



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish



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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.

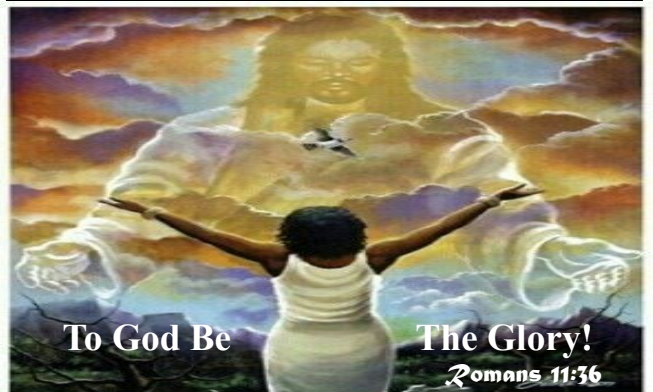
Reconciliation is available upon request.

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 28, 2024 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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 21, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$3,386.00
Give Central: 7-21	1680.00
Give Central: 7-14	870.00
Give Central: 7-07	1084.00
Universal Offertory-June	2725.00
Kolbe House - Special	183.00
Total	\$9,928.00

Thanks for your generosity!



"The kingdom of heaven is like a
treasure buried in a field..."

~Matthew 13:44a



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, Enochs Galloway, 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, 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., Arelis 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 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, Tyler Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

Stepping back for Introspection and Retrospection

This past Sunday we read the Gospel of Matthew 6:30-34, which narrated the story of Jesus calling his disciples to come with him to a deserted place and rest for a while with him. [Mk 6:7-13]. Then the Gospel does not tell us vividly, the reaction of Jesus upon hearing of the Apostles' report which underlined what they had done and taught in the mission.

All what we know is this, upon hearing the report, Jesus recommended the Apostles to step back to a deserted place and rest with him for a while. This invitation of stepping back, was not only for the Apostles to rest but it also meant for them to do a self-examination and a personal reflection of what they had done and how they will do better in the future. Certainly, it was an invitation to step back and look at oneself.

Now, for the past few months our Parish has been undergoing some changes. The changes have involved us to look on how we have been preaching the Gospel in our town and houses, it involved to look in the way we have been serving others and in the way we have been managing our resources.

Indeed, in these few months, we have seen some leadership changes, programs changes and still we are going to see more changes coming. Many of us have been taken by surprise and have asked ourselves, "what is going on". Well, in the next few months we are going to have an opportunity of engaging ourselves in a dialogue to discuss our past, our present and our future. We are going to discuss the journey that we have undertaken this year and what we are going to undertake together in the years to come.

But before we get together, I would like to invite all of us to come to a deserted place with Jesus, and rest for a while with him. And while you are resting with him, I invite you to do a self-examination and a self-analysis of our Church and ask ourselves who are we? I invite you to look at yourself, ourselves and our Church in a mirror and ask, "how can our Church be transformed to be a more vibrant community? What would you do to make this Church, a Church of Witnesses and not a Church of Churchgoers? What is one solution that you have that can make our Church a home of social outreach, worshipping and praising God? God bless you.

Brother Thad

SERMON: SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

Today and for several Sundays to come, we will reflect on the Eucharist, the Mass, the Divine Liturgy, Holy Communion. The Scripture, Sunday by Sunday, will illuminate the meaning of our liturgy, the focus of our attention, the purpose of our prayer.

As you know, the Eucharist is a banquet of unity, a consensus of faith, of belief, of agreement. As the Pope said not long ago, the Eucharist is not so much a means of unity, a way of promoting that consensus, as it is an expression of a unity that already exists. It is the Mass itself which is the highest form of celebrating what we believe in common. It is the Eucharist itself which is the most intimate, most powerful expression of our identity.

- In the Old Testament, the teacher Elisha provided food for 100 men; that was truly a good deed, a miracle from God. Yet Jesus Christ in today's Gospel provides for 5,000 people. How much greater is this prophet from Nazareth! How much more powerful is the Lord Jesus Christ! How much greater is the Eucharist of the Catholic Church!
- Today, "in bread that is broken, in wine that is shared," we celebrate unity with the past, the present, and the future. We thank God for our continuity with the Church of the Apostles, with the Church of the New Testament, with the early Church of the Roman Empire, with the medieval Church of saints and scholars, with the counter Reformation Church of preachers and writers. We go back to the beginning, gladly and freely.
- We also celebrate unity in the present, with all the diverse rites of the Catholic Church, from East to West. Centered on Rome, Constantinople, Alexandria, and Antioch/Edessa, we are really four great families. United in one family, we are Roman Catholics, Byzantine Catholics, African Catholics, and Syrian Catholics. These are the four great traditions that make up one, holy, catholic, and apostolic Church, spread over the whole world. And all of us are in communion with the Bishop of Rome, Pope Francis.
- Today, too, we celebrate unity in the future, even the near future, with Eastern Orthodox, with Oriental Orthodox, with other Christians, and with all people of good will. Especially with the Churches of the East, there is already substantial unity in the faith, common agreement on doctrine, shared belief in the same teachings. This unity must be the basis for a future sharing of the Eucharist, Holy Communion, holy sharing. No signs of division could break us apart; The Spirit's own sunlight, it dwells in our heart. Our faith will not falter; we see by the sun. In sharing your supper, O Lord, make us one. So, soon we will enter, in freedom and peace, In Zion's great city, where joy will not cease. O Lord, let us see it when daylight is done; In sharing your supper, O Lord, make us one

Fr. Michael Gilligan

Next Sunday, August 4, 2024
Eighteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Exodus 16: 2-4, 12-15
Ephesians 4: 17, 20-24
John 6: 24-35

Celebrant Mass Schedule

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
7/28/24 Fr. Tetwigs, R.	Fr. Thad
8/04/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Rich Hynes
8/11/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Knotek
8/18/24 Fr. Thad Dcn. Greg (Preaching)	Fr. Thad Dcn. Pouncy (Preaching)
8/25/24 Fr. Knotek	Fr. Thad

“Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.”
Colossians 4:2

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Located in Purcell Hall**

4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776
Open Saturdays: 10:30a.m.-1:30p.m.

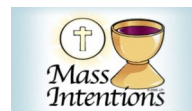
Purcell Hall Rental Information

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

***“Now, Master,
you may let your
servant go in peace,
according to your word,
for my eyes
have seen
your salvation,
which you prepared
in sight of
all the peoples,
a light for revelation
to the Gentiles,
and glory for your
people Israel.”***

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 28, 2024



† In Loving Memory of
Sylvester and Renadar Curtis
From the Curtis Family

Happy Blessed Birthday Carolyn Collier
From the Collier Family

Prayers for Anthony and Renae Wallin
Mike and Caryn Kondrat, from Linda Wallin

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