



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
October 08, 2023
Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



***“The stone that the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.”***

Matthew 21:42

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

Church Staff

Pastor: Fr. Larry Dowling
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Parish Secretary (SMdeP):
Carol Johnson

Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Maintenance: Andrew Griffin
Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
Custodian: Frank Clark
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

Sacramental Information

Baptism: Please call the church office for appointment at least two months prior to date. A prep class is required. Parents should contact Dcn Pouncy.

RCIA: Adults Seeking Baptism and/or Making a Profession in the Catholic Christian Faith should contact Deacon Greg Shumpert.

Marriage: Please contact the parish office before setting your date. The Church asks that couples be parish members for at least 6 months before setting a date. Participation in Pre-Cana and a Premarital Inventory required.

Funerals: Please contact the parish office before going to see a Funeral Director. We will accommodate the needs of your family to help you through the loss and healing.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home: If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the need arises. Fr. Larry, Fr. Thad or one of the Care Ministers will gladly visit in a time of need.

Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, October 01, 2023

St. Simon of Cyrene at St. Agatha - St. Martin de Porres

Mass Offering	\$6,112.00
GiveCentral	970.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>140.00</u>
Total:	\$7,222.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Roseanne Andrews, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, DiMarkco Chandler, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Ana Garcia, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Diana Foster, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Davis Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Jacquaeline Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Ashanti Kelly, Jacquiline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, Latoya Mahaffey, Ronnie Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledge, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Regina Taitis Sr., Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Jose Torres, Michael Triplett Sr., Richard Spearman, Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Natoya Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My friends, poetry is powerful. It draws us out of ourselves to be drawn into something deeper, into beauty, mystery and sometimes harsh realities that challenge us. One of my favorite poems is by Anthony Machado. It is titled, "The Garden"

*The wind, one brilliant day, called to my soul with an odor of jasmine.
'In return for the odor of my jasmine, I'd like all the odor of your
roses.'*
'I have no roses; all the flowers in my garden are dead.'
*'Well then, I'll take the withered petals and the yellow leaves and the
waters of the fountain.' ...*
*the wind left. And I wept. And I said to myself: 'What have you done
with
the garden that was entrusted to you?'*

In today's Gospel, a vineyard owner employs laborers to work a vineyard that he has just fortified with a fence. When a representative of the owner comes to collect his harvest, the laborers beat him. The second representative is beaten as well. You would think the owner would have done something at this point about the laborers, but he sends his son thinking they might respect him, but instead they kill him.

Clearly Jesus is addressing the synagogue authorities who have managed to abuse the vineyard – that is, the teachings of the law and the prophets, prophets who they all too often rejected and even killed. He then links himself to the story. He IS the Son sent by the Vineyard Owner, God the Father whose message they are now rejecting and seeking to destroy.

We can easily adapt this story to the world as it is today. God has entrusted us with this planet, this vineyard called earth, to exercise dominion over it as the Book of Genesis tells us. Dominion does not mean dominate. In the biblical sense, it does mean that it is something entrusted to human beings with a responsibility to care for it so that future generations will benefit from it just as we have. In the same way, God has given us this new parish of St. Simon of Cyrene, two churches, St. Martin de Porres and St. Agatha, now entrusted by God to steward with unified and collective resources to bear spiritual, emotional and physical nourishment for the entire westside community.

God has given us another vineyard for which we are called to nurture and bear fruit – that is ourselves, our body, our mind, our spirit. We are given a unique purpose, unique gifts to develop, grow, harvest and share for the good of our families, our communities, our parish and wherever God might be inviting us to share. Each of us are imbued with the spark of God's Spirit, waiting to be ignited by the love of God expressed through the sacraments, the inspiration/ challenge of Scripture and the encouragement of each other.

The challenge from Jesus is clear: Will we acknowledge our planet, our parish, ourselves as gifts from God to steward in a way that will bear fruit for the world? Or will we selfishly squander the body, mind and spirit God gave us? The Good News is that God is forgiving, always ready to give us a fresh start. God offers us the love and grace, all we need, to let go of past bad habits and sins that prevent us from being who God uniquely created us to be. It's not too late. Will you cultivate, water and tend with love the garden entrusted to you?

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 25:6-10a
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
Matthew 22:1-4 or 22:1-10

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

10/15/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/22/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/29/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
11/05/23	UNITY MASS 10:00 a.m. SMdeP	
11/12/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
11/19/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

DAY OF
 PRAYER & TRAINING

for Ministries

OCTOBER 14, 2023
 9:30AM-11:55PM

THEME: OUR IDENTITY AND
 TRANSFORMATION AS WE
 PARTICIPATE IN THE MISSION OF
 CHRIST

PRESENTER: MARK KWAKU NIMO,
 D. MIN.

LOCATION: ST. AGATHA CHURCH

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE PARISH
 3147 W Douglas Blvd. Chicago, IL 60623
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Authentically Black & Truly Catholic:
Faith, Peace, and Love in Unity

Save the Date!

Three Nights: October 16th, 17th, & 18th 2023



5pm-6pm
Food and Fellowship

6:30pm-9pm
Revelation Service



Three Locations:

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish
 (St. Martin de Porres site)
 5112 W. Washington Blvd. Chicago, IL 60644
 Our Lady of Africa Parish
 615 E. Oakwood Blvd. Chicago, IL 60653
 St. Sabina Parish
 1210 W. 78th Pl. Chicago, IL 60620

One in the Spirit! One in the Lord!



**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. Simon 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!*

Our 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.

Mark Your Calendar
- Week of October 8, 2023 -

"Legion of Mary" - Meeting at St. Martin de Porres site
Monday, October 9 - 7:00pm

Food Pantry at St. Agatha site
Tuesday, October 10 - 9:00am - 11:00am

Food Pantry at St. Martin de Porres site
Wednesday and Thursday, October 11-12, 10:am -12 noon

Thursday, October 12, Mass at St. Agatha site -7:30am
**Thursday, October 12, Communion Service and Adoration
 at St. Martin de Porres site - 9:00am**

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

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, October 08, 2023



In Loving Memory of
Terrance A. Foster Jr.
From the Hicks Family



In Loving Memory of Deacon Anthony Llorens
From your Loving Family

In Loving Memory of Victor Guarino
From wife, Jean Guarino

**We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones. living
 and deceased, by offering a Mass intention. Donation \$10**