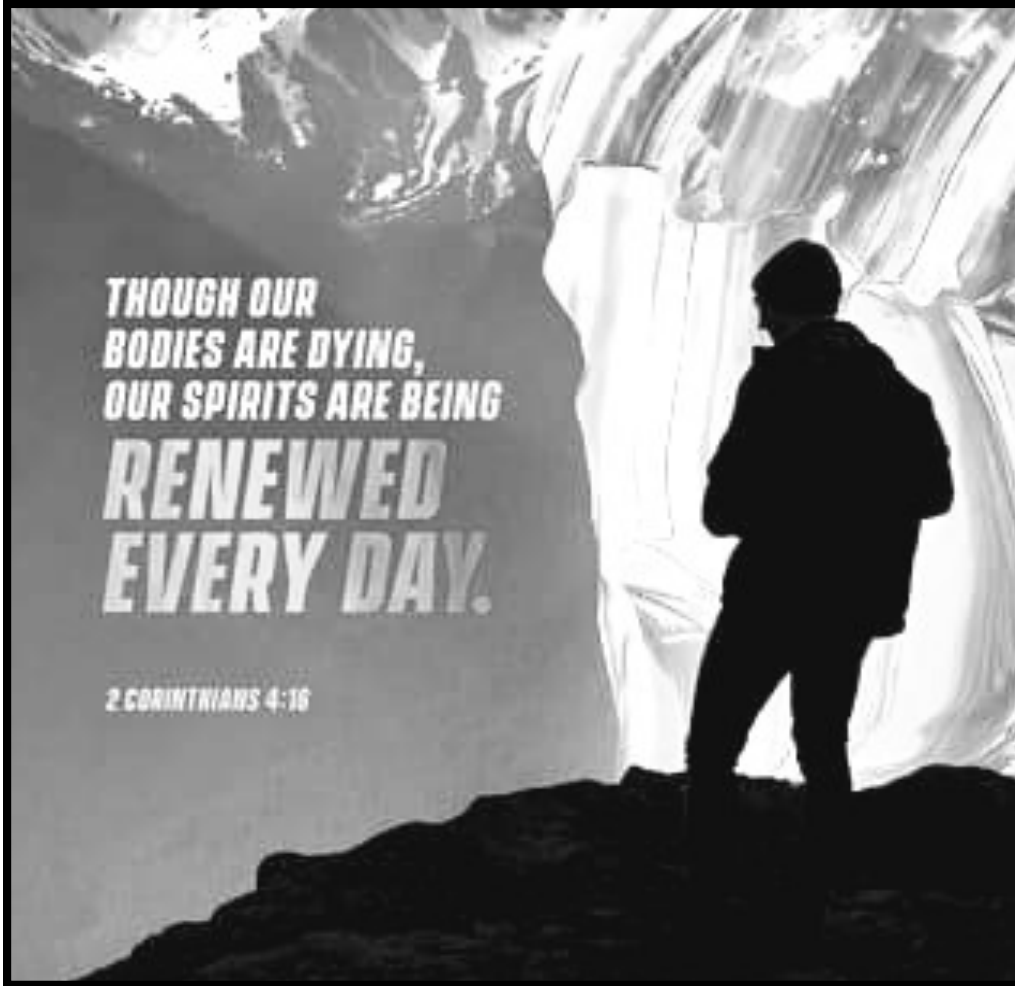




St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
June 9, 2024
Tenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



**THOUGH OUR
BODIES ARE DYING,
OUR SPIRITS ARE BEING
RENEWED
EVERY DAY.**

2 CORINTHIANS 4:16

**"We know that
if our earthly
dwelling,
a tent,
should be
destroyed,
we have a
building
from God,
a dwelling
not made
with hands,
eternal in heaven."
2Cor 5:1-2**

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.

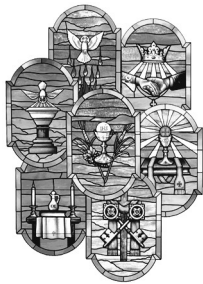
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

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.

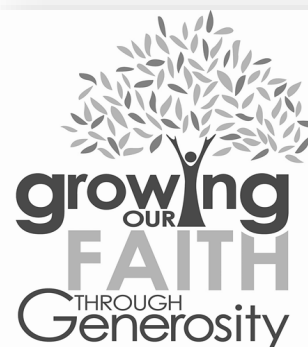
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, June 2, 2024

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

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| Mass Offering | \$4,671.00 |
| GiveCentral | 967.20 |
| Universal Offertory - April 2024 | 1733.36 |
| Kolbe House-Special | <u>112.00</u> |
| Total: | \$7,483.56 |

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...

