

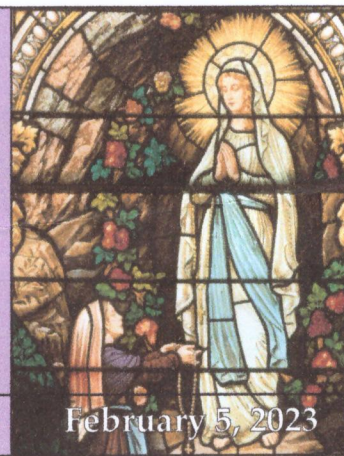
# SAINT AUGUSTINE CHAPEL

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**Septuagesima; St. Agatha VM**

## Schedule for Feb 2023 – Mar 2023

Sun Feb 12	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Sun Feb 19	*** Holy Hour 9:30 am ***
Wed Feb 22	Ash Wednesday
Fri Feb 24	Lenten Devotions 7:00 PM
Sat Feb 25	Mass 8:00 am
Sun Feb 26	*** First Sunday of Lent Mass 9:30 am ***
Fri Mar 3	Lenten Devotions 7:00 PM
Sat Mar 4	Mass 8:00 am
Sun Mar 5	Mass 9:30 am
Sun Mar 12	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Sun Mar 19	Mass 9:30 am (Visiting priest)
Sun Mar 26	Holy Hour 9:30 am
Fri Mar 31	Lenten Devotions 7:00 PM
Sat Apr 1	Mass 8:00 am
Sun Apr 2	Palm Sunday Procession & Mass 9:00 am
Sun Apr 9	Easter Mass 9:30 am

## Septuagesima

### Why is this Sunday called Septuagesima?

The word means *seventy*. According to the First Council of Orleans, in the year A.D. 545, many pious ecclesiastics and lay persons of the primitive Church used to fast seventy days before Easter.

### Why did the first Christians fast seventy days?

Alcuin and Amalarius say that the captivity of the Jews in **Babylon** first suggested it; for as the Jews were obliged to do penance **seventy years**, that they might thereby merit to return into the promised land, so Christians sought to regain the grace of God by fasting for seventy days.

The Holy Gospel of Jesus Christ, According to St. Matthew, xx. 1-16. At that time Jesus spoke to His disciples this parable: The kingdom of heaven is like to a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire labourers into his vineyard....

**In these parables what is to be understood by the master of a family, the vineyard, the laborers, and the denarius?** The **master** of a family is **God**, Who calls all men as laborers to His vineyard of the true religion, or

Church, and to receive the promised denarius, which is the divine grace and eternal salvation.

### How and when does God call men?

By the instructions of parents and teachers, by preachers and confessors, by spiritual books, edifying conversation, good examples and inspirations; in early youth, in manhood, and in old age -- which stages of human life are also signified by the different hours of the day.

### How should we work in the vineyard of the Lord?

As in a vineyard men must dig, destroy the weeds, cut off what is useless and bad, manure, plant, and bind, in like manner must we, in the spiritual vineyard of our souls, destroy the weeds of vice by rooting out sinful inclinations and their causes, and by real penance. In other words:

1. We must hate every sin.
2. We must produce in ourselves a fervent desire to destroy vice.
3. We must earnestly beg God's grace, without which we can do nothing.
4. We must attend zealously at instructions, sermons, and catechism.
5. We must often go to confession and communion, and follow our confessor's directions.
6. Every morning we must make firm resolutions, and every night an examination of conscience.
7. We must fast, give alms, and do other good works.

### Why did the last man, as mentioned in the gospel, receive as much as those who came first?

Because God does not reward men according to the time of their labor, but according to the zeal, love, fidelity, and humility with which they have concurred with His grace (Wis. iv. 7, 8, 11; II Cor. ix. 6).

### What is meant by "many are called, but few chosen"?

It is as if Our Saviour should say, Do not wonder that the last shall be first, and the first last, for many will not be received at all. From among the **Jews** and **gentiles** He has called many, but few only have followed Him, and of these again only few can be chosen. How many **Christians** are there who do not accept His calling, or who fail to live according to their vocation, neither cooperating with His grace nor trying forcibly to enter the kingdom of heaven!