



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
June 23, 2024
Twelfth Sunday In Ordinary Time



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.

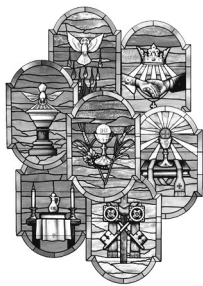
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

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.

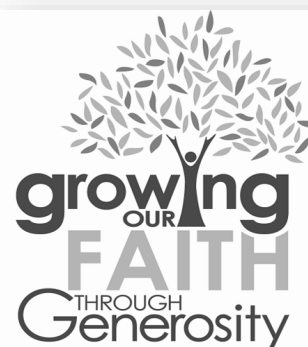
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, June 16, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$4,955.48
GiveCentral	1093.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>192.00</u>
Total:	\$6,240.48

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, more and more I realize that faith and trust are openings that allow God's love to come into us. God cares enough about us to allow pain and sorrow to find us and to stretch us and to open doors to a deeper relation with him. God does not cause the pain and sorrow but allows it. And lets it stretch us.

This is the theme of our Scripture readings today. In the first reading, God recounts to the despairing Job that God's love has always been there for him. "Who shut within doors the sea, when it burst forth from the womb; when I made the clouds its garment and thick darkness its swaddling bands? When I set limits for it and fastened the bar of its door, and said: Thus far shall you come but no farther, and here shall your proud waves be stilled! Job 38: 8-11 I love the maternal language God uses, the seas, water, the source of life being birthed from God's womb. God sets limits on where the sea will be allowed to encroach. God commands the elements, yet God will not command the human spirit to follow Him. God wants our commitment, out of love, to accept God's constant and life-giving invitation to partner with Him in the creation of a better world for all. This requires real faith and trust, especially in the midst of the storms of life, where we are being tested in the depth of our faith in God that God will get us through and, in the process, make us even stronger.

The Gospel gives a similar account, again involving an unruly sea and the despair of Jesus' disciples, even as he rests close by in the stern of the boat. Out of fear, they are collectively compelled to cry out to him and wake him to demand he save them.

I wonder if any of them initially trusted that Jesus would not let them drown, but then bought into the fear of the others and got caught up in the group panic? This may be a good lesson for our unifying parish: Do we buy into the fear that our 'boat' will eventually capsize, OR do we trust in God strongly enough to allay our fears and the fears of others that, unabated, would eventually lead to the sinking of the 'boat.'

I love it that Jesus can command demons and nature, but gives us free will to choose ourselves whether we will trust and follow His commands, having faith that God's only desire is to help us become our very best selves, our very best reflection of the Spirit of God that breathed us into this life and the possibility of eternal life.

So where is your faith these days? Do you believe that God loves you totally and unquestionably, that Your being conceived and born into this world out of Love is an incredible gift to You and others? Do you, in the midst of hardship, trust that God will get you through, that God will never allow any hardship that you, with the help of God and God's people, cannot handle? Life is not all smooth sailing. We can appreciate the light wind that propels us through life. Can we also appreciate that sometimes it takes storms to move us as well?

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

**JOIN US NEXT SUNDAY
JUNE 30TH**

**Celebrating Our Unity
and the 17-1/2 Years of Ministry
on the Westside of Fr. Larry
Sunday, June 30th 10:00 a.m.
St. Agatha Church
on the Boulevard
(weather permitting)
followed by picnic celebration.**

**Next Sunday, June 30, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Wisdom 1:13-15, 2:23-24
2 Corinthians 8:7,9, 13-15
Mark: 5:21-43 or 5:21-24**

**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**

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.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres**

6/23/24 Fr. Thad Fr. Larry
6/30/24 UNITY MASS - St. Agatha

Prayer for Healing for Victims of Domestic Abuse

Lord, I adore you and give you thanks for creating me to be just who I am. You created me to enjoy the fullness of life, Your life in me. Heal me of any incidents of abuse in my life or in the lives of my children that have made us feel unworthy or inferior. Heal us of all experiences of abuse in our home that have made us feel guilty and ashamed, that has caused us to reject ourselves and to lose hope. Surround me with Your light, Jesus, and penetrate the very depths of my being with that light. Let there remain no areas of darkness in me or in my children, but transform our whole being with the healing light of Your love. Open me completely to receive Your love, Jesus. AMEN.

**Domestic Violence Services: Catholic Charities Chicago. Community Casework and Counseling. 1800 N. Hermitage. Chicago, IL 60622. Intake: (312) 655-7700
National Domestic Violence Hotline: 1-800-799 SAFE (7233)**

**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, June 23, 2024**



**Happy Heavenly Birthday to
Merritt L. Hicks Jr.
From the Hicks Family**

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