



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

5112 W. Washington Boulevard, Chicago, IL 60644

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.

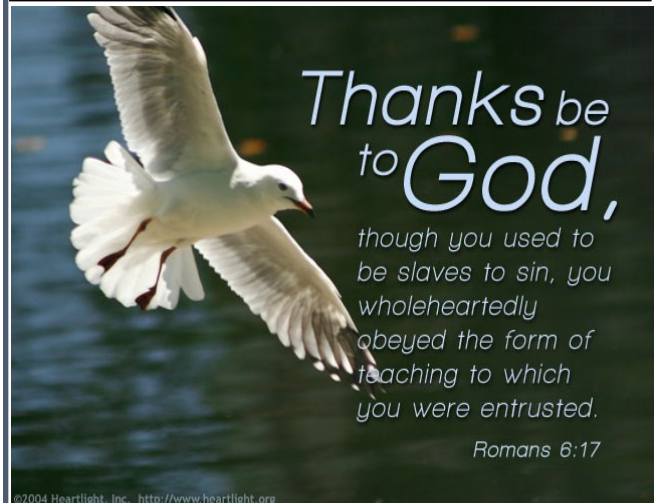
Reconciliation is available upon request.

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.

SEPTEMBER 01, 2024 TWENTY-SECOND 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

DRE: 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 August 25, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$3,659.75
Give Central	1300.00
Universal Online - July	1570.00
Kolbe House-Special	100.00
Total	\$6,629.75

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, 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, 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., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Tommy 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

St. Monica: A model of mothers and worthy wives

On August 27th of every year, The Church celebrate the feast of St. Monica, the mother of St. Augustine. St. Monica was born in the year 332 AD., in Tagaste, North Africa [present day Algeria], from a God-fearing parents. Therefore, her early childhood formation made her to be a God-fearing woman, righteous, a woman of peace, faithful wife and a loving mother. She died at the age of fifty-five in 387 AD. Monica is recognized to be among the first few African women to be canonized as Saints.

As a wife, Monica was married to Patricius, a man of honor, but who did not believe in Jesus Christ. Indeed, it is said in thick and thin, Monica respected, obeyed her husband and labored to gain him to God and reclaim him from his vices. Later, after the prayers of Monica, Patricius was converted, baptized and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Savior. He died in the year 371 AD.

Monica was known to be a peace maker, patient and tolerant to the temper of her husband. She would maintain calmness and not discuss anything with him, when her husband was in high temper. However, when his temper cooled down, Monica discussed with him wisely the reason that brought misunderstanding between them. Her attitude of peace making, gained for her respect and love not only from her husband but also from her neighbors. Monica was also gifted with a spirit of tender-heart. For she was delighted to serve the poor.

Monica had three children, namely, Augustine, Navigius and Perpetua. Monica is famously known as the mother of St. Augustine of Hippo. History tells us that she cared well her children and made sure they grew up in piety and in the fear of God. However, as he grew up, Augustine abandoned his faith. For thirty years her mother prayed and cried for him unceasingly until he was converted to Christianity in August of 386 AD. St. Augustine admitted that his conversion was influenced by the prayers and cries of her mother and the preaching of St. Ambrose, his spiritual master. St. Augustine was baptized by St. Ambrose on the eve of easter vigil in the year 387 AD.

Therefore, through the intercession of St. Monica, let's pray for our mothers that they may not give up on their sons and daughters as they pass through the phases of life, especially when the life of faith seems to be less important to them. **God bless you.**

Brother Thad

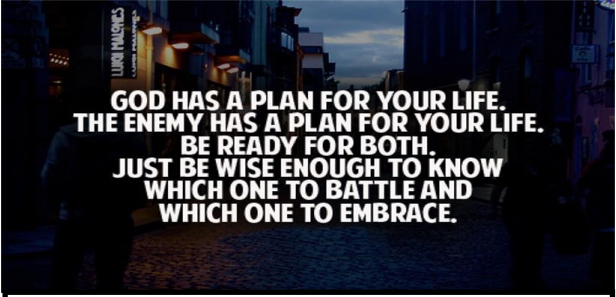
SERMON: TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

All of us are concerned about crime. We are concerned about mugging, burglary, carjacking—all kinds of crime. Not long ago, a leading politician visited a Baptist church and there said that the passage of his crime bill was the will of God. After some changes, the bill was introduced to the Congress a second time; and then, it passed. The bill became law. Now, I ask you. Was the politician correct? Was his bill the will of God? You might think that the people who voted against it did not think it was the will of God. In fact, many people who voted for the bill would not go so far as to say it was the will of God.

