

# ST. AGATHA CATHOLIC CHURCH

## Portland, Oregon

September 26, 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 <sup>th</sup> Avenue
Office Manager	Annie Anderson	Phone:	503-234-5500
Bookkeeper	Kathy Hart	FAX:	503-232-7240
		Web Page:	www.stagathaschoolpdx.us

<b>Friends of St. Agatha</b>	Tom McClung	Web Page:	www.friendsofstagatha.org
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My Dear Parishioners,

This week I don't have much to say in my message for you, except this: Please help me with this Rosary movement, this Rosary crusade! This one is not about anything political or historical. We simply need to do this for ourselves. When the time comes, I will tell you more how the Blessed Mother saved me time and again from certain death and injuries with the Rosary during my twenty seven years as priest. All I know is, we need to start praying for our parish and our school with the Rosary, if we want to come out on the other side of this pandemic alive. We can't depend on another program, another strategic plan, another brilliant idea. We can't rely on ourselves to save ourselves. But we can certainly depend on the Blessed Mother's powerful intercession with God for us - for our little parish, our school, our families. No amount of money can't solve the problem the whole Church is facing: lack of faith, lack of devotion, lack of love of God, lack of trust and confidence in God's almighty power. No program can bring people back into the pews. Catholics who have been staying away from Sunday are not suddenly returning to their own parishes just because priests and bishops have come up with a cleverly designed outreach program.

In the end, three things matter: prayer, fasting, and penance. We start with the Rosary this October!

Fr. Luan

**St. Agatha Catholic Church**  
**September 26, 2021**  
**26<sup>th</sup> 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**

October 3, 2021  
 First Reading: Genesis 2:18-24  
 Second Reading: Hebrews 2:9-11  
 Gospel Reading: Mark 10:2-16

**OFFERTORY COLLECTIONS**

September	5	\$ 4,578
	12	\$ 3,986
	19	\$ 3,729

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](http://www.stagathaportland.com)

**LECTORS**

October 2	5pm	Jennifer Trask
October 3	8:30	Carolyn Ashton
	10:30	Kurt Ziehlke

**ALTAR CARE**

October 6 – Tawnya Dettmer & Family  
 November 3 – Vicki Altenhofen & Patti King

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** – For information and membership questions, visit [www.kofc.org/joinus](http://www.kofc.org/joinus)



**1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION CLASS** signups begin today! Contact Karen at [stagathapdx@gmail.com](mailto:stagathapdx@gmail.com). We will have a virtual meet/greet in December with classes beginning in January (dates to be determined). Classes will continue to be online in 2022, but we will have opportunities for a few in-person rehearsals, etc.

**PARISH ACTIVITIES**

**SEPTEMBER**

- 26 Sunday Mass, 8:30 & 10:30am – Church  
 Sunday Latin Mass, 12:30pm - Church
- 27 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
 Karate, 6:30am – Hall Gym
- 28 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
 Thrifty Cottage is closed today!  
 Judo, 1:30 & 6:30pm – Hall Gym  
 Weekly Devotions, 7pm - Church
- 29 School Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym  
 Judo, 6:30pm – Hall Gym  
 Communion & Liberation, 7pm – Parish Center
- 30 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

**OCTOBER**

- 1 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Church  
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
 Judo, 5pm – Hall Gym
- 2 Weekday Mass, 8:30am – Hall Gym  
 Thrifty Cottage opens at 10am  
 Judo, 10am – Hall Gym  
 Weekly Reconciliation, 3:30pm- Church  
 Saturday Vigil Mass, 5pm – Church
- 3 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](mailto:office@stagatha.us).

The dates for the 2021 **CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSES** are as follows:

- October 3 – Valley Catholic High School
- October 10 – St. Mary's Academy
- October 17 – La Salle Catholic College Preparatory
- October 24 – Jesuit High School
- October 31 – Central Catholic High School
- November 7 – De La Salle North Catholic High School

**Congratulations**  
**Claude Mugisha & Adelaide**  
**Nshimirimana**  
**who were married**  
**September 25, 2021**

## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**Sept. 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  
**27 Monday**  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**28 Tuesday**  
8:30am †Mary Ann King  
**29 Wednesday**  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**30 Thursday**  
8:30am Elizabeth Meyer  
**Oct. 1 Friday**  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
**2 Saturday**  
8:30am Pastor's Intentions  
5pm Missa pro Populo  
**3 Sunday**  
8:30am †Angela Song  
10:30am Living/Deceased Altar Society Members  
12:30pm Pastor's Intentions

**WOMEN'S PRAYER GROUP** – Join us on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:almurphyster@gmail.com).

The **THRIFTY COTTAGE** News! 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!

**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

**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](mailto:patricia@everydaycounselingpdx.com)

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** – In today's gospel Jesus tells his disciples: "Anyone who gives you a drink of water because you belong to Christ will not, I assure you, go without his reward." On September 27, the Church will celebrate the feast of St. Vincent de Paul. The members of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul are on the front line in laboring for the poor, they are among the first to know their real needs.

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

**RESPECT FOR LIFE** – The US Congress will soon vote on, what would be the country's most radical abortion bill, HR 3755/S 1975. This bill, which is deceptively named "The Women's Health Protection Act" would impose abortion on demand at any stage of pregnancy. It would apply nationwide and effect modest and popular pro-life laws in several states, including parental notification for minor girls and informed consent laws. It would also force Americans to pay for abortions at home and overseas. This bill could cause health care professionals, doctors and nurses, to perform, assist and refer for abortion against their deeply-held beliefs. In addition, employers and insurers would be forced to cover or pay for abortion. Archbishop Joseph Naumann, chairman of the USCCB Pro-life Activities, is demanding the US House and Senate oppose this bill. He and the US Bishops are encouraging all Catholics to do the same. ~USCCB

**VENDORS APPLY NOW!!** St. Ignatius parish Feast of the Nativity pageant, concert and festival will be on December 11, from 10am–4pm. Food/refreshment and crafts vendor space applications deadline is November 19. Electrical connections to booths is available. This first of an annual event includes free admission, pageant performances, entertainers, concert, and costume contest. St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 3400 SE 43<sup>rd</sup> Avenue, Portland, OR 97206. Call 503-777-1491 or visit [www.sipdx.org/feastofthenativity](http://www.sipdx.org/feastofthenativity)