



# St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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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.

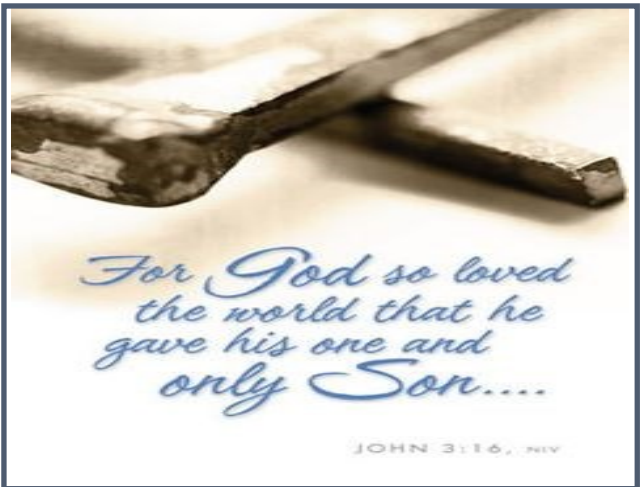
**Reconciliation** is available upon request.

**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.

## NOVEMBER 17, 2024 THIRTY-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 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 November 10, 2024

Sunday Contributions	\$ 5,891.00
Give Central	435.00
Fundraising Collection 11/03	3665.00
Kolbe House	45.00
	<u>\$10,036.00</u>

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, Leonard Chhenier, 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, Leatrice Harris, Tony Harris, 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 Mannette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Marilyn 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, Diondai Whitfield, Walter Whitlow, Tyler Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

## **We Are Created for a Purpose**

### **Creation in the Book of Genesis**

The Book of Genesis 1:26-28 narrates the story of the creation of humankind as follows:

26 Then God said, "Let us make mankind in our image, in our likeness, so that they may rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky, over the livestock and all the wild animals, and over all the creatures that move along the ground." 27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them. 28 God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground."

### **Created as Unique Beings**

Out of love, God created us in His image and likeness here on Earth. Each of us is an unrepeatable instance of God's love. There is, and will never be, anyone else like you. You are unique, special, and loved by God.

### **Why We Were Created**

- **To Reflect God's Image:** The Bible tells us that God created humankind in His own image and likeness. In other words, we are the reflection of God on Earth. You are meant to embody His attributes and radiate His presence in the world.
- **To Be Blessed and Be a Blessing to Others:** When God created us, He blessed us. Each of us is inherently blessed by God, therefore, making us a blessing from Him to others. We are sanctified people called to embody the goodness of God. In God's eyes, we are His beloved people, even when we feel unworthy.
- **To Be Fruitful and Productive:** God instructed us to be fruitful, multiply, and rule over the world. This is more than a call to inhabit the earth; it is a call to grow, be productive, and govern it responsibly. God wanted us to be the salt, the light, and the fire of the world by loving Him, knowing Him, and serving Him, His people, and His creation. We are called to make a positive impact in the world and inspire change.

### **Catherine of Siena**

St. Catherine of Siena was called at an early age to devote her life to God. At the age of 16, she chose to dedicate her life to serving God and later committed herself to serving her neighbors. She regularly visited prisoners, urging them to repent; cared for the sick, provided food and clothing, and even took on the task of burying the dead. St. Catherine is remembered for saying, "If you are what you were meant to be, you will set the world on fire." Her life exemplifies the profound impact one person can have when they live their lives according to God's purpose.

Therefore, every day, strive to be what you are meant to be to reflect God's image, embrace His blessings, and be a positive force in the world. As St. Catherine of Siena reminds us, living out our purpose has the power to ignite the world around us.

God Bless You,

**Brother Thad**

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

The themes of Advent are celebrated in the liturgy for several weeks beforehand, in the month of November. That is why the Leaflet Missal prayer book includes both November and December in one issue, because these Sundays really are very much on the same theme: the end of time, the Second Coming, the end of the world. The songs of Advent are appropriate all during November, from All Saints Day on.