- So, that's what we talk about today. How do you know if something is the will of God or not? How do you know if something is right or wrong?
- The Second Reading says that every worthwhile gift, every genuine benefit comes down from heaven, from the Father of lights, the Lord God of power and might. But that begs the question. How do you know what is a worthwhile gift? How do you know what is good?
- We can say that God reveals to us his truth. That's right. God did that, in a wonderful way. But God's revelation doesn't guide us clearly on many important matters: casino gambling and the law, smoking and lung cancer, racial discrimination and affirmative action, business ethics, medical ethics, and more. Now, if God intended his revelation to be all-sufficient, then God should have spoken more clearly. Isn't that so? In general, there should be no divisions among Christians because his Word, his revelation, would be clear. The meaning would be beyond dispute.
- The Gospel itself speaks to our concern. With regard to all the commandments of the Jewish Law, Jesus teaches that what is important is what's in the heart, what's inside. It is the inner attitude that matters. Certainly, in his preaching, Jesus did not mean to overturn the Law or to change anything. He called people to a more faithful observance of the Law. Like Isaiah and other prophets, Jesus wants people to be converted in their heart and soul, their very being.
- Here is the truth that comes from the Gospel: It is the risen Christ who speaks in the Church who changes the Law. Abstaining from pork, circumcision, washing of hands—the risen Christ in the Church does not require this of us. The Law itself is now changed, by the authority of the Church.

Therefore, humbly welcome the Word. Discern the will of God. Reflect on the Scripture; it has power to save you. That means the voice of the Church, the strength of our tradition, the heritage of our faith. Act upon this Word: Give God thanks and praise and glory.

—Father Michael Gilligan



GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.
THE ENEMY HAS A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.
BE READY FOR BOTH.
JUST BE WISE ENOUGH TO KNOW
WHICH ONE TO BATTLE AND
WHICH ONE TO EMBRACE.

God's Plan...

Jeremiah 29:11. For I know the plans I have for you declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future”

All things are done according to God's plan and decision; and God chose us to be his own people in union with Christ because of his own purpose, based on what he decided in the very beginning, *Ephesians 1:11.*

Sometimes we will not hear God's audible voice offering the direction we seek. In the quiet waiting, it's easy to let our minds wander into a whirlwind of questions and concerns. When this happens, we need to remember the moment we invited Jesus Christ into our lives. Because of his deep love for us, he sent the Holy Spirit to be our Comforter and Guide.

Know that God's plan may go against what makes sense to us

Instead of giving time and energy to the what-ifs, we can remind ourselves that an unsure outcome opens the door for God to be glorified in our situation. God works in ways so that we cannot find comfort in our own works. We don't need to worry about how it will all work out; we only need to trust God through it all. We may not feel excited through life's darkest times, and that's okay. God doesn't expect us to fake a smile when we're facing turmoil, but he does offer us his presence for peace and comfort.

God's Words offer simple steps to follow for those who seek His will.

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's Will for you in Christ Jesus”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**God is good... All the time...
All the time... God is good!**

Next Sunday, September 08, 2024
 Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Isaiah 35: 4-7a
 James 2: 1-5
 Mark 7: 31-37

Celebrant Mass Schedule

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
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. Mike Knotek	Fr. Thad

Mass Intentions for this Week
 Sunday, September 01, 2024



† In Loving Memory of
 Geneva Weems
 From the Riley Family

Happy Blessed Birthday to
 Kristina Blaze-Anderson
 From Mom, Joann

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

Tuesday 8:00am - 12:00 noon, Closed on Friday

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