

St. Agatha Catholic Church
December 5, 2010
Second Sunday of Advent

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

December

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| 4 | Saturday |
| 5pm | †Dr. Charles Sparks |
| 5 | Sunday |
| 8:30am | †Chris Cutone...Mike & Lucille Cutone |
| 10:30am | Our Parish |
| 6 | Monday |
| 8:30am | †George Eivers...Ruth Eivers |
| 7 | Tuesday |
| 8:30am | †Joan Worden Ferenbach... Genevieve Hainley |
| 8 | Wednesday |
| 8:30am | †Anthony Rossi...Joanne Schutte |
| 7:00pm | †Deceased parents of Michael VanBlokland |
| 9 | Thursday |
| 10:00am | †Lou Custer... Jim & Lucy Kutcher |
| 10 | Friday |
| 8:30am | Evans McLean, Jr. |
| 11 | Saturday |
| 5pm | †Adelia B. Miller...Janice Altenhofen |
| 12 | Sunday |
| 8:30am | †Patrick Gilroy...Gene Meucci |
| 10:30am | Our Parish |

STEWARDSHIP

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| November | 7 | \$ 7,436 |
| | 14 | \$ 5,227 |
| | 21 | \$ 4,761 |
| | 28 | \$ 4,955 |

LECTOR SCHEDULE

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| December 11 | 5:00 | Erin O'Malley |
| December 12 | 8:30 | Julia Miller |
| | 10:30 | Jane Noyes |

GREETER SCHEDULE

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| December 11 | 5:00 | Bob & Doreen Modena/Pat Minkler |
| December 12 | 8:30 | Judith Haagensen, Scott Lewin, Katherine Aune, Eleanor Trebesch |
| | 10:30 | Greg & Maia Kirkelie & Family |

ALTAR SERVERS

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| December 11 | 5:00 | Freddie Winter |
| December 12 | 8:30 | Gwen Spencer Owen Spencer |
| | 10:30 | Nathaniel Gregos Hannah Veary |

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

DECEMBER

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| 5 | Sunday School 1-4, 9:30am-PC RCIC, 11:30am-PC Called to Protect Training, Noon-HMR Prayer for Life, Noon-C Liturgy Council Meeting, 12:45-PC |
| 6 | Catechism Study, 7pm-PC |
| 8 | Weekly Bible Study, 9:30am-PC Preschool Rehearsal, 9:30am-C St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, 5:30pm-PC RCIA, 7pm-HMR |
| 9 | School Reconciliation, 9:30am-C Administrative Council Meeting, 6:30pm-PC CYO Coaches Meeting, 7:30pm-H |
| 10 | Sample/Pettyjohn Rehearsal, 5pm-C |
| 11 | Sample/Pettyjohn Wedding, 2pm-C |
| 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 |

Scripture Readings for December 12, 2010

First Reading: Isaiah 35:1-6a, 10
Second Reading: James 5:7-10
Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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!

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| 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 12 8:30 & 10:30 Jan Hainley

ALTAR CARE

December 7 - 11 Sally Delegato & Joan Gilbertz

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK!

Gifts of the Spirit, Inc.
Catholic Gifts Fontanini Creche Figures
Olde Style Monastery Fruit Cake
7001 SE 52nd Portland
503-771-6442

Advent Penance Service
Tuesday, December 7 at 7pm



Immaculate Conception Mass
Wednesday, December 8
8:30am & 7pm

RESPECT LIFE meeting will be held on **Sunday, December 12** at Noon in the Hall Meeting Room.

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.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY – In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." This is what Advent is all about, for we are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need.

Is there a family you know, who needs our assistance? Let them know we can help.

A special thanks to our Parish for the Thanksgiving Day offering of \$2,857 and for over 250 lbs of food! These donations will ALL go toward serving the poor in our Parish boundaries.

December Suggested Donation item: Jams, Jellies, and Preserves.

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY – Join us on Wednesday's from 9:30-11am at the Parish Center. For information, please contact Julia Miller 503-534-1062.

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).

PARISH PROJECTS! The sewer line at the Thrifty Cottage (\$6,500) and the sewer line at the Parish Hall (\$1,600) will be replaced the week of December 6. Can you help with some of these large expenses? A special thank you to the many people who have made donations to help with these expenses! Questions? Please call Karen at 503-236-4747.



KEYS – Did you forget to turn in the Hall key after your event? Do you have that extra Parish Center key on your key chain after the auction? Please drop them off at the Parish Center. We often have to get additional keys made when people don't turn in the one's they have borrowed. Questions? Karen 503-236-4747

CONGRATULATIONS Lauren Busto and Philip Fuesser who were married at St. Agatha's on December 4!

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:

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

Dear Friends,

I want to wish each of you a blessed Advent. The Liturgies during this season leading up to the Nativity of Our Lord are full of joyous anticipation and they celebrate the centuries of waiting for his coming. The Advent Wreath symbolizes this anticipation of our Lord's birth by our lighting another candle each week. As you know from years past, the first purple candle recalls the prophecies that announced the coming Messiah; the second purple candle celebrates the birthplace of the Lord, the tiny town of Bethlehem; the third candle, which is pink, expresses the great joy we feel at the pending birth of Jesus; and finally, the last purple candle stands for the angels who announce "Joy to the World".

Along with the wreath, we have the Jesse Tree placed in front of the altar. As Advent progresses this barren tree will begin to blossom as Christmas approaches. Last evening the Church was filled with the beautiful sounds of our "Loft Choir" practicing for Christmas Eve. These are all wonderful reminders of our longing for Christ. There is still time for anyone who wants to join the choir to do so. Just call Karen at the office and she will let Catherine Benson (Music Director) know of your interest. Being part of the choir is a rewarding way to prepare spiritually for the coming of the Lord as well as to serve the whole parish.

Finally, as we prepare for the Lord's coming, I encourage you to prepare your hearts by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The sacrament, which is a true encounter with the compassionate Savior, brings us grace and great freedom. It also opens our hearts to our Lord in the Holy Eucharist. We will celebrate a communal reconciliation liturgy in the parish on Tuesday, December 7 at 7pm. We will have the generous assistance of Fr. Ron Millican, Fr. Kevin Clarke, Fr. Michael Tyrrell as confessors that evening. Let us join together to prepare mindfully for the coming of our Savior.

May God Bless You

Father Nathan Zodrow