



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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St. Martin Church

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Mass Times

Sunday:

St. Agatha Church, 9:00am
St. Martin de Porres Church, 11:00am

Weekdays:

St. Agatha Church, Thursday, 7:30am
St. Martin de Porres Church
Tuesday, 9:00am and Thursday 9:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

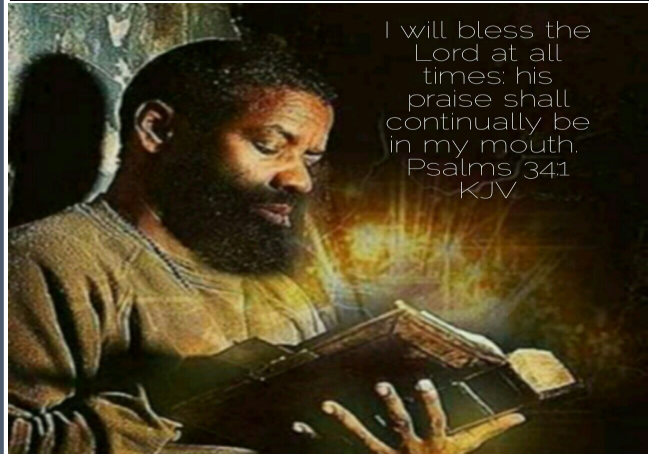
Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before making arrangements for funerals of church members.

JULY 21, 2024 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
Psalms 34:1
KJV

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.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert
Parish Secretary: Carol Johnson
Receptionist: Refoncia McGowan
Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez
Custodian: Frank Clark
Maintenance: Kevin Johnson
Music Director: Dennis Smith
Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
Websites & Social Media: Emily Dillon

Sunday Collections for July 14, 2024

Contributions	\$3,460.25
Kolbe House	3.00
Give Central: To be reported later	0.00
Total	\$3,463.25

Thanks for your generosity!



**CHRIST BE WITH ME, CHRIST WITHIN ME,
CHRIST BEHIND ME, CHRIST BEFORE ME,
CHRIST BESIDE ME, CHRIST TO WIN ME,
CHRIST TO COMFORT ME AND RESTORE ME.
CHRIST BENEATH ME, CHRIST ABOVE ME,
CHRIST IN QUIET, CHRIST IN DANGER,
CHRIST IN HEARTS OF ALL THAT LOVE ME,
CHRIST IN MOUTH OF FRIEND**



For Whom Shall We Pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, 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, 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, Harlem Daniel Hayes, 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, 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, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

The Missionary activity of the Church

For many years, the work of propagation of faith or the work of evangelization had been done by missionaries. Indeed, a missionary is somebody who has been sent to the mission field to make Jesus known to those who do not yet know him. A missionary is somebody who is sent to proclaim the Gospel to people who live in the land of darkness. He/she teaches and promotes one's faith's life.

For centuries devoted men and women, who professionally have been identified as Brothers, Sisters [Nuns], Priests, Bishops and laymen and women, have worked hard to preach the gospel and baptize people. They did this by understanding the call of Jesus, "*Go and preach the gospel baptizing people in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" Apostles and their predecessor preached and baptized many people by following this Jesus's command.

According to the Document on the Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, Vatican II, # 2, "The Church...is by its very nature missionary since, according to the plan of the Father, it has its origin in the mission of the Son and the Holy Spirit." Moreover, "God in his great and merciful kindness freely creates us and moreover, graciously calls us to share in his life and glory. He generously pours out, and never ceases to pour out, his divine goodness, so that he who is a creator of all things might at last become "all in all"."

Through incarnation, God entered our human history, by sending his own Son to snatch men and women from the power of darkness and of Satan and bringing everything to himself. Indeed, Jesus Christ was sent into the world by the Father as a true mediator, a true bridge builder and a true conciliator between God and men. Jesus was sent as a new Adam to humanize the divinity of God and divinize the humanity of men and women. He brought men and women to share and to partake the divine life.

Now, when our Lord Jesus Christ said to the Apostle, "**Go and make disciples of all nations**", he commanded the Apostles to go and preach the Gospel to every creature. Since then, the Church has unceasingly assumed this sublime obligation of proclaiming the faith and salvation which comes from Christ. The Church continuously has strived to lead men to the faith, freedom and peace of Christ by the example of its life and teachings, by the sacraments and other means of grace. Its aim is and has been to open for all men and women a free and sure path to full participation in the mystery of Christ. [Vatican Council II, "Decree on the Church's Missionary Activity, p. 818].

Therefore, I urge you to be one of those who are sent to make this missionary activity of the Church into a reality by leading others to the faith in Jesus Christ. Be a missionary disciple today to make the gospel reach. God bless you.

