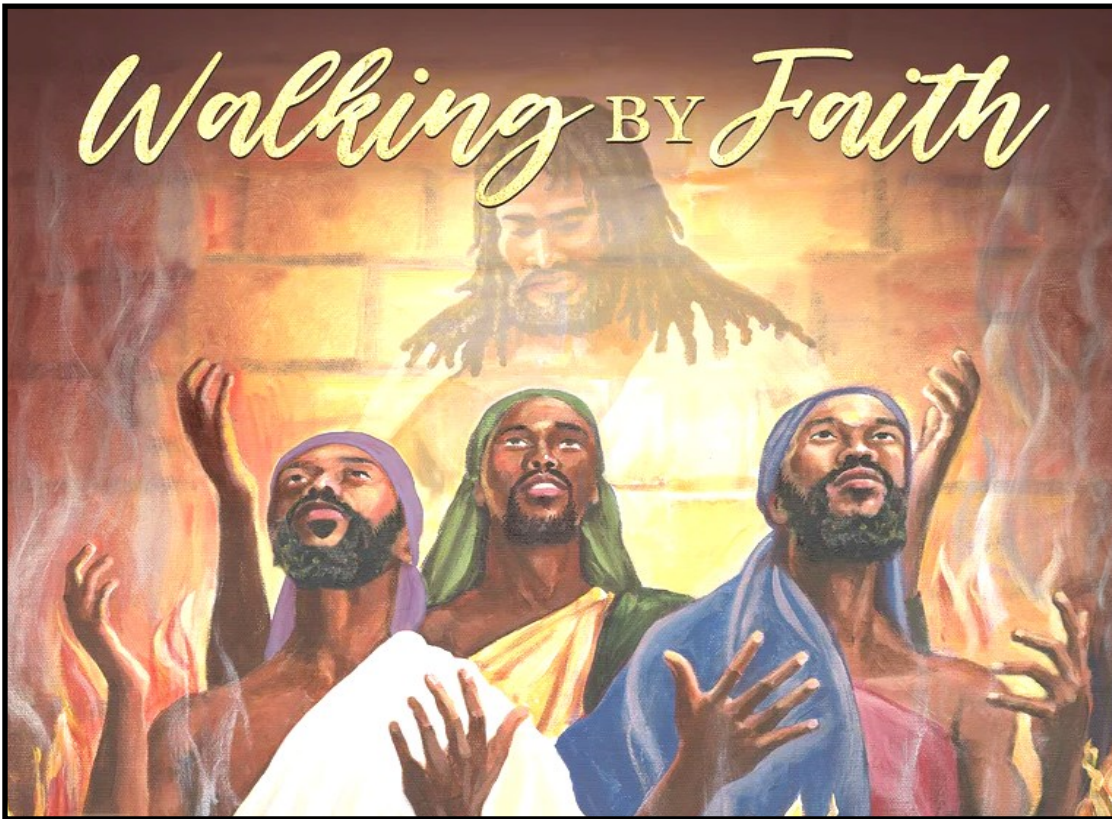




St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
June 16, 2024
Eleventh Sunday of Ordinary Time



Walking BY Faith

**"Brothers
and sisters:
We are
always
courageous
although we
know that
while we are
at home in
the body
we are away
from the
Lord,"**

2Cor 5: 6

Blessed Father's Day !!!

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.

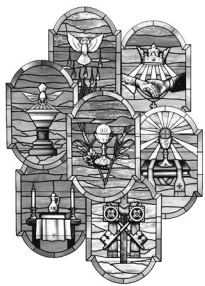
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

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.

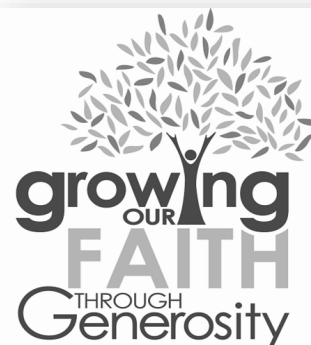
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, June 9, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$5,535.00
GiveCentral	1455.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>85.00</u>
Total:	\$7,075.00

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, Leatrice Harris, Tony Harris, Harlem Daniel Hayes, 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, 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

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My friends, I grew up in a rural community downstate. My best friend in high school still runs a farm and grain mill near Paris, IL. I remember summer jobs pulling corn plants out of the bean fields. I remember riding horses and driving tractors. I remember watching the daily growth of corn plants, anticipating when we would be able to eat fresh, juicy and sweet corn. So the image of the sower in today's Gospel has a deeper meaning for me.

Jesus tells us, those of us who are true disciples, that the kingdom of God is about patience, waiting, being fallow ground open in each moment for the Lord to plant seeds of new life that only we can nurture with patience, prayer and an openness to give life to the world in whatever way God is inviting us to do so.

According to the parable, it requires waiting, gradual growth and trust that the seeds will grow and flourish and bear fruit for ourselves and others. As in the parable, we must separate ourselves, like the grain from the chaff, from those things that would weigh us down and prevent the full flourishing of the seeds that God has planted in us.

Everyone in our congregation at St. Simon of Cyrene is being invited by God to add your unique personhood, your unique gifts and passion, to the fabric of our great parish community. This requires an openness, a letting go of some things in order for God to plant new possibilities into each and all of us.

It requires a letting go of any ministry or committee that we claim as 'ours,' instead asking to help us discern where our gifts and passion are needed.

St. Paul reminds us that 'we walk by faith and not by sight.' When you think about the future of St. Simon of Cyrene, do you imagine a church that is growing and flourishing, passing on the faith to future generations and engaging the greater community on the west side. Do you have FAITH that this will happen? We can get caught up in lamenting the decrease of numbers of young people and young adults on Sundays, and fall into despair. But what Jesus is asking of us is, "Do you have FAITH even the size of a tiny mustard seed that we, with God's help, will plant and nurture the seeds to make this happen?" This requires ALL OF US to reject the negative voices that are within us or out there in the world, to close our hearts and minds, ears and eyes to those negative voices, and instead WALK BY FAITH – IN GOD and IN EACH OTHER!

Let me suggest a question for each of us. If I were to give up my current ministry, where would God have me put my energy, my time and talent and treasure? Is there a particular ministry in development or a ministry that needs revival where God could use my gifts?

And a final question: Is there a fellow parishioner who you think could add a unique support to a particular ministry? After all, God calls us in the silence of our hearts, but God's call can also come through another person or persons.

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, June 23, 2024
Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Job 38:1, 8-11
2 Corinthians 5:14-17
Mark: 4:35-41

Celebrant Mass Schedule	
St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
6/16/24 Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
6/23/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
6/30/24 UNITY MASS - St. Agatha	

- Golden Age Group -
Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors
Other Activities
Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, June 17 at St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms. McGowan (773) 522-3050

&
WOMEN
FAITH

Wednesday, June 19, 10:00am - 11:00am
 Call-in (267)807.9533 - Code 38656#

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 Bechel
 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


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.


FOOD PANTRY

St. Martin de Porres
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. to Noon


St. Agatha
Tuesday
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.



FEED THE HUNGRY



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, June 16, 2024



Special Prayers for Kelly Bresnahan
From Linda and Douglas Wallin

Happy June Birthdays To
St. Simon of Cyrene Men's Group and Food Pantry
From the Hicks Family

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