



St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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St. Martin Church - 773 287-0206

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St. Agatha Church - 773 522-3050

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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.

OCTOBER 13, 2024 TWENTY-EIGHTH 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 Pouncy, **Director of Charity and Outreach**]

Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert
[Deacon Shumpert, **Director of Evangelization**]

Parish Operations Director: Yvonne Coffey

Parish Administrative Assistant: Carol Johnson

Parish Secretary: Refoncia McGowan

Director of Religious Education: Marvin McCurry

Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez

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 October 06, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$5,926.81
Give Central	635.00
Kolbe House-Special	38.00
Total	\$6,599.81

Universal Online Offering - August: \$1,570.00

Thanks for your generosity!





For Whom Shall We Pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Cheryl Baker, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, Carlos Chino Chapa, DiMarkco Chandler, Frank Clark, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Mary Ann Evans, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Diana Foster, Zenobia Fuller, Enochs Galloway, Anna Garcia, Manuel MeMe Garcia, 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, David Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Joyce Ann Johnson, Sr., Julius Jones, Virginia Jones, Corine Jourdan, Ashanti Kelly, Jacquiline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Melvin Lightford, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Martin Mannedette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Martina Mgimba, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Ezekiel Clement Msembe, Tamma Norals, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Burke Pledage Jr., Essie Pledage, Queenie Randle, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Ed Ricks, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Lazaro Alexander Singh, Linda Smith, Rosa Solano, 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

Why Are You Worried and Anxious About Many Things?

In the Gospel of Luke 10:38-42, we are told the story of Jesus visiting the home of the two sisters Martha and Mary. Traditionally, Martha and Mary are known as the sisters of Lazarus, a man who was brought to life by Jesus as mentioned in the Bible [John 11:1-44]. According to the Gospel of John, Martha and Mary are identified as living in a place called Bethany, near Jerusalem (John 11:1-5). John also describes Mary as "the one who had anointed the Lord with perfumed oil and dried his feet with her hair" (John 11:2).

Jesus' visit to Martha and Mary was meant to be a joyful time of fellowship. It was a time for conversation and laughter. According to Luke, while Martha welcomed Jesus into their home and served Him, Mary sat at Jesus' feet, listening to Him speak. Mary was sitting at the same feet she had once anointed with perfume, as described by John.

Character-wise, Martha appears to be generous and hardworking, but Mary was more contemplative. After welcoming Jesus, Martha became busy and burdened with serving, possibly preparing food and drink for Jesus and His disciples. Overwhelmed by duties and responsibilities, Martha complained to Jesus, saying, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving?"

Martha expresses her frustration to Jesus, feeling as though He might not care about her struggles. It is likely that Martha felt a bit jealous of Mary. Seeing Jesus and Mary conversing, laughing, and enjoying each other's company may have stimulated feelings of what the Spanish call "celosa," meaning jealousy. This is a normal and common feeling within each one of us. Like many of us, Martha's frustration may have stemmed from feeling unnoticed or unappreciated.

However, Martha could have chosen to sit with Jesus, just as Mary did, rather than overwhelming herself with tasks. Although the Gospel of Luke does not explicitly state Jesus' purpose for the visit, we can assume that His intention was to deepen His relationship with them, not to burden Martha with worry and anxieties.

Jesus came to this house to bring peace and the Good News of the Kingdom and not to place blame. Indeed, many of us Christians, like Martha, sometimes become anxious and worried about so many things of this world that we forget our primary responsibility as followers of Christ; that is, to spend time with Jesus by sitting at his feet and listening to Him. Truly, this story reminds us that amid life's busyness, we are called to pause, sit at Jesus' feet and listen to His Word. Let's strive to prioritize our relationship with Christ even when the world demands so much from us. God bless you.

Brother Thad

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

Does faith give wisdom? Does prayer bring us to maturity?

Well, the Sacred Scripture you heard today, about wisdom, is Jewish. The text said that wisdom is more precious than sight, more valuable than good health. I think you would agree. In old age, wouldn't you rather be mentally competent, above all? Wouldn't that be most important?

But these Sacred Scripture readings and texts like them, especially the Psalms, are prayed faithfully by Jews, some of whom who are violent. The Muslims pray to the same God, five times a day. They pray for obedience to the will of God, above all, for peace. Yet some of them are also violent. These people are lacking in wisdom.

When the troops of Oliver Cromwell went through Ireland, killing men, women, and children, burning homes and villages, wreaking havoc and devastation everywhere, they began each day with the singing of Psalms: "All people that on earth do dwell." Yes, they were very devout, very faithful to their prayer. These soldiers also were lacking in wisdom.

