

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Portland, Oregon

September 12, 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

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Office Manager	Annie Anderson	Phone:	503-234-5500
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Friends of St. Agatha	Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org
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My Dear Parishioners,

Someone in the pew at the 5pm Mass last Saturday, wrote me a letter and indicated I had offended people by saying that sick people are abandoned when they are put in an institution. I must apologize most sincerely and wholeheartedly, for I should not have said that. It was, in the very least, insensitive and judgmental. The fact of the matter is, the decision to place a loved one in a memory care unit is an incredibly difficult one, but such a decision may be warranted for the good of the individual and the good of the rest of the family. It is indeed heart-breaking to have to put a loved one in an institution, but the truth is, it can be overwhelming to try to care for a sick loved one at home who suffers a debilitating illness. I should know. Some of you might have heard me telling the story of my father and his dementia some time ago. So, I hereby offer my abject apology to anyone in the pews who might have been offended by my remarks. One more thing, doctors and nurses are among the most dedicated people I know and I truly appreciate their hard work and care.

My main point last week about the sick was simply this: sickness born in faith can be truly salvific and redemptive. And the sick person who carries the cross of sickness is Christ to others. We can decide to let sickness embitter us, or we can look at sickness as an occasion of grace - because Christ our Lord loves the sick and cares for them personally!

Fr. Luan

St. Agatha Catholic Church
September 12, 2021
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

THE ALTAR SOCIETY is hosting Coffee & Donuts and fellowship **TODAY** right after the 10:30 Mass. Come on over to the Thrifty Cottage lawn. There's plenty of space to spread out.



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 19, 2021

First Reading: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

Second Reading: James 3:16 – 4:3

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:30-37

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

September 5 \$ 4,578

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 18	5pm	Jennifer Trask
September 19	8:30	Geri Adams
	10:30	Greg Meyer

ALTAR CARE

Sept. 22 – Shannon Ellison, Karen Scrutton,
Molly Scrutton
October 6 – Tawnya Dettmer & Family

Knights of Columbus' **Annual Spaghetti Dinner** has been postponed for 2021. We will keep you posted on their next upcoming event!

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



The **THRIFTY COTTAGE** is ready for Fall! We're stocked full of items for Halloween and Thanksgiving! Stop by and see what treasure you can find! Monday through Saturday 10am – 2pm; closed Wednesday & Sunday! How about volunteering! We can always use your help! Contact Karen in the Parish Office for more information!

PARISH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 12 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Altar Society Coffee & Donuts, 11:30am
Altar Society Meeting, Noon – Cottage Lawn
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church
- 13 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Music Rehearsal, 1:30pm- Church
Karate, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 14 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Weekly Devotions, 7pm - Church
- 15 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center
- 16 Parish Office is **CLOSED** today
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
LaBerge-Wilson Wedding Rehearsal, 5:30pm-C
- 17 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Judo, 5pm – Hall Gym
- 18 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
LaBerge-Wilson Wedding, 2:30pm-Church
Weekly Reconciliation **CANCELED** today
Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 19 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Elliott Family Baptism, 9:30am – Church
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

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.

The Parish Office will be **CLOSED**
Thursday, September 16

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 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

13 Monday
 8:30am Frances Sweistris

14 Tuesday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions

15 Wednesday
 8:30am Margaret McLean

16 Thursday
 8:30am †Larry Adrian

17 Friday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions

18 Saturday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
 5pm David Eivers

19 Sunday
 8:30am Missa pro Populo
 10:30am †Duane Wade
 12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

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 Jesus says "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." The cross of Jesus and the crosses of his members can evangelize us: the sick, who bear illness with courage; the grieving, who hope against hope; the dying, who clearly trust in the resurrection; the suffering of our poor brothers and sisters who are hungry and homeless, but who still trust in God's love.

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:

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



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 almurphy@gmail.com.

RESPECT FOR LIFE: The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children is September 18, 2021. On this day Americans throughout the country will gather at memorials for aborted children to mourn for our brothers and sisters lost to abortion. At St Agatha please consider visiting our parish's beautiful memorial to the millions of unborn babies whose lives were ended by abortion. It is located directly north of the front door of the church. It was donated by St Agatha Knights of Columbus council approximately 25 years ago.



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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____



September 22 - October 31

40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Prayer & Fasting • Community Outreach • Peaceful Vigil

Opening Mass:

Sunday, September 12th 11 AM

Archbishop Alexander K. Sample and
Msgr. Gerard O'Connor con-celebrating
St. Mary's Cathedral
1716 NW Davis St.
Portland, OR 97209

Vigil Location:

The sidewalk in front of
Lilith Abortion Business
Portland Medical Center, 9th floor
511 SW 10th Ave.
Portland, 97205

Opening Rally:

Saturday September 18th 2 PM

Holy Rosary Church
Aquinas Hall (across the street)
340 NE Clackamas St.
Portland, 97232

Vigil hours:

Monday - Saturday 7 AM - 2 PM
September 22- October 31

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Candice Chandler, 40 Days for Life, Portland
Mary McIntyre, Christ the King Church

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