



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.

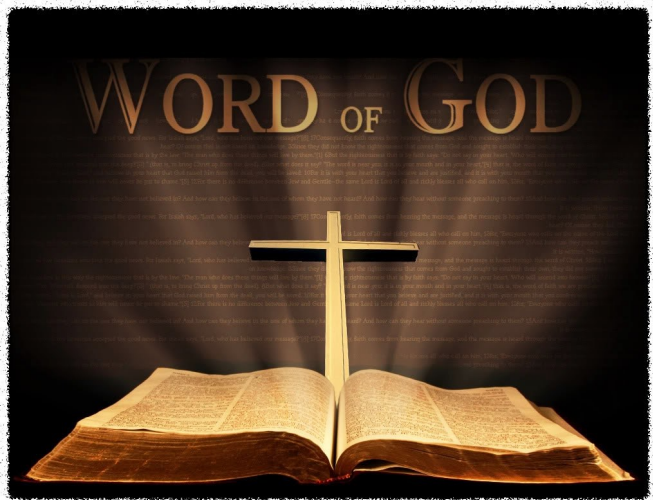
Reconciliation is available upon request.

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 18, 2024 TWENTIETH 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 11, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$7,681.00
Give Central	2006.00
Kolbe House-Special	23.00
Total	\$9,710.00

Thanks for your generosity!



Morning Prayer

Good morning Father!
How are you today?
Thank you God for all my blessings.
Help me to be a blessing today.
And hear your voice.
I need you.
I love you.



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

What voice should I follow amid duplicity of voices

We are living in a moment where talking has been a thing of a day. Everyone wants to talk and express what they know, feel and like or not liking. The presence of social medias like Facebook, Instagram, X, Reddit, TikTok, WhatsApp, Telegram, YouTube, WeChat etc., has amplified the voices and the noises of those who wants to express themselves. It is estimated that everyday 500 millions to one billion of messages are posted in the Facebook, 100 millions of videos are posted in TikTok and several billions of messages are posted on Instagram. Thus, it has become so difficult to choose which voice to listen to amidst all these voluminous of voices.

However, our day-to-day interactions indicate that most of us like to express ourselves, that is, to talk than to stay calm and listen what others are saying to us. As people we have developed more the urge of being listened than listening to others. Amidst all these voices that I hear every day, I often wonder which voice is the right voice to listen to or which voice is the voice of truth. Due to this, most of us have decided to follow the voices that affirms our liking even if those voices might not be the right voices or the voices that do not reflect our values or our believing system.

Ethical classes teach us that the best voices to follow is our conscience. The conscience is an individual inner voice, that is, the ultimate law or command that dictates what is supposed to be done and to be followed. This inner voice often carries individual's values and beliefs. And therefore, to respect it, is to respect oneself, to dignify it, is to dignify oneself.

Now, the Church possesses teachings and traditions that are sacred to its itself and its members. The teachings and traditions are directives of how one should act, behave or respond to a particular situation. In other words, the voice of the Church's teachings and traditions shape the way of life of its members. The Church voice is the voice of its members and its followers. Consequently, living in this moment, we need more people to hold Church's voice and speak on its behalf, by proclaiming bold its teachings and traditions that its voice may be heard and listened everywhere. God bless you.

Brother Thad

SERMON: TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

In the Gospel, Jesus Christ reminds us that the Eucharist brings us the wisdom of God. He puts it bluntly: “Unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you.” For Jesus Christ and for you, regular participation in Sunday Mass is the way you forsake foolishness, the way you advance in the way of understanding. Week after week, Sunday after Sunday, you try to understand what is the will of the Lord. With regularity and familiarity, you sing together Psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. In hearts and minds, in the liturgy, you are singing to God; you are making music for him. St. Paul says that you are giving thanks always and for everything in this way, to God our Father.

- From where does this wisdom come? Well, most of us would look to the Scripture proclaimed, perhaps to the sermon, perhaps to personal inspiration and reflection. Now, it is true that all of these elements of the liturgy can help us grow in understanding, especially if our minds are open to the truth. But I propose to you one way which many people might not think of. The hymns you sing, the Psalms you chant, the acclamations you take part in, all these songs are themselves prayer. These songs are also an integral part of the liturgy. As such, the hymns we sing are themselves sources of theology, expressions of faith, and voices of common prayer.