Brother Thad

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

*Christ our Shepherd
is our lasting peace;
he speaks with authority
and governs with justice.*

It's an election year. And, try as we might, we can't seem to avoid hearing the speeches of politicians. They speak of restoring *faith*. And we wonder why do they speak of *faith*? Why do they make promises? "It's time to believe again," they say; "you can depend on it." How about that.

Politics and religion go together. Jeremiah the Prophet today speaks of shepherds—pastors—leaders. You know who Jeremiah is talking about? The politicians of his own time, the leaders of the people, the officials of the court. They were looking for an alliance with Egypt. Israel, God's people, as you know, was between Egypt and Babylonia. And the politicians would look in one direction or the other. But again and again, the prophets said it would not work. The prophets did not trust the politicians. Jeremiah, Isaiah, Ezekiel—they all said Israel should not rely on any secular power. Instead, says Jeremiah, a king will rise up, a descendant of King David, and he will rule Israel, not Babylonia and not Egypt.

You see, the politicians of that time saw great advantage in siding with the powerful, of forging alliances, of working with the high and mighty. The prophets said "no"; it won't work. You see, it didn't work then, and it doesn't work now.

For all its political involvement, for all its armies, for all its human achievement, Israel was reduced to nothing, sent into exile, punished and persecuted. The prophets were proven right. The politicians were wrong.

Psalms 118 says we do not trust in human beings. We do not trust in military might or in wealth. And in opposition to the world, we say, "The LORD is my shepherd."

This is why, for example, many Christians in America call their parish priest *pastor*, that is, a shepherd. The authority a priest has is that of Christ the Shepherd. Jesus Christ saw that the people needed a shepherd; and he began to teach them at great length.

See how Christ acted. As a shepherd, he did not lead his flocks in demonstrations, in strikes, or in social gatherings. These things may be well and good; they may be necessary. A priest may do them if there is need; but demonstrations, strikes, or social gatherings are not part of that priesthood. Christ did his work as a shepherd by *teaching*; he was a rabbi, a teacher.

You see what that means: Christ will not make your decisions for you. Your faith in him gives you principles, values, guidelines. And then the decision is yours. Put not your trust in princes or in politicians; do not trust human means of power, manipulation, and secular wisdom. The LORD is my shepherd—no one else.

You are saved by grace, not by human effort. You are happy by faith, not by being clever. You are redeemed by God, and not by humanity. Christ is our peace; he is our Shepherd. And through him, we have access to God the Father in the full unity of the Spirit. That is reconciliation, getting together again, being united as we want. Now, in the Mass, we can grasp the incomprehensible. We can touch the unreachable God. We can see the invisible Father.

And it all happens through Christ, our shepherd, our teacher, and our Lord.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*

*Shepherd of Life, our Lord, our Leader,
your chosen flock is hungry still.
Age after age, you form and feed her,
so we will come to know your will.*

*Though there be storms and tribulation,
your words are true, so safe and sure,
your truth alone is our salvation;
Lord, in your love, we stand secure.*

*Not by our needs or human choices,
not by our will, but as you planned,
gathered by God, your Church rejoices,
your flock be formed by God's command.*

*Fill us with faith through what we share,
in bread and wine, in praise and prayer.*

—*from the hymn, Shepherd of Life,
published by American Catholic Press*

Next Sunday, July 28, 2024
Seventeenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: 2 Kings 4: 42-44
Ephesians 4: 1-6

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha

St. Martin de Porres

7/21/24 Fr. Thad
 Dcn. Greg (Preaching)

Fr. Thad
 Dcn. Pouncy (Preaching)

7/28/24 Fr. Tetwigs, R.

Fr. Thad

Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Faith
 is not hoping
God can
 it is knowing
 He **Will**



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

**Prayer for the African American
 and All Families**

God of Mercy and Love we place our African American Families and all families before You today. May we be proud of our history and never forget those who paid a great price for our liberation. Bless us one by one and keep our hearts and minds fixed on higher ground. Help us to live for you and not for ourselves, and may we cherish and proclaim the gift of life.

Bless our parents, guardians and grandparents, relatives and friends. Give us the amazing grace to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Help us, as Your children, to live in such a way that the beauty and greatness of authentic love is reflected in all that we say and do. Give a healing anointing to those less fortunate, especially the motherless, the fatherless, the broken, the sick and the lonely.

Bless our departed family members and friends. May they be led into the light of Your dwelling place where we will never grow old, where we will share the fullness of redemption and shout the victory for all eternity. This we ask in the Precious Name of Jesus, our Savior and Blessed Assurance. Amen. Holy Mary, Mother of Our Families, pray for us.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 21, 2024



† In Loving Memory of
James and Josie Watkins
 From daughter Vivian and Family

† Happy Heavenly Anniversary Larry, 63yrs
 From Dolores

Happy Blessed Birthday James Collier
 From Carolyn Collier

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.
 Donation for Mass is \$10.00