

St. Agatha Catholic Church
December 12, 2010
Third Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December

11	Saturday
5pm	†Adelia B. Miller...Janice Altenhofen
12	Sunday
8:30am	†Patrick Gilroy...Gene Meucci
10:30am	Our Parish
13	Monday
8:30am	†Ignatius Custer...Jim & Lucy Kutcher
14	Tuesday
8:30am	†Cathryn Jordan...Pat Jordan & Family
15	Wednesday
8:30am	†Lorraine Rhoades Chase...Genevieve Hainley
16	Thursday
8:30am	†Irene Jordan...Pat Jordan
17	Friday
8:30am	Mary Coen...Ruth Eivers
18	Saturday
5pm	†Betty Gende...David Gende & Family
19	Sunday
8:30am	†Thomas Jarosh...Kristy Cory
10:30am	Our Parish

STEWARDSHIP

December 5 \$ 8,541

ALTAR CARE

December 14-18 Kathryn Aune & Eleanor Trebesch

LECTOR SCHEDULE

December 18	5:00	Dawn Baerlocher
December 19	8:30	Joe Bosco
	10:30	Maria Varesio

GREETER SCHEDULE

Dec. 18	5:00	Terry/Linda Gavin, Justin Bailey/Erin O'Malley
Dec. 19	8:30	Grace Sledge/Ruth Ann Fisher/Nancy Curcio
	10:30	Dick/Becky Wingard, Cameron/Kari Kemper

ALTAR SERVERS

December 18	5:00	Gina Varesio
December 19	8:30	Maggie Rohling Zachary Stephens
	10:30	Aislin Courtis Madison Morley

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

- 12 Sunday School 1-4, 9:30am-PC
RCIC, 11:30am-PC
Peace & Social Justice Meeting, 11:45am-HCR
Loft Choir Rehearsal, 11:45am-C
Respect Life Meeting, Noon-HMR
- 13 Catechism Study, 7pm-PC
Knights of Columbus Meeting, 7:30pm-H
- 14 PIPs Meeting, 8am-HCR
Preschool Program Rehearsal, 9:30am-C
School Reconciliation, 10am-C
Music Ministry Rehearsal, 6:30pm-C
RCIA, 6:30pm-HMR
- 15 Weekly Bible Study, 9:30am-PC
Preschool Christmas Program, 10am-C
St. Vincent de Paul set up, All day-HMR
Preschool Party Set up, All day-HCR
School Christmas Program, 7pm-C
- 16 St. Vincent de Paul Set up, All day-HMR
Preschool Christmas Party, 9am-HCR
55 & Over Luncheon, 1pm-H
Centennial Meeting, 6pm-PC
- 17 St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Boxes, All day-HMR
- 18 St. Vincent de Paul Christmas Boxes, 8am-H
- 19 Sunday School 1-4, 9:30am-PC
RCIC, 11:30am-PC
Loft Choir Rehearsal, 11:45am-C

YEAR-END DONATION REMINDER – If you plan to make a year-end donation, we need to receive your check on or before December 31 in order for it to be applied to your 2010 donations. Questions? Call the Parish Office.

Scripture Readings for December 19, 2010

First Reading: Isaiah 7:10-14
Second Reading: Romans 1:1-7
Gospel: Matthew 1:18-24

ADORATION CHAPEL – There is a need for Adorers on the days listed below. Please call Emma Bosco 503-238-0072 or Nancy Curcio 503-235-5165 to sign up!

