



**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**June 2, 2024**  
**Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ**



***"While they were eating, he took bread, said the blessing, broke it, gave it to them, and said, "Take it; this is my body."***

***Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many."***

*Mark 14: 22-23*

**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.**

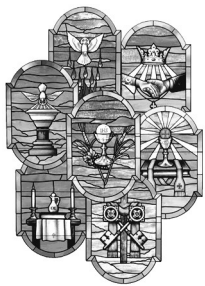
**Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am**  
**Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)**

**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.

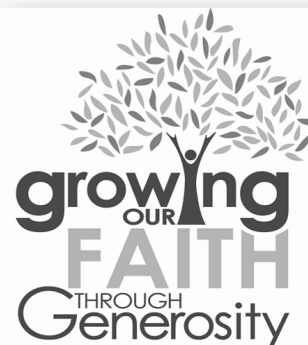
**Hospital Stays:** If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

### Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, May 26, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$4,207.00
GiveCentral	1097.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>100.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,404.00</b>

**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, 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 Pledage, 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... (Feast of the Body and Blood of Christ)**

I occasionally ask parishioners what they are thinking or praying about as they approach the common table to receive the Body and Blood of Christ, and what they do when they return to their seats. I rarely get immediate answers. Yes, some say they are praying; some say they are asking God for something; and many say they really aren't thinking about anything in particular - not necessarily a bad thing.

If I can suggest something, it would be to take a moment (even before we get to Mass) to ask the question: In what specific way do I need Christ to feed me today? What are my hurts, my struggles, my temptations and fears? What are my hopes and dreams? What strength, courage, hope, faith, love do I require to be the strength, courage, faith, hope and love of someone I care about? Bring these longing(s) to be fed to the altar as you are about to receive, believing that Christ himself will feed you with what you need!

A professor of mine at the seminary made this entreaty to our gathered assembly during a homily: Would that we, as we so often out of habit, nonchalantly approach the Eucharistic table, the table of sacrifice, the table of Love, to consume the Body and Blood of Christ, would that we might, instead, long for and be willing to be consumed by the love of God.

Think about that for a moment. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. God so loves the world that God continues to give us His Son in simple gifts of bread and wine. Heaven is joined with earth. The Spirit of God has touched the elements and changed them to be spiritual food for us and, through us, sustenance for others.

This is why I encourage Eucharistic ministers to look directly in the eyes of those who are receiving from them, expressing through our own eyes God's deep love for them. As the priest, deacon, or lay minister says the words, "Body of Christ," "Blood of Christ," there are two dynamics taking place requiring our "Amen!" The first is an "Amen!" meaning I firmly believe that what you are offering me to take from you is indeed the Body and Blood of Christ. The second "Amen!" meaning "let it be so" is an affirmation of our desire for us and the minister of Holy Communion to become more fully the Body and Blood of Christ for others.

As we return to our seats after receiving the Eucharist, what do we do? Do we wait for the closing prayer and announcements? Check our watches? Or do we take the time to really ponder the great Gift that we have received? Do we ask for what we uniquely, and even specifically, desire from Christ to give us the strength we need in the coming days?

The Eucharist is an incredible gift from Jesus, His flesh and blood, soul and divinity, longing for us to believe and accept Him fully into our very flesh and spirit, to fortify and strengthen us in any way we need to walk the coming week's journey.

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

***Congratulations to our children receiving their First Holy Communion today!  
Blessings on Melanie Buñay, William Trujillo - Gall, Jaison Varbar***

Next Sunday, June 9, 2024  
**Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Genesis 3: 9-15**  
**2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1**  
**Mark: 3:20-35**

**In the Mingling**  
 by Fr. Larry Dowling

Fresh water drawn deeply from a  
 crystal clear river  
 Nourished by the rains on a majestic,  
 snow-capped Olympus  
 Careening toward an unknown destiny -  
 across rocks worn smooth, and stones freshly  
 fallen from the futile attempt of the mountain  
 to achieve ultimate entropy.  
 Moving with force along a highway  
 carved over millennia.  
 Crystalline it flows, its whitecaps  
 frothing across the shards,  
 trees felled by the magnificence  
 of a loving God.  
 It flows ever so rapidly, then slows, gazed upon  
 by those who would nurse their sustenance from it.  
 Oh, do they witness her beauty as I would  
 hope they do so?  
 Their reverence for the life which  
 satiates their innate thirst  
 is a counterpoint to the ebb and flow  
 of my reverence for Thee at times, my God.  
 Yet that which roils in pristine splendor before me  
 Reflects the best and worst of that in me.  
 Water flowing amidst trees and brush, settling  
 into an endless whirlpool,  
 Then escaping to flow freely with my brothers  
 and sisters  
 Urging them "join me - no, You - in our destiny."  
 We are but a drop in the ocean of Your love, my  
 God.  
 By the mingling of this water and wine, may we  
 come to share in Your divinity who humbled  
 Yourself to share in our humanity. Amen! Let it  
 be so!

Celebrant Mass Schedule	
St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
6/02/24 Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
6/09/24 Fr. Thad	Bishop Michael Msongazila
6/16/24 Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
6/23/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
6/30/24	UNITY MASS - St. Agatha




*Melanie Buñay*  
*William Trujillo-Hall*  
*Jaison Farbar*

**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**



**Mass Intentions for this Week**  
**Sunday, June 2, 2024**



† In Loving Memory of Atilano Sanchez  
 From the Martinez and Sanchez Family

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Victor Andrade  
 From the Andrade Family

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Maria F. Veza  
 From Joann Harris

**Prayers for the Presentation of**  
**Baby Elza Grace Duval, from Mom and Dad**

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