



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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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.

SEPTEMBER 08, 2024 TWENTY-THIRD 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 Administrative Assistant: Carol Johnson
Parish Secretary: Refoncia McGowan
Dir. of Religious Education: Marvin McCurry
Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez
Maintenance: Kevin Johnson
Music Director: Dennis Smith
Musician: Calvin Smith
Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
Outreach Ministry: Derek Brown
Outreach Ministry: Heather Johnson
Websites & Social Media: Emily Dillon

Sunday Collections for September 01, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$4,673.00
Give Central	1364.00
Kolbe House-Special	20.00
Total	\$6,057.00

Thanks for your generosity!





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, 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, Virginia 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., Arelis Marquez, Catherine Martin, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Tamma Norals, 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

The Need to Pray

Jesus taught his disciples to pray – LK 11:1-13

One day Jesus was praying in a certain place. When he finished, one of his disciples said to him, “Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.” He said to them, “When you pray, say:

“‘Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, for we also forgive everyone who sins against us. And lead us not into temptation.’”

Why Did Jesus disciples needed to learn how to pray

- They were attracted by John Baptist’s disciples who knew how to pray
- They saw Jesus praying often, and it seems that they wanted to pray like him
- They knew prayer is rooted in faith and can do wonderful things in their life.

When and where did Jesus pray

- Jesus went to pray early in the morning or in the evening or whenever he needed to pray in some quiet and isolated/deserted places, in the gardens, in the synagogue, in the temple and in the mountains.

What is prayer for us?

- Is to speak with God. When you pray you are in dialogue with God

Why should we pray?

- We follow the example of Jesus: Jesus prayed when he had something important to do for the people or to ask God’s will to be done in some conflicting situations.
- Jesus always wanted to converse with God the Father.
- Likewise, we are passing through some tough situations, for example, dealing with pressure of life, family situations, not doing well in our health, violence in our homes and neighborhoods etc.
- Some of these situations are bigger than us. We cannot resolve by ourselves and so we need the help of God/ God’s interventions.
- We are also blessed by God every day and therefore, we need to give thanks to God for his mercy, his love and for taking care of us.

How can we pray?

- Just like Jesus, we need a quiet place to pray well
- We can use other people words to help us to make our prayer
- Let’s be grateful in your prayer – use Psalm 118 to give thanks to the Lord

Brother Thad

SERMON: TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

You just heard the good news about the healing power of Christ. You also heard that the teaching of Christ is more important than any healing, any miracle of recovery. You also heard that such healing is a sign of the coming of the Messiah. As foretold in Isaiah, chapter 35, deaf people can hear; mute people can speak. It is Christ, the Messiah, who is here. That's what healing means. His words matter, his teaching matters. We need to listen to his words. We need to follow his teaching.

- Consider how some years ago, Princess Diana died in a tragic accident. The President of the United States was asked to speak. Everybody knew what he would say, but he had to say something. So too Mayor Daley had to speak, even if somebody else wrote his words. On the other hand, the Queen of England said nothing; and people resented it. In all these cases, the word needed to be spoken. People wanted their leaders to articulate what they felt. At the funeral of Princess Diana, the prime minister of England, Tony Blair, spoke. Again, the spoken word had power; the funeral was healing.
- In this way, you can see how human words have their effect. So too the word of Christ has its effect, for healing and for life. Consider the whole question of inclusive language, sometimes called political correctness. Now, there are certainly extremes. But, by and large, we are dealing with efforts to make people feel welcome, at home. For example, the word "dumb" is not as good as "people who cannot speak." The word "blind" is not as good as "people who cannot see." Consider ongoing prejudice against women. Think of the difference between the words "gentleman" and "lady." Think of the difference between "king" and "queen." Words indeed have power. Through words comes hurt or healing.

As Scripture says, be doers of the Word, not just hearers. It matters how we speak. We welcome people, all people. This is healing, now and for all time, healing in body and in spirit, healing for life in this world and healing for eternal life.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*



Balancing Between True Hope and False Comfort

God will make things turn out for the best. That is how the biblical idea is summarized by pop theologians; Scripture's words are a bit more complicated, the danger is this: that statement becomes destructive when the good is put forward as if it cancels out the evil. It conveys an economics of consolation. Loss is treated as an acceptable cost because all that matters is ending life in the black.

God is working good, but that doesn't make evil less evil. Death and pain and grief and sin are terrible. We should never speak in ways that deny their darkness. Human mortality is not a part of God's good design for the world. Human sorrow is not necessary to creation. That being said, there is another mistake we can make. The great silence of death can, if left unanswered, leave us in absolute despair. We think that nothing will be good again, nothing bright or beautiful. There is an appropriate sadness we carry in our hearts, but if we aren't careful, that sadness can suck us downward into the slough of despair.

While we do not need dismissive comfort, we do need hope. We need an idea of redemption, a belief that beauty can blossom even in these ashes.

What is the difference between true hope and false comfort? In the case of false comfort, the goal is to make sorrow smaller. The Christian hope instead takes it all in and says, "Yes, but as horrific as everything is, there is also resurrection."

Next Sunday, September 15, 2024
Twenty-Fourth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 50: 4c-9a
James 2:14-18
Mark 8:27-35

Celebrant Mass Schedule

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
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. Mike Knotek	Fr. Thad
9/29/24 UNITY MASS 10:00am – St. Agatha Church Fr. Brian Walker	

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, September 08, 2024



† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Helena Adams
From Paula Adams-Wilburn

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Gladys Mapp
Love, the Mapp Family

Happy Blessed Birthday to Johnnie Mae Funches
Love, Dolores Mapp

Happy Blessed Birthday to Joann Roberts - Love, from Trouble

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

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 Parish

Parish Council Members

Chair: Keynin Seabrook
Vice Chair: Mark Henderson
Secretary: Remy Spearman

Commissions

Spiritual Life:

Angela Wilson, Remy Spearman

Evangelization Commission:

Mark Henderson, Mia Cornelius

Life Long Education and Faith Formation:

Laquita Porter, Stacey Jasper

Parish Leadership:

Carolyn Shumpert, Michael Wilson

Human Concerns Commission:

Stella Palmer, Jan Peters

Parish Life:

Michael Wilson, Keynin Seabrook

Social Justice:

Tanya Ball, Portia Parker

Finance Council Committee

Co-Chair: Carolyn Parks

Co-Chair: Philippe Beauzile

Secretary: Linda Vick

Council Members: Lavetta Beauzile,
Mark Boone, Kathy Davis, Janice Ode Gray,
Diane Levy, Paul Morris

Weekday Mass Times

TUESDAY
9:00 am - St. Martin de Porres

THURSDAY
7:30 am - St. Agatha
9:00 am - St. Martin de Porres
(Service and Adoration)

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Church Sites Rectory Office Hours

773.287.0206 St. Martin - 773.522.3050 St. Agatha

St. Agatha: Monday, Wednesday and Thursday
9:00am - 2:00pm

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00 noon

Friday, open upon demand

St. Martin de Porres: Monday - Friday
8:00am - 3:30pm