

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

September 11, 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
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Parish Coordinator	Karen Blodgett	Email:	stagathapdx@gmail.com
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Music Director	Gale Baird		

School

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My Dear Parishioners,

I came across a number of articles reporting on the conversion of actor Shia LaBeouf. What I have included here below came from those articles, synthesized and commented on by yours truly. Please read for your own edification!

The internet has been buzzing with the news that actor Shia LaBeouf has converted to Catholicism, during his preparation for filming Padre Pio (2022) as the titular character. Go home and watch his interview with Bishop Robert Barron! But don't watch his films! LaBeouf has appeared in 40 movies. Winner of multiple acting awards, the 36-year-old is most famous for his leading role as Sam Witwicky in the Transformers series. Fame aside, he has lived a wicked life. He appeared indecent in many movies. He was an alcoholic. He plagiarized a script. He was charged with disorderly conduct, harassment, criminal trespass, public intoxication, obstruction, battery and theft. His rap sheet runs a mile long! In the interview with Bishop Barron, LaBeouf confessed, "My life was on fire [not in a good way!]. I was walking out of hell. ... I didn't want to be an actor anymore and my life was a complete mess. I'd hurt a lot of people. . . .I've been abusive to women and have been shooting dogs and I've been willingly giving women STDs. It's disgusting, it's depraved, and my mother is embarrassed beyond all imagination." There seemed to be no way out, and the next logical thing was suicide. "I had a gun on the table. ... I didn't want to be alive anymore. ... [There was] shame like I had never experienced before, the kind of shame where you forget how to breathe."

It was at that point that director Abel Ferrara, who was with him in a virtual self-help group, asked him whether he had ever heard of Padre Pio. Ferrara was thinking of making a movie about the life of one of the most famous saints of the last century. Of course, Shia hadn't — he was raised by a secular Jewish mother and an abusive father. But because at this moment he was "nuclear material" and no one wanted to work with him, he thought Ferrara's question was his "chance to get back on the hustle." The key for him was the maybe one last chance to salvage his career. God was the farthest idea from his mind. "The reach-out had happened. I was already there, I had nowhere to go. This was the last stop on the train. There was nowhere else to go — in every sense . . . I know now that God was using my ego to draw me to Him. Drawing me away from worldly desires. It was all happening simultaneously. But there would have been no impetus for me to get in my car, drive up [to the monastery] if I didn't think, 'Oh, I'm gonna save my career.'" And so that's how it all began.

To prepare for the role, he needed to learn about the Catholic faith and about the Capuchin order to which St. Pio belonged. He drove to San Lorenzo Seminary in Santa Ynez, California, where he met and was befriended by the Capuchins. The one key thing for him now was how to convincingly "say" the Traditional Latin Mass, which was the center of St. Pio's life. That took him to a traditional parish run by Christ the King Institute in Oakland. So that he would have a better grasp of the Catholic faith, the Capuchins also arranged for him to be catechized by a religious sister. Over the course of several months of this intense research and study and reflection, LaBeouf gradually "stopped prepping for a role in a movie and started moving to something that feels beyond all of that." He began to feel an overwhelming urge to "let go" and "surrender for real" to God. This actor who thrives on the immersive technique of acting found himself immersed himself in Padre Pio's world — the Catholic faith, and in the process was converted.

Padre



Don't forget to join us for

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
September 11, 2022
24th Sunday in Ordinary time

****NEW HOURS****

Beginning Monday, September 12, our **ADORATION CHAPEL** will be open Monday through Friday 6:30am – 8pm.

