



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.

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

OCTOBER 20, 2024 TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GOD NEVER SAID
THAT THE JOURNEY
WOULD BE EASY.

Matthew
7:13-14

BUT

HE DID
SAY THAT
THE ARRIVAL
WOULD BE WORTHWHILE

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.

Sunday Collections for October 13, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$4,285.00
Give Central	1070.00
Kolbe House-Special	25.00
Total	\$5,380.00

Thanks for your generosity!





For Whom Shall We Pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Cheryl Baker, Gia Brown-Baxter, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, Carlos Chino Chapa, DiMarkco Chandler, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Mary Ann Evans, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, 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, Leutrice 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, Jacqueline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Melvin Lightford, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Martin Mannette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelis 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, Joan Watkins, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Tyler Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

The Human Virtues in the Life of Christians

Proverbs 20:7 tells us that a virtuous man or woman is a righteous person. The righteous person leads a blameless life characterized by uprightness, truthfulness, meekness, and wisdom. All of those who follow Christ are called to live this virtuous life in order to become examples of holiness. As it is said, “the goal of a virtuous life is to become like God.” Indeed, this is the goal we all strive to achieve through the imitation of the life of Christ.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraph 1804, defines human virtues as “firm attitudes, stable dispositions, habitual perfections of intellect and will that govern our actions, order our passions, and guide our conduct according to reason and faith. They make possible ease, self-mastery, and joy in leading a morally good life. A virtuous person is one who freely practices the good.”

To live our Christian life worthily, it is imperative that we focus on striving to achieve the goal of living a morally good life. We are taught that “moral virtues are acquired by human effort and practice, guided by reason and moral teachings. They are the fruit and seed of morally good acts; they prepare all aspects of the human being for communion with divine love.”

Among the human virtues, four stand out as foundational. These are the cardinal virtues: prudence, justice, fortitude (courage), and temperance. These foundational moral qualities guide human behavior and form the basis for living a virtuous life. Prudence permits an individual to discern the right choice for an action in any given situation; justice involves giving others what is rightly due to them; fortitude not only helps us face challenges but also enables us to remain steadfast in faith during difficult times; and temperance trains a person in self-control and the moderation of one’s desires.

As a task, let us all strive to build our lives on the foundation of these virtues. By doing so, we may attain a truly virtuous life. The book of Psalms 112:5-6 declares, “Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely, who conduct their affairs with justice. Surely the righteous will never be shaken; they will be remembered forever.”

I urge you, Brothers and Sisters, to conduct your affairs with justice, fortitude, temperance, and prudence so that you may never be shaken in your conduct. God bless you.

Brother Thad

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

Consider the world we live in. Again and again, little boys are asked the question, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” That’s part of the origin of the male ego, the drive for achievement, for power, for dominance, for self-satisfaction and fulfillment. So it is today. So, in the Gospel, was it for James and John. These disciples of Jesus wanted power and dominion. But Jesus said to them that the places at his right and his left hand were already reserved for other people. Jesus went on to teach James and John, disciples of the Master, that we are different from the pagans, the gentiles. They make their authority evident; their leaders make their importance known. It must not be that way with us, says Jesus. And he says that to us today, here and now.

The role of Church authority, then, is to serve the rest. If someone does not serve the community, he can never aspire to greatness. Why did Cardinal Law of the Archdiocese of Boston have to resign? Because he did not serve the rest. Why was John Neuman of Philadelphia, the bishop, recognized as a saint? Because he did serve the rest, and he served well.

In the Old Testament, the suffering servant is said to justify many, the hoi polloi, the masses of people, not just the elite or the few. The servant does this precisely by his suffering. Someone who is weak in faith cannot do this. Someone who is selfish cannot do this. Someone who is immature cannot do this. But the suffering servant of God is indeed mature, is generous, and is abounding in faith. So, today’s Gospel reminds us that Jesus Christ is that suffering servant above all. He is the model of service to others, the exemplar of patience in pain, the leader in personal victory.

