



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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St. Martin Church - 773 287-0206
3147 W. Douglas Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60623
St. Agatha Church - 773 522-3050
WEBSITE: <https://www.stsimonofcyrene.org>



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.

AUGUST 11, 2024 NINETEENTH 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
DRE: Marvin McCurry
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez
Maintenance: Kevin Johnson
Music Director: Dennis Smith
Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
Websites & Social Media: Emily Dillon

Sunday Collections for August 04, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$5,324.00
Give Central	770.00
Kolbe House-Special	72.00
Total	\$6,166.00

Thanks for your generosity!



Always *pray* to have
eyes that see the **best**,
a heart that *forgives*
the worst, a mind that
forgets the bad, & a soul
that never loses **faith**.



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 Hailey, 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, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Melvin Lightford, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Mannette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Scarlett Evans Perez, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, 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

Knowing nothing except Jesus, and him Crucified

St. Paul in his first letter to the Corinthians 2:1-10, spoke about how he went to preach the Gospel of Christ with the resolution to know nothing except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. This attitude of St. Paul, indicate his desire and eagerness of wanting to know nothing deeper except to know our Lord Jesus Christ only. This attitude enabled him to allow the power of God and the power of the Spirit to lead him to discover the wisdom of God working in and through him to the preaching of the Gospel.

To know Christ has been the object of our Christian life. When the disciples of John the Baptist were sent by John the Baptist to ask Jesus, "Are you 'He who is to come' or do we look for another? In reply Jesus said to them: "Go and report to John what you hear and see: the blind recover their sight, cripples walk, lepers are cured, the deaf hear, dead men are raised to life, and the poor have the good news preached to them." What Jesus wanted to say is this, to know him is to see the work of mercy that has been done for the glory of God and for promotion of human condition. Whoever wants to know him, need to know the good work that's been done on behalf of God and his pride, the Church.

Therefore, to know God is to know His work. And the question at hand is this, "what is the work of God? According to the Gospel of John 6:28b, John the Evangelist to answer that question he put it this way, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent". Some other biblical translation put it this way, "This is the wok of God: have faith in the One whom he sent.". Now to believe and to have faith in the one that God sent and all that he did, is the only way to know Jesus.

So, to know nothing except Jesus and him crucified, is to believe in him and to have faith in Him. Saint Paul believed and had faith in Jesus beyond telling. We too can know Jesus by having our faith in Jesus and believing all his work done through the Church. God bless you.

Brother Thad

SERMON: NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

Through your journey of life, God gives you strength, again and again. He bears you up, he makes you strong, he revives your spirit. You know that God does this for you, his people, by means of the Eucharist, by Holy Communion. You are strong because God unites you as his people, here and now.

- Do you think that God could be made sad by your behavior? Do you think that God would shed a tear because of what you do? Surely, that's a poetic way of speaking. But that is exactly what St. Paul says in the Second Reading today: "Do not grieve the Holy Spirit." Don't make God unhappy, he says. Note that St. Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit, not of God the Father. In other words, St. Paul is emphasizing that the presence of God among us, in the Church, will be affected by what we do. So, he asks us to get rid of "all bitterness, fury, anger, shouting, and reviling." St. Paul asks us to be kind to one another, compassionate, and forgiving. In this way, the Church will be built up, the community will be strong, the Holy Spirit will be a spirit of joy
- As God made Elijah strong, when he was nourished, God makes us strong and healthy today, in our lifetime, in our families, in our homes, and in our Church. This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. Whoever eats this bread will live forever. That's quite a guarantee, is it not? That's a marvelous promise, is it not?
- St. John said it is our faith which has conquered the world. And Jesus says much the same thing in today's Gospel. If we believe in him and in his teaching, we share eternal life, not just in the future but also in the here and now. Even in this moment, we already have a foretaste of that life and that happiness
- The word of the Gospel today is even more forceful than the words of St. Paul, when he writes of the Eucharist. Jesus says the "bread that I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world." The Greek word is *sarx*, flesh, meat. That's a very strong word, with a strong meaning. It is used in the Gospel of John, because the author is writing against the Gnostics, the heretics who said the presence of Jesus was only psychological, only spiritual, only in the mind. No, says the Gospel, this is something real, something tangible, something objective.

The Catholics in the West and the Orthodox in the East share a common faith that in the Eucharist ordinary bread and wine are changed into the body and blood of Christ, really and truly, not just psychologically or spiritually. There is actually a change in the bread and wine themselves, not just in our minds and hearts. The Baptists and the Reformed reject this teaching, and we uphold it. It is the constant faith of the Church and the meaning of today's Gospel message.

I am the Bread of Life; share this Bread and you never shall hunger.

Believe in me; you shall not thirst. God has you come to me:

the Father chose you first.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*

Next Sunday, August 18, 2024
 Twentieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Proverbs 9:1-6
 Ephesians 5:15-20
 John 6:51-58

Celebrant Mass Schedule

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
8/11/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Mike Knotek
8/18/24 Fr. Thad Dcn. Greg (Preaching)	Fr. Thad Dcn. Pouncy (Preaching)
8/25/24 Fr. Knotek	Fr. Thad

TODAY!!!

Join us for food, fun and fellowship!

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

Annual Outing

1798 Thatcher Avenue - Evans Field
(Located 2 Blocks North of North Avenue)
on Thatcher Avenue) River Grove, IL 60171

Grove opens at 12:00pm
Food will be served from 1:00 to 2:30pm



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

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!

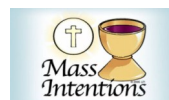
St. Simon of Cyrene, a foundation stone of the Christian Church in Africa, pray for us!

St. Simon of Cyrene, husband, father, laborer, strength for the suffering Christ in our world, pray for us!



Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 11, 2024



Happy Blessed Birthday
Saniya Fields

From Merritt Hicks III and Family

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

Donation for Mass is \$10.00