- St. Paul teaches us that through our singing, together, we can be filled with the Spirit, that is, enthusiastic and vital. The Church teaches that music in the liturgy is important, because it is joined to the words that are important. These words themselves are prayer. It is Jesus Christ who told us not to rattle on just with sounds, as do the pagans; rather, we are to think about what we are singing. St. Paul teaches that understanding in the liturgy is critical; we are to pray, he says, not just with spirit but also with understanding, not just with enthusiasm but also with comprehension, not just with volume but also with faith. Both Jesus and St. Paul are reminding us that our singing is supposed to be centered on the words, on the meaning of the words, on the content of our sung prayer.

- In many social movements, a popular anthem was sung, over and over again. United States troops in blue sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic, in their drive to free the slaves. Our marines sang *From the Halls of Montezuma*, in war after war. People protesting in Tiananmen Square in China thirty five years ago sang, of all things, the Communist Internationale. In the early twentieth century, American women sang *Bread and Roses*. In the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, African Americans sang *We Shall Overcome*. In our generation, pro-life people will sing *Lord of All Life*. In all these cases, the words that are sung have power; they signify what matters to the singers. They are sacramental, in the sense that these words signify something and make that something present.

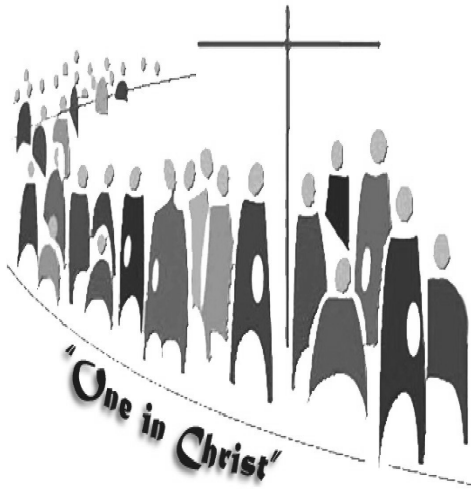
For your part, when you participate in the Mass, when you sing, remember that you are praying, always. In every hymn, in every Psalm, in every acclamation, the words are more important than the music. You are to pray when you sing, not just with your heart but also with your head. If you do this, regularly, week after week, the Eucharist will be for you what Jesus said it should be: a source of wisdom, a means to understanding, a key to eternal life.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*

Next Sunday, August 25, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Joseph 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ephesians 5:21-32 or 5-2a, 25-32
John 6:60-69 (122)

Celebrant Mass Schedule

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
8/18/24 Fr. Thad Dcn. Greg (Preaching)	Fr. Thad Dcn. Pouncy (Preaching)
8/25/24 Fr. Knotek	Fr. Thad
9/01/24 Fr. Tetwigs	Fr. Thad
9/08/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Mike Knotek
9/15/24 Fr. Thad Dcn. Greg (Preaching)	Fr. Thad Dcn. Pouncy (Preaching)
9/22/24 Fr. Knotek	Fr. Thad



The Word "Wisdom"

We know that wisdom in the Bible comes from the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2:12-14). That means the God give us wisdom when He sends His Holy Spirit unto us. But when should we ask for the wisdom of God and how can we use it in our daily lives?

JAMES 1:5 *"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you"*. This is one of the Bible verses about wisdom and guidance that remind us of the importance of asking God to show us His views, His perspective and His standards. We are told that, when we ask, He will give us wisdom. This is both powerful and comforting.

1 KINGS 4:29 *"God gave Solomon wisdom and very great insight, and a breadth of understanding as measureless as the sand on the seashore. Solomon was granted wisdom and understanding. God's wisdom allowed Solomon to rule his people justly and have a close relationship with the Lord."*

1 Corinthians 2:12-14 What we have received is not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit who is from God, so that we may understand what God has freely given us. This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, explaining spiritual realities with Spirit-taught words. When we are looking to ask God for wisdom, scripture tells us that wisdom is taught by the Holy Spirit. We can ask the Spirit for guidance and knowledge of God's will in order to gain more wisdom.

"This Bible verse about wisdom tells us that the person without the Spirit is Foolish, the antithesis of wisdom"

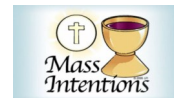
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 Contact the Parish Office
Charitable Hands Ministry
 Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, August 18, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Aaron Ellison and
 Happy Blessed Birthday to Ericka Daniel
 From William and Sandra Coffey

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