- Today we hear Scripture readings that are indeed about the end of time. The Book of Daniel says that the dead will rise, that the just will shine like stars, that the wise will live forever. That prophecy of Daniel was given in the midst of suffering, of persecution, of terrible misfortune. It was said that Michael, the great prince, will come to do battle. Michael is a warrior, a soldier of the Lord. Gabriel blows the trumpet and announces the end of the world. Raphael is a messenger, who brings the judgment of God. But Michael is the one who fights for us, the one who helps bring the victory. In a time unsurpassed in distress, in a time of greatest struggle, in a time of worry unbounded, the victory will be ours. We will fight, and we shall overcome.

- Like Michael, Jesus Christ fights for us. His sacrifice is already complete, and he has won the battle. Scripture says that Jesus Christ offered one sacrifice for sins. The Epistle to the Hebrews teaches us that Christ has forever perfected those who are sanctified. Forever. Finally. Fully. Once sins have been forgiven, there is no further offering for sin.

- In other words, the Mass is not a new offering, a new sacrifice, in addition to that of Christ. His work is complete and sufficient and final. The battle is already won. In this understanding, the Mass is not so much a “re-presentation” or a re-enactment of the Cross. No, the Mass is, rather, a “representation” of the Cross. Meaningful to the end of time, the sacrifice of Christ represents the mystery of faith to us; in a powerful and real way, we share in that mystery.

This does not mean that Christ dies again or that Christ is offered again or that a new, distinct sacrifice takes place. This does mean that we are given the opportunity to offer ourselves with him and through him, to make the same sacrifice he did, to give God thanks and praise and glory, no matter what may come.

Praise God in glory, join all saints in white.  
Hear their splendid story; see the angels' light.  
God's one Church, perfected, stands  
before his throne.

Jesus, resurrected, comes to greet his own.  
Praise God in glory: Christ our Lord has come.  
Sound the royal trumpet! Sing and beat the drum!

—Father Michael Gilligan

**St. Simon of Cyrene  
Prayer of Intercession**

God of infinite compassion and boundless love, through the ages you call men and women, young and old, to model for us the virtues of humble strength and willing service. You have given us this noble African, St. Simon of Cyrene, as a model of such virtue, manifested in a life as a husband, father, laborer and willing servant to help bear the burdens of others. He helped bear the cross of Your Son, Our Lord, Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, in order that Jesus might complete his journey to suffer the cross, conquering death and opening the doors of heaven to all humankind.

Through the intercession of St. Simon of Cyrene, strengthen me in my resolve to live the truth of who You created me to be, to love as only to be life-giving to others, to use my unique gifts to help bear the crosses of all innocent victims who suffer injustice inflicted by the greed, arrogance and apathy of others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

***St. Simon of Cyrene, one with  
Our Savior in bearing His cross,  
pray for us!***

***St. Simon of Cyrene, a  
foundation stone of the  
Christian Church  
in Africa, pray for us!***

***St. Simon of Cyrene, husband,  
father, laborer, strength for the  
suffering Christ in our world,  
pray for us!***



**Next Sunday, November 24, 2024**  
**Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**  
**Readings: Daniel 7:13-14**  
**Revelation 1:5-8**  
**John 18:33b-37**

**Celebrant Mass Schedule**

<u>St. Agatha</u>	<u>St. Martin de Porres</u>
11/17/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Tetwigs
11/24/24 Fr. Raphael Makhori	Fr. Thad
11/27/24 *Thanksgiving Mass at St. Agatha 5:00pm	
12/01/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Mike Knotek
12/08/24 TBA	Fr. Thad
12/15/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Tom Walsh
12/22/24 Fr. Knotek	Fr. Thad

*- Golden Age Group -*

**Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors**  
**Other Activities**  
**Every 3rd Monday, 12:00 noon - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, November 18, at St. Agatha Site**  
**St. Martin Seniors RSVP to**  
**Ms. McGowan (773) 287-0206**

~ Please Mark Your Calendar ~

The Parish Council will host a  
**Town-Hall Meeting/Information Session**  
on Sunday, December 01, 2024 for both Churches.  
**St. Agatha Church** the town hall meeting will  
be **immediately after 9am mass [10am]** and for  
**St. Martin de Porres Church** it will be after  
**11am Mass [12 noon]** We welcome all to attend!

**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 - (773) 287-0206

**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, November 17, 2024**



† In Loving Memory for the  
Deceased of the Legions of Mary  
Bobby Hicks and Brenettia Terry

Special Prayers for 101 years of Life to  
Ms. Verna Preston

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