Sunday	10-11pm; 11pm-Midnight
Monday	11pm-Midnight
Tuesday	10-11am
Wednesday	11am-Noon
Thursday	4-5am; 5-6am; 3-4pm; 5-6pm
Friday	5-6am; 11am-Noon
Saturday	4-5am; 5-6am; Noon-1pm; 3-4pm

SUNDAY SCRIP SELLERS

December 19 8:30 & 10:30 Matthew Wade

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

Wm. R. Johnson Westmoreland Jewelers
"Your Friendly Eastside Jeweler for Over 50 Years"
6680 SE Milwaukie Avenue
503-232-1147

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve 5pm & 11pm

Christmas Day 10am
(No 5pm Sunday Vigil)

New Years Day 10am
(No 5pm Sunday Vigil)

January 2 - 8:30am
(No 10:30am Mass)

“Light the Tower Mass”
January 2 – 5pm

BAPTISM CLASS - This is a required class for parents and godparents before the baptism of a child. Classes will be held January 3 & 4, 2011, at 6:30pm in the Hall Meeting Room. To register or if you have questions call Randy/Kathy Stewart 503-659-7869.

55 & OVER CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON - Please join us and enjoy a fabulously prepared meal on Thursday, December 16 at 1pm in the Parish Hall. No potluck. Questions? Call Fran at 503-654-6260

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel Jesus tells us that the good news can be seen, touched, felt, and heard through the lives of God's people. We are now charged to take up the ministry of Jesus, but we can't just ask people to take our word for it; our actions must speak for us. A special thanks to our Parish for the Thanksgiving Day offering of just over \$2,000 and for over 250 lbs. of food. These donations will ALL go toward serving the poor of our Parish boundaries.
December Suggested Donation item: Jams, Jellies, and Preserves.

MEN'S WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – Every Tuesday this group meets for breakfast and fellowship from 6:45-8am at Eastmoreland Grill on Bybee Blvd. (at the Golf Course).

THRIFTY COTTAGE NEWS – Please note the Thrifty Cottage will be closed for the Christmas holidays (December 22 through January 2). Be sure and finish any shopping you're planning at the Cottage before then. We will be open again on January 3 at 10am!

PARISH PROJECTS! The sewer line at the Thrifty Cottage (\$6,500) needs to be replaced. Can you help? A special thank you to the many people who have made donations to help with the unexpected expenses we've had recently! Questions? Please call Karen at 503-236-4747.

CONGRATULATIONS Tashia Pettyjohn and Jared Sample who were married at St. Agatha's on December 11!

SPOTLIGHT ON SCRIP -- During the month of December our school can earn an additional 2% on gift card purchases for Starbucks, Lowe's and iTunes. If these cards are on your holiday gift list be sure and purchase them from our scrip program and earn even more money for our school. Gift cards make great stocking stuffers and are a good way to show appreciation to the teachers for the marvelous job they are doing with our children. Thanks for your support.

PLEASE PRAY for the following military personnel who are currently serving our country:

Sean Dasso (USMC)	Devon Gende (USMC)
Derrick Van Orden (USN)	Matt Seward (USMC)
Mark Ellison (USMC)	Timothy Muller (USAF)

Dear Friends,

This past Wednesday, we celebrated the Immaculate Conception of Mary, the Mother of God, along with the whole Church. At the 8:30 Mass, children from the school joined parishioners to sing and celebrate the Solemnity. Every celebration of Mary's life provides an opportunity for us to witness her humble surrender to the will of God. Mary's *yes* inspires us in our daily life to say *yes* to God's invitation to us. Like Mary, we must often say *yes* even when we don't know what the outcome will be or what the future may hold. The 8:30 Mass represented the faith of our community very well. Adults and children of every age joined together, and it seemed very natural for the school children and parishioners to pray and sing as one.

Along this same line, I want to encourage each member of the parish, but particularly our parents with children, to make every effort to celebrate Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation. There is no more important gift that we can give our children than coming together as a family to celebrate the Eucharist and be part of our parish faith community. In a time of social instability, the timeless values and faith of the Church offer something essential that can't be purchased.

This Christmas let us all make an effort to share the gift of faith in Christ Jesus with one another.

May the Holy Spirit deepen our longing for the Lord's coming at Christmas.

Father Nathan Zodrow

P.S. Don't forget to consider an end of the year financial gift to the parish or school. As you know all donations are tax deductible.