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 18, 2022
 First Reading: Amos 8:4-7
 Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8
 Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

September 4 \$ 5,540

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 17	5pm	Jennifer Trask
September 18	8:30	John Meyer
	10:30	David Kingsella

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

- 11 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm – Church
 Parish Picnic, 1pm – Parish Ctr Grounds
- 12 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Knights of Columbus meeting, 7pm – Hall
- 13 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Big Band Rehearsal, 6pm – Parish Hall
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm – Church
- 14 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 15 Men's Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Center
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – church
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 16 Parish Office Closed Today!
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage is closed today
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 17 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
- 18 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

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

OKTOBERFEST MARKETPLACE – Saturday, September 24, 11am – 4pm. Local handmade goods, food market, beer garden. Central Catholic High School, 2401 SE Stark Street. See you there!

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 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
12 Monday
8:30am †Loretta Maloney
13 Tuesday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
14 Wednesday
8:30am Matthew Wade
15 Thursday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
16 Friday
8:30am †Larry Adrian
17 Saturday
8:30am Pastor's Intentions
5pm †Patricia Gavin
18 Sunday
8:30am Missa pro Populo
10:30am †Joseph Van Tran
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

CATHOLIC FRIENDSHIP GROUP - Singles, ages 40-60. Eucharistic Adoration followed by a talk and discussion led by Fr. Joshua Clifton. Next topic: The Apostolic Fathers. Our group continues to grow! Come join us for our next gathering. Friday, September 23. **NEW START TIME:** 6:30pm-8:00pm. Visit www.catholicfriendshipgroup.com for more details. Location: St. Birgitta Catholic Church, 11820 NW St. Helens Rd, Portland. RSVP to CatholicFriendshipGroup@outlook.com

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN, 3 to 7 years of age, will be offered during the 8:30 Sunday Mass beginning October 2. Children's Liturgy involves listening to simplified Gospel texts, singing hymns and practicing liturgical gestures as well as some dialogue. Depending on parish scheduling in the hall, we will meet the first 3 Sundays of each month allowing the children to remain with their families for the 4th Sunday. This is not "Sunday School" but an opportunity to "Come and Join the Circle ... Come and Share God's Word With Me" (*Bernadette Farrell's song*). The children will return to Mass after the Creed. Contact Rosemary Rettig with questions at rj5rettig@gmail.com.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that the shepherd rejoices when he finds one lost sheep. The story tells us that nothing and no one is insignificant to God who is compassionate and loving to all.

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 fall 40 Days for Life Prayer Campaign to End Abortion starts on September 28. This is an international campaign centered on prayer vigils outside facilities where abortions are performed. Since it started in 2003 over 22,000 babies have been saved from abortion during 40 Days campaigns. The local prayer vigil site will be the Lilit Abortion Center in downtown Portland. There will be a campaign opening Mass on September 17, 5:30pm at St Mary's Cathedral, 1716 NW Davis St, Portland. Bishop Peter Smith will be presiding. Everyone is welcome. For information visit www.40daysforlife.com/portland

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 6 Months after Conception - The baby will be able to hear next week. He sleeps and wakes, nestles in his favorite position and stretches upon waking up. If the baby was born now he would have a very good chance of living. No one wants a baby to be delivered this early but new treatment methods greatly increase its chance of survival. Baby's approximate due date is December 25, 2022.

SOLO SENIORS is a catholic-based social organization, for single men and women over age 55 in the greater Portland area. It primarily provides social and recreational programs in a safe and friendly environment for its members. For more information call Ann Buchholz 503-235-9047 or Donna Dubinski at 503-246-6536.

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**

www.RosaryBowlNW.org



- September 11 Parish Picnic on the Parish Office Grounds
- September 22 Third Thursday Movie Night with Padre!
- October 3 Children's Liturgy of the Word @ 8:30am Mass
- November 5&6 Annual Christmas Bazaar!
- December 9 "The Snow Ball" hosted by St. Agatha School

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
503-236-4747 or stagathapdx@gmail.com

Movie Night With Padre!



Join Fr. Luan on the fourth Thursday of the month for
movies and discussion!

Our first night will be Thursday, September 22
beginning at 6pm
in the St. Francis Room of the Parish Hall

RSVP to stagathapdx@gmail.com or 503-236-4747