

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

PORTLAND, OREGON

September 18, 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,

When I was co-teaching 8th grade religion with Dr. Prevot, on a particular topic about God, he and I were trying to explain to the students the five proofs of God's existence. They seemed to grasp the ideas. But they also grasp this: to know in the head that God exists by proofs is never the same as loving Him. You can prove to me all you want that God exists, and I would even concede that your reasoning is flawless. But none of that could produce an ounce of affection for God in my heart! All of your reasons and arguments would be able to push me not even an inch closer to God! Cardinal Newman, the famous English convert from Oxford, once famously said: "I am far from denying the real force of the arguments in proof of a God . . . but these do not warm me or enlighten me; they do not take away the winter of my desolation, or make the buds unfold and the leaves grow within me, and my moral being rejoice." How true he is! Arguments and proofs are never enough. But to hear from Christ Himself these parables that illustrate the mercy of God, parables that are concrete examples from life itself! That is the kind of religious imagination that really engages me as person and that touches me in the depths of my heart and nourishes me in my daily existence!

Padre



Don't forget to join us for

Coffee & Donuts!

Sunday's in the Parish Hall
beginning at 9:30am

SAVE THE DATE!

St. Agatha's

Christmas Bazaar

November 6 & 7, 2022

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email: _____

St. Agatha Catholic Church
September 18, 2022
25th Sunday in Ordinary time

****NEW HOURS****

Our **ADORATION CHAPEL** is now 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 25, 2022

First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:11-16

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:19-31

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

September 4	\$ 5,540
11	\$ 5,245

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 24	5pm	Ana Maria McClellan
September 25	8:30	John Snyder
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

ALTAR CARE

September 28 – Tim & Mary Eivers
 October 12 – Helen Davalos, Kelly Petrin, Kurt Ziehlke
 October 26 – Vicki Altenhofen & Patti King

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Information and membership questions visit www.kofc7388.org



PARISH ACTIVITIES

SEPTEMBER

- 18 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church
- 19 Weekday Mass, 8;30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
- 20 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
- 21 Weekly School Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Seiwakan Judo, 5:30pm – Hall Gym
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Ctr
- 22 Men’s Bible Study, 6:45am – Parish Ctr
 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Padre Movie Night, 6pm – St.FrancisRoom
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 23 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
 Seiwakan Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
- 24 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
- 25 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
 Coffee & Donuts, 9:30am – Parish Hall
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church

CANTORES IN ECCLESIA will be singing Polyphonic Mass on Saturday, September 24 at the 5pm Vigil Mass.

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. 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

19 **Monday**

8:30am Margaret McLean

20 **Tuesday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

21 **Wednesday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

22 **Thursday**

8:30am †Patricia Gavin

23 **Friday**

8:30am †Phil Hainley

24 **Saturday**

8:30am Pastor's Intentions

5pm †Joseph Van Tran

25 **Sunday**

8:30am †Ken & Jacqueline Anderson

10:30am Missa pro Populo

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 we see that prudent decisiveness means that we recognize that all our choices in daily living are really choices for eternal life. Admission into heaven is something money cannot buy. The only currency that has any value to secure our entrance is that of love.

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 – For three decades, Cottage Grove resident Lori Eckstine struggled with the effects of her teenage abortion. It wasn't until she attended a retreat for post-abortive mothers in 2000 that she began to heal from her long-ago decision. The retreat led Eckstine to begin Project Aurora the following year. The nonprofit is dedicated to helping post-abortive parents, primarily accomplished through weekend retreats like the one Eckstine experienced. "The retreat process is a safe, uplifting and life-restoring experience," Eckstine says. "It is conducted in a confidential, supportive environment where people can unpack and heal from grief, guilt and abortion-related trauma." To learn more about Project Aurora, including retreat registrations, donations and volunteering visit www.project-aurora.org

THE WORD MADE FLESH Following Baby Jesus in the Womb: 26 weeks after Conception – 6 weeks after Conception - Baby now weighs almost 2 pounds and will continue to put on more weight. Baby has distinct sleeping and waking cycles. Certain times of the day he will be very active, while at other times he will rest and sleep. In addition, all five of this new person's senses are now fully developed. Baby's approximate due date: 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

Movie Night with Padre!



Join Fr. Luan on the fourth Thursday of the month for movies and Q&A discussions!

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

This month we'll be viewing
"The Scarlett and the Black"
1983 film with Gregory Peck & Christopher Plummer

RSVP to stagathapdx@gmail.com or 503-236-4747
or sign up in the Vestibule