



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
May 19, 2024
PENTECOST SUNDAY



**"Come
Holy
Spirit !**

**Renew
the
face
of
the
Earth !"**

There came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit." Acts 2:1-4

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish

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St. Martin de Porres Church
Church of Record

5112 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60644 Ph: (773) 287-0206
Office Hours Mon. - Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

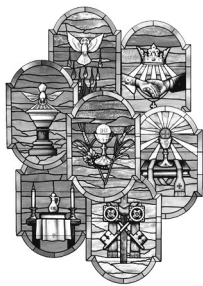
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

St. Agatha Church

3147 W. Douglas Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60623 Ph: (773) 522-3050
Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 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.

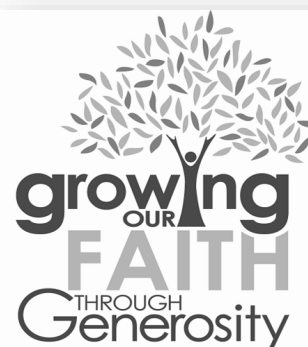
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, May 12, 2024

St. Simon of Cyrene at St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres

Mass Offering	\$5,618.27
GiveCentral	1154.00
Kolbe House-Special	47.00
Total:	\$6,819.27

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, DiMarkco Chandler, Frank Clark, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Ana Garcia, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Virginia Evans, Diana Foster, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Patricia Graham, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Leutrice Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Joyce Ann Johnson, Sr., Julius Jones, Corine Jourdan, Ashanti Kelly, Jacqueline Kelly, Stanley King, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Mannette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Marilyn Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Martina Mgimba, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledge, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Ed Ricks, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Lazaro Alexander Singh, Rosa Solano, Candace Span, Brenda D. Taylor, Jose Teran, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., Richard Spearman, Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Natoya Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

'Twas the Morning of Pentecost

by Fr. Larry Dowling

'Twas Pentecost Morning and all thru the upper room The apostles were caught up in fear and in gloom. Thomas was the worst, for him there was doubt, That what Jesus had promised would soon come about. But Peter, of course, fresh from his Ascension high, Was innerly excited he couldn't deny. For Jesus had told them that soon they would meet The essence of love, the great Paraclete. In Jerusalem outside there was hustle and bustle, with Slave-trading merchants proudly showing their muscle. There were buyers and sellers from most every nation Seeking money and bargains before high inflation. The temple was brimming with those seeking to pray, Searching for answers in the midst of the day. They were Sad-u-cee, Phar-i-see, some hard to de-Scribe, Most representing most every tribe. But back to the room where no sound could be heard, Were the cringing apostles awaiting some word. When up in the air there arose such a clamor Of a hard-driving wind like a gentle jackhammer. There was noise, a cool breeze, a sweet calming essence That caressed their souls in a great loving presence. When what to their wondering minds should appear But a Spirit both gentle and strong and clear. This Spirit was like raindrops hanging over each head, It was strong and intense and a fiery red. Its essence was creation and passion and spirit, Its presence so strong that no doubter could endure it. The apostles just sat there bewildered in wonder That all this confusion might tear them asunder. Then Thomas said something, a big turnabout, "His Spirit is with us, of this I have no doubt." Then Peter and Andrew and Bartholomew smiled For all of their fear had just been exiled. They cheered up and rose up and embraced in His name For no future day would be ever the same. As they grew eager and bolder and even more stronger Their fear disappeared; their despair felt no longer. The Spirit of love between the Father and Son Gave new determination for things to be done.

Like fresh wineskins overflowing with fine aged wine The disciples rushed forth with newfound design. Filled with His Spirit to preach in His Name To teach, to baptize, fullness of life to proclaim. They entered the market and temple and street Bringing God's abundant love to all whom they'd meet. With nothing but tunic and sandals and spirit They preached of compassion, All there could hear it! Yes, Jews, Cretans, Elamites, and those from Medea, Mesopotamians, Arabs, women and men from Judea. Asians, Phrygians, Cappadocians as well Libyans and Egyptians from home for a spell. There were Romans and Pontians and proud Parthians Amazed at the words of these strange Galileans. No matter male or female or older or young Each heard these disciples in their own native tongue. The disciples kept speaking, knowing somehow they were heard And knowing this Spirit was far more than a bird. The great marvels and doings of God they did share Helping all people know God was close, ever near. Touched by the stories of Jesus' great mission, Knowing they were included in God's saving vision. They looked at each other with trust, filled with peace Joy and love overflowing, and a hope without cease. As people dispersed in amazement and delight The moon slowly crested on that first Pentecost Night. None could doubt that what happened that day Would touch each one of us in a quite special way. For the Spirit which dispelled the disciples' great fear Is the same Sweet Spirit that dwells in each of us here. It is a Spirit of love, of creativity, that can engender Renewal of life, as to God's plan you fully surrender. This day is our birthday, the beginning of our Church, A day for renewal, to continue our search. For what makes us strong is each spirit indwelling That nurtures, inspires, offers love beyond all telling. So much like Christmas, this day for us means To receive this new Spirit and live fully our dreams. To bring about a kingdom to which Jesus gave birth Spreading hope and renewal to the ends of the earth.

Happy Birthday, St. Simon of Cyrene!

Next Sunday, May 26, 2024
 The Most Holy Trinity
 Readings: Deuteronomy 4:32-34, 39-40
 Romans 8:14-17
 Matthew 28:16-20

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

05/19/24	PENTECOST	Unity Mass	SMdeP
05/26/24	Fr. Thad		Fr. Larry
06/02/24	Fr. Larry		Fr. Thad
06/09/24	Fr. Thad		Fr. Larry
06/16/24	Fr. Larry		Fr. Thad

- Golden Age Group -

Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors
Other Activities
Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, May 20th at St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms. McGowan (773) 522-3050

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall

4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776
 Open Saturdays: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Purcell Hall Rental Information
 Contact the Parish Office

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

Church Staff

Parish Secretary (SMdeP): Carol Johnson
Reception/Pantry (StA): Refoncia McGowan
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Maintenance: Kevin Johnson
Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
Custodian: Frank Clark
Housekeeper SMdeP: Scarlett Evans-Perez

Music Director: Dennis Smith
Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
Website/ Social Media: Emily Dillon, Kevin Dillon

Prayer for the Intercession and Sainthood of
 Fr. Augustus Tolton

O God, * we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, * who labored among us in times of contradiction,* times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. * His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time.* We stand in the shadow of his ministry.* May his life continue to inspire us * and imbue us with that confidence and hope * that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love. Father in Heaven, * Father Tolton's suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; * we see them through the prism of your Son's passion and death.* If it be your will, O God,* glorify your servant, Father Tolton, * by granting the favor I now request through his intercession * (mention your request) * so that all may know the goodness of this priest * whose memory looms large in the Church he loved. Complete what you have begun in us * that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom.* Not to us the glory,* but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son* and our Lord; * Father, Son and Holy Spirit,* you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

- Bishop Joseph N. Perry

Our Parish Vision...

Rooted in and propelled by the love of Jesus Christ, we, the people of St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish, one Parish Family with ministry sites at St. Agatha & St. Martin de Porres Churches, profess a life-giving, all-embracing faith, fostering full participation in worship that nourishes us to care for one another and extend our lived faith, relentless hope and life-giving love to our Westside Communities.



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, May 19, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Margaret Stewart
From the Stewart and Brown Family

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones living and deceased, by offering a Mass intention. Donation \$10