



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eight Sunday in Ordinary Time



Then he said to his servants, 'The feast is ready, but those who were invited were not worthy to come.

Go out, therefore, into the main roads and invite to the feast whomever you find.'

Matthew 22:8-12

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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)

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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 08, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,254.00
GiveCentral	990.00
Kolbe House-Special	7.00
Total:	\$5,251.00

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, 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, 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, Lejerriion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Davis Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Jacqueline 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, Arthur Thames, 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 brothers and sisters, both the First Reading and Gospel offer us images of a banquet, an abundance of choice food and wine, reserved for God's faithful people. In the Gospel, however, Jesus uses the image, similar to last week's Gospel, of the vine grower and the vineyard workers, to challenge those in power who abuse the 'banquet' of God's all-encompassing love, instead clinging to and refusing to share with others the gifts that God has asked them to share.

No doubt we have an abundance of the abuse of political, religious and economic power in our world. Those focused on accumulating wealth, stature and political power for their own self-interest have rejected the message of Jesus that ALL creation is for ALL people, and that it is expected of those who have much to share with those who have little. Clearly, these are the ones that the Master, that is, Jesus, invites to the Feast first. But they do not think they need Jesus' riches – the riches of joy in this life and the promise of eternal life. They are blinded to the