My friends, of all the major faiths of the world, we Christians discovered the Trinity of God by seeing it manifested in this world: the love of the Father for the Son, together with the loving inclusion of everything in existence, which is the Holy Spirit.

Jesus, throughout his life, was always referring to his essential lifegiving relationship with the Father in heaven. It is the mutuality of their deep love for each other that is manifested in the world through the gift of their Holy Spirit. Their infinite love for each other gives life to all creation. All life, animate and inanimate, is a creation of God. God infuses all life with potential to fulfill its unique purpose as part of the whole of creation. We, uniquely, can say 'yes' to the Spirit of God which longs for us to embrace not only our God-given purpose, but to connect ourselves intimately with God to help us fully develop and offer the fullness of our unique gifts in service to God and others.

In the Gospel, Jesus is clear that such purpose is not reserved to our immediate family or social group. We are meant to serve all our brothers and sisters in the world. Listen to Jesus' words, not a rebuke to His mother Mary and his relatives, but a challenge to us all to look beyond our limited view of who God calls us to care about: "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother." (Mt 12: 48-50)

So how do we who strive to be true disciples of Jesus Christ embrace the will of God 24/7 365 days a year? It takes building a habit of connection to the presence of God within ourselves. It takes an openness to just sit in holy silence, to be still and know that God's Spirit resides in us.

We tend to look for God 'out there' when we first need to acknowledge and embrace the God within us. This takes time, patience, openness, a willingness to acknowledge not only our humanity, but our deep connection to the Divine, to the One who 'formed us in our mother's womb,' the One who breathed life into us and who continues to love us even when we do not acknowledge His presence within us.

Yet the more we open ourselves to the Spirit of God that resides in us, the more we will be guided by that Spirit and less and less by the spirits in the world that promise us immediate gratification, yet in the end never truly satisfy.

Connecting to this Divine Spirit within us allows the love of God to course through our veins and arteries, through our bones and organs, to fill us and energize us. As we allow the love of God to fill us, we cannot help but desire for others to know God's love, to be touched by the love of God, to ignite the human/divine spirit in them to a greater awareness of the Spirit of God within them.

The next time someone thanks you for helping them, try this: First, say, "You're welcome!" Then add, "Thank you as well for allowing me to share the gifts God has given me." When you say 'thank you' to another person, try adding this: "thank you for saying 'yes' to God to allow God to work through you to help me."

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, June 16, 2024
Eleventh Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezekiel 17:22-24
2 Corinthians 5:6-10
Mark 4:26-34

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

6/09/24 Fr. Thad - Bishop Michael Msongazila
UNITY MASS - St. Martin de Pores 11:00am
6/16/24 Fr. Larry Fr. Thad
6/23/24 Fr. Thad Fr. Larry
6/30/24 UNITY MASS - St. Agatha

St. Simon Of Cyrene Father's Day
Sports Legends Dinner



Game Date * 6/15/2024
 Game Time * 5PM - 8PM

Where: Purcell Hall
 4300 W Washington Blvd.
 Chicago, IL 60624



REPRESENT YOUR FAVORITE HERO,
WEAR YOUR SPORTS APPAREL!

SIGN UP IN BACK OF THE CHURCH TODAY!!! JUNE 9, 2024

St. Simon of Cyrene Prayer of Intercession

God of infinite compassion and boundless love, through the ages you call men and women, young and old, to model for us the virtues of humble strength and willing service. You have given us this noble African, St. Simon of Cyrene, as a model of such virtue, manifested in a life as a husband, father, laborer and willing servant to help bear the burdens of others. He helped bear the cross of Your Son, Our Lord, Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, in order that Jesus might complete his journey to suffer the cross, conquering death and opening the doors of heaven to all humankind.

Through the intercession of St. Simon of Cyrene, strengthen me in my resolve to live the truth of who You created me to be, to love as only to be life-giving to others, to use my unique gifts to help bear the crosses of all innocent victims who suffer injustice inflicted by the greed, arrogance and apathy of others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*St. Simon of Cyrene, one with Our Savior
 in bearing His cross, pray for us!*
*St. Simon of Cyrene, a foundation stone of the
 Christian Church in Africa, pray for us!*
*St. Simon of Cyrene, husband, father, laborer,
 strength for the suffering Christ in our world,
 pray for us!*

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 Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

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.

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 9, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Carrie L. Cameron Singleton
 From the Curtis Family

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