

ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Portland, Oregon

September 19, 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,

This evening I am thinking of asking you to join me on a new adventure - a crusade! No, we are not marching off to some far-off land to fight a battle for God. Instead, I want to invite you to join me on a Rosary Crusade when October rolls around (October is the month of the Holy Rosary!). It's not about fighting a battle to take back something or to fend off some foes. It's about storming heaven with prayers using the Holy Rosary as our instrument to fight for the survival of our parish and school! You see, we have been caught in this pandemic for almost two years, and now the restrictions are weighing on us like fetters and shackles, and they are dragging us down! I had been wanting to restart coffee and donuts, but I couldn't. I had been wanting to begin potluck once a month after the first Saturday Vigil Mass of the month, but I couldn't! I had been wanting to start a film club to stir up interests in faith and culture, but I couldn't! What's more, we don't have the resources to invite guest preachers for missions, for retreats, for talks. We don't have money to start up new programs, to try different approaches toward evangelization. The needs of this parish and school are numerous, and the resources we have been given are limited.

What can we do? Ultimately, it's not about what we can do to save ourselves, but it's about whom we trust to help us. While we lack many things that other parishes have, one thing we do not lack: devotion and love of God! What I am trying to say is, why shouldn't we return to the tried-and-true method of the past - PRAYERS? Why shouldn't we start a Rosary Crusade! Why shouldn't we storm heaven with our prayers through this ancient form of devotion so that our parish and our school may survive these terrible times? For a while now, Emma Bosco and her group have been practicing the devotion of Our Lady of Perpetual Help. And I just joined them recently, and it was very uplifting and reassuring! We don't need to start a program and we certainly don't need to reinvent the wheel. When times are tough, we follow the saints of the past: we pray! And I would like each family of the parish to begin to pray the Rosary beginning in October.

Won't you join me?

Fr. Luan

St. Agatha Catholic Church
September 19, 2021
25th 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 26, 2021

First Reading: Numbers 11:25-29

Second Reading: James 5:1-6

Gospel Reading: Mark 9:38-43, 45, 27-48

OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS

September 5	\$ 4,578
12	\$ 3,986

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 25 5pm	Pat Dieringer
September 26 8:30	John Meyer
10:30	David Kingsella

ALTAR CARE

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

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

- 19 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church
Elliott Family Baptism, 9:30am – Church
Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church
- 20 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Music Rehearsal, 1:30pm- Church
Karate, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 21 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Robert Dorney Funeral Mass, 11am - Church
Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Weekly Devotions, 7pm - Church
- 22 School Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym
Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center
- 23 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
- 24 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Judo, 5pm – Hall Gym
Mugisha – Nshimirimana Reh., 5:30pm - Church
- 25 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym
Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am
Judo, 10am – Hall Gym
Mugisha – Nshimirimana Wedding, 1pm - Church
Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm- Church
- 26 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – 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.

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



Congratulations
Joseph LaBerge & Nicole Wilson
who were married
September 18, 2021

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sept. 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
20 Monday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
21 Tuesday
 8:30am †Patricia Wade
22 Wednesday
 8:30am Sean Tanner
23 Thursday
 8:30am †Leo Willenbacher
24 Friday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
25 Saturday
 8:30am Pastor's Intentions
 5pm Paulita Bos
26 Sunday
 8:30am †Fr. Cosmas White, OSB
 10:30am Missa pro Populo
 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



2 BECOME 1 – A retreat to explore the beauty and truth of Catholic Marriage. For both married and engaged couples. December 10-12, 2021 or April 29-May 1, 2022 at Mount Angel Abbey. Questions? Contact patricia@everydaycounselingpdx.com

CONGRATULATIONS

**ADELINE CLAIRE CARMELLA ELLIOTT
 WHO WAS BAPTIZED SEPTEMBER 19, 2021**

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel Jesus called the Twelve, and said to them, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me; and whoever receives me, receives not me but the One who sent me."

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

WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP – Join us 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: The fall 40 Days for Life Campaign to End Abortion runs from September 22 through October 31. "I recommend to you the peaceful, prayerful witness of 40 Days for Life. This interfaith, international movement invites people to pray and fast for 40 days to end abortion and to work for a culture in which all human life is welcomed as sacred. This program has proven effective in saving the lives of unborn children and sparing women and men the pain and sorrow of abortion." ~Jose Gomez, Archbishop of Los Angeles and President of the USCCB. For information about the Portland campaign go to www.40daysforlife.com/portland.

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

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
 Email: _____



40 DAYS FOR LIFE[®]

September 22 - October 31

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION.

Prayer & Fasting • Community Outreach • Peaceful Vigil

- Vigil Location:** The sidewalk in front of
The Lilith Abortion Business
Portland Medical Center , 9th floor
511 SW 10th Ave.
Portland 97205
- Vigil hours:** **September 22- October 31**
Monday - Saturday 7AM - 2PM
- Opening Rally:** **Saturday September 18th 2 PM**
Holy Rosary Church
Thomas Aquinas Hall (across the street from church)
340 N. Clackamas St.
Portland, 97232
- Speakers:** Candice Chandler, 40 Days for Life, Portland
Mary McIntyre, Christ the King Church
- Contacts:** Julie McConnell
40dayswithjulie@gmail.com
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With God's help, here are the proven results in 26 coordinated campaigns:

19,000 babies saved from abortion

and 123 locally !

221 abortion workers converted

112 abortion centers closed

40daysforlife.com/portland