



St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres Parish
CHRISTMAS
December 25, 2022



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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Masses: Sunday 11:00 am
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

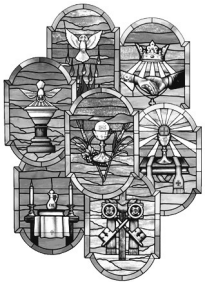
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.
Thursday 7:30 a.m.



Sacramental Information

Baptism: Please call the church office for appointment at least two months prior to date. A prep class is required. Parents should contact Dcn Pouncy.

RCIA: Adults Seeking Baptism and/or Making a Profession in the Catholic Christian Faith should contact Deacon Greg Shumpert.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office before setting your date. The Church asks that couples be parish members for at least 6 months before setting a date. Participation in Pre-Cana and a Premarital Inventory required.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office before going to see a Funeral Director. We will accommodate the needs of your family to help you through the loss and healing.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home: If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the need arises. Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad or one of the Care Ministers will gladly visit in a time of need.

Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, December 18, 2022

<u>St. Agatha</u>	
Mass Offering	\$1,993.00
GiveCentral	1573.00
Christmas	<u>600.00</u>
	\$4,166.00

<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>	
Mass Offering	\$2,811.00
Special: Kolbe House	<u>112.00</u>
	\$2,923.00

Thank you for your generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Sandra Coffey, Ernestine Cottrell, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Jeanette Dandurand, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczyki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Lucy Henry, Veronica Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Jacqueline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Laurita Lockhart, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannede, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Isabel Marquez, Catherine Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Josh Morrow, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Phyllis Riley, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy.



Hush, Be Still !



Hush, be still, new dawns a-breakin'
Sun crests horizon, light's rays ignite
A stirring of love so overwhelming
One's spirit dances with pure delight.

Hush, be still, let all fear be assuaged
God seeks living vessel, in new life to imbue.
Uniting your deepest longing for the eternal
To the Eternal One's ageless longing for you.

Angels in flesh, in spirit, bear the missive
Your purpose, God's hope, they humbly request
Your uniqueness, your gifts to offer the world
Your 'yes' that, with God, they be manifest.

Hush, be still, your Savior is coming
Ancestors, saints have paved the way
Their assent to faith, to God's path for them
Their wisdom, encouragement, for you today:

'Over world's empty promises, Love ever prevails
Strictures of flesh, Spirit/faith will transcend.
'A way out of no way,' our God will provide those
Who abide in His promise of love/life without end.'

Hush, be still, Virgin's voice 'cross the ages
Seeks rest in your heart, with you to be one
Affirming your blessedness, your singular purpose
Beckoning your assent, "May God's will be done!"

Hush, be still, let Christ be your Guide
To fearlessly set all needless fear aside
To grieve past hurts, to mend divisions
Relentless in hope, in faith ever to abide.

Hush, be still, find rest in His arms
Heart joined with His heart, beating as one
The prayers of the saints buoying your spirit
With ancestral voices now urging you on.

Hush now, be still, the Savior's a-borning
Seeking a home, to ever dwell in your heart
Offering love unconditional, endless forgiveness
Courage, counsel and grace only He can impart.

Hush, be still, notice angels approaching
Bearing a message meant just for you
A salutation, a blessing, an invitation
The hope of God that your heart will renew.

"Greetings, my child, may you ever be blessed
For every humble kindness, every generous 'yes.'
For taking risks for love, to care for my poor
For every time I knocked that you opened the door

See in Holy Child the face of every child
Seeking safety, stability and the chance to grow
Free from violence, from fear and from hunger
That through, with and in you

the boundless love of God they will know."



- Fr. Larry Dowling
Christmas 2022



Next Sunday, January 1, 2022
CHRISTMAS
Readings: Numbers 6: 22-27
Galatians 4: 4-7
Luke 2:16-21

JOIN US !!!
Parish Women's Faith Sharing
 Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533
 Access code: 386562#

Celebrant Mass Schedule

	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
12/24/22	St. Martin de Porres - Fr. Larry	4:00 Pageant/Carols - 5:00 Mass
12/25/22	St. Agatha -	Fr. Thad
01/01/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
01/08/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

A Christmas Love Prayer

Heavenly Father, the whole meaning of Christmas can be explained in one little four-letter word...LOVE. You sent your gift of pure love to us that first Christmas. Love descended from heaven to be born of a virgin. Love lay in the scratchy hay of a manger in a meager barn in Bethlehem. All of your love, God, was robed in the delicate skin of a baby and wrapped in swaddling clothes. You came as an innocent baby whose purpose was to walk this earth in complete love and then to sacrificially give your life as an atonement for the sins of your children. Emmanuel. God with us. Love in the form of one like us. Thank you, Lord, for loving us enough to send Jesus. In Jesus' precious name we pray. Amen

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall
 4300 W. Washington Blvd.
 773-626-0776

Open Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information
 Contact the Parish Office

Charitable Hands Ministry
 Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, December 25, 2022

Will A. Riley, from the Riley Family

In memory of John Branch Jr., and members of the Collier, Johnson and Shields Families

Anthony and Renae Wallin
 Caryn and Michael Kondrat, from Linda Wallin

In memory of Charlie Thomas, from Yvette Henderson

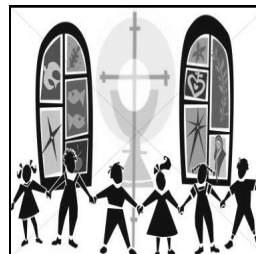
Blessed Birthday for Miryah & Mrs. Jones
 From Yolanda Berry

Safe Travels for Roger and Martha Villalba

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.

Donation is \$10

**THANK YOU !!! TO ALL OF YOU WHO
 HAVE BEEN MAILING IN YOUR
 SUNDAY OFFERINGS OR MAKING THEM
 ONLINE! AND, OF COURSE, OUR SUNDAY
 ATTENDEES!**



**Children's Liturgy
 of the Word**

**1st, 2nd and 3rd
 Sunday of Each
 Month**

Prepare the way of the Lord !