What I suggest to you is that people think of their ethnic group as more important than their faith. If they don't have an ethnic group, then they create such a group out of their religious affiliation. There is an in-group, those who belong, and an out-group, those who don't. (I suspect that in Italy, for many, the in-group is the family, not the nation or the country as such.)

But wisdom says something else. Maturity comes from the Word of God, a double-edged sword that challenges both Jew and Muslim alike. The Word of God indeed gives wisdom but precisely through and in the Church. Our human nature cannot achieve happiness by itself. That's why wealth can be an obstacle to happiness, like so many other things. In fact, salvation is not easy or simple. But with God all things are possible.

There is one case of hope, and I must pass it on to you. In South Africa, under the leadership of Bishop Tutu, there was a national committee of reconciliation. When power shifted from the White minority to the Black majority, people were called to publicly admit their crimes. And then they would be forgiven; they would not be punished. This is remarkable. Unlike what happened in the Congo and in Zimbabwe and elsewhere, there were no incidents of mass slaughter or violence. Now, this is not easy. Could you forgive someone who killed your mother? Could you absolve someone who did something to your sister? But the people in South Africa did exactly that, Black and White alike—because they are deeply Christian; because the Word of God, Jesus Christ, enabled them to do it. That was accomplished not just by Bishop Tutu but by the people themselves, Protestant and Catholic, old and young, Black and White. Not Nelson Mandela, not DeClerk, not Bishop Tutu, but God through Jesus Christ made this happen. In fact, with God all things are possible.

The important thing, then, is not our ethnic group, not our in-group, not our national identity. It is our faith, our Catholic faith, our common faith. That is our wisdom incarnate, within the Body of Christ. Let us stand and profess that faith together.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*

**Prayers for Those Facing
Domestic Violence and We
Who Support Them**

Loving God, be with all men and women who are in doubt about their intimate relationships. Give them clarity of mind and peaceful hearts so that they can make good decisions guided by Your love. Let those who must, discern any abuse that may exist so that they can learn to care for themselves with Your help. Let those who must, acknowledge that they are harming the other, so they can learn to abhor their own behavior and come to true repentance and amendment of life. Keep us all safe in our relationships. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Compassionate God, protect the innocent children who suffer or witness violence and abuse at the hands of the ones they love. Bring them to a safe place where they can begin to heal. Restore their minds to trust and their hearts to love and their spirits to be free. Surround them with your angels. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Teaching God, we pray that You open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts to be more aware, outreaching, and supportive to people in abusive situations, so that they won't feel alone and know that someone cares. Let us love them as You have loved us. In Jesus' name. Amen.

**Domestic Violence Services:
Catholic Charities Chicago
Community Casework and
Counseling.**

**1800 N. Hermitage
Chicago, IL 60622 Intake:
(312) 655-7700**

**National Domestic Abuse
Hotline
1-800-799-7233**

Next Sunday, October 20, 2024
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday In Ordinary Time
 Readings: Isaiah 53:10-11
 Hebrews 4:14-16
 Mark 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

Celebrant Mass Schedule


St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
10/13/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
10/20/24 Fr. Thad Dcn. Pouncy - Preaching	Fr, Tetwigs Dcn. Greg - Preaching
10/27/24 F. Knotek	Fr. Thad
11/03/24 Confirmation Unity Mass - 10:00 a.m. at St. Martin de Porres - Celebrant: Bishop J. Perry	

FOOD PANTRY

St. Agatha
 Tuesday
 9:00am -11:00am
St. Martin
 Wednesday
 Thursday
 10:00am to Noon



FEED THE HUNGRY

SAVE THE DATE
ST. SIMON OF CYRENE
 ANNUAL LUNCHEON
SOUL TRAIN
 REVIEW
 featuring
 The Delivery Point
 Band

 NOVEMBER 2, 2024
 12 PM - 4:30 PM
 CRYSTAL SKY BANQUETS
 7941 47TH STREET
 MCCOOK, IL 60525
ADULTS \$50.00 CHILDREN \$25.00
 PRESENTED BY ST SIMON OF CYRENE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE
 ALL PROCEEDS WILL GO TOWARD THE CHURCH ENVIRONMENTAL FUND

- Golden Age Group -

Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors
 Other Activities
 Every 3rd Monday 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.
 Monday, October 21st, at St. Agatha Site

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



Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 13, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Renadar Curtis
 From the Curtis Family

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Juana Foster
 From the Alexander and Martinez Family

Happy Blessed 102nd Birthday to Fannie Farmer
 From Family and Friends

Happy Blessed Birthday to Darren Hicks
 From the Hicks 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

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish
Church Sites Rectory Office Hours - 773.287.0206

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