If you look at a tray of cups, held up before you, you see different kinds of drinking vessels. You make a choice, and you pick a particular cup, with whatever beverage it contains. That is a symbol of your future. So, Scripture says “I will take the cup of salvation.” So, in the garden, Jesus prayed, “Father, let this cup pass from me.” And to us, Jesus says, “Are you ready to drink the cup I offer you?” He is asking if we are ready to share his destiny, his willingness to suffer, his role of service to others.

That is what it means for us to answer “Amen” to the words “Blood of Christ” and to take the chalice and to drink. We remember the Gospel today, with the invitation of Christ to share his destiny. We say “Amen.” And then we take the cup, because we want to share that destiny.

Christians take the chalice because they accept the challenge. Christians take the chalice because they accept the community, the Church, which sometimes is the cause of our suffering. Christians take the chalice because to do so is the highest degree of sharing, of communion, of common celebration. This is part of the fullness of meaning, of drinking from the chalice at the time of Communion.

Do this, and you shall live.
The kingdom of heaven is yours.

—*Father Michael Gilligan*

**What does the Bible say about
fake news?**

If a person reports something, it is news. If the reports are false or exaggerated or edited in such a way as to make the person involved look bad or to give the wrong impression, then it is fake news. Essentially, “fake news” is the same as lies and propaganda. Of course, the term *fake news* is not in the Bible. Likewise, there were no media organizations at the time. However, there have always been lies and propaganda. The Bible condemns the presentation of falsehood as if it were the truth. “Do not spread false reports” (Exodus 23:1).

The serpent gave Eve the “fake news” that she and Adam would not die if they ate from the forbidden tree. In fact, it said, their situation would dramatically improve (Genesis 3:4-5). Since Adam and Eve’s fall, people have been engaged in spreading “fake news.”

Many times, people would rather hear fake news than the truth. Fake news often confirms people’s biases and targets their emotions, and accepting fake news is easier than doing independent research. Purveyors of fake news construct a facade of credibility and can gather quite a following. Second Timothy 4:3 says that the time will come when people will accumulate teachers who tell them only what they want to hear.

In some cases, a person claims that something is “fake news” because he disagrees with the tone or the perspective of the one reporting. In these cases, the charge is subjective but may still be partially or completely valid. In other cases, the “fake news” is completely manufactured falsehood and propaganda. In all cases, the Bible enjoins people to speak the truth.

The antidote for fake news is truth and humility. Humility is necessary because those who are sharing news can have a tendency to make themselves sound better. Anyone who listens to news today would probably do well to expect a large part of it to be fake. All people, and Christians, should learn to evaluate the news with discernment. They would do well to get their news from a variety of sources with varying viewpoints. When a viewpoint or worldview is apparent in the reporting, the Christian should evaluate that viewpoint in light of Scripture and ask how the reporters’ worldview might slant the report. They should also try to find the larger context. Christians should also be careful about posting news stories and quotes on social media without fully investigating them to make sure they are accurate. Even a source that is largely in agreement with biblical values (or even explicitly Christian) can still slant the truth on occasion.

Ultimately, the answer to fake news is the good news that Jesus died for our sins and rose again and that we can be forgiven and reconciled to God through faith in Him.

Next Sunday, October 27, 2024
Thirtieth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Jerimiah 31:7-9
Hebrews 5:1-6
Mark 46-52

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha

St. Martin de Porres

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	

*Health & Wellness
 Ministry Meeting*



Sunday, October 27th
 after 11:00am Mass
 at St. Martin de Porres.
 All church members who
 are interested in the
 Ministry are welcome
 to attend.

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

 NOVEMBER 2, 2024
 12 PM - 4:30 PM
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 7941 47TH STREET
 MCCOOK, IL 60625
ADULTS \$50.00 CHILDREN \$25.00
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 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

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Mark Boone, Kathy Davis, Janice Ode Gray,

Diane Levy, Paul Morris



Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, October 20, 2024



† Happy Heavenly Birthday

Deacon Anthony Llorens Sr.

From the Llorens Family

Happy Blessed Birthday, Yaneli Martinez

From the Martinez 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