optional pay-on-your-own lunch at Huber's Restaurant, where no doubt Sentinel journalists talked over the news with a beer in one hand and a turkey sandwich in the other. RSVP required to edl@catholicsentinel.org or 503-460-5353.

FALL MASS

Saturday, October 15, 2022

6 p.m.

St. Patrick Church, 1623 NW 19th St., Portland, OR 97209

A special fall Mass to commemorate the past, present and future service of the Catholic Sentinel and El Centinela to God, the church and the parishioners of the Archdiocese of Portland. Archbishop Alexander Sample will preside. Appetizers will follow, free of charge. See a video about how the paper is produced. RSVP required to edl@catholicsentinel.org or 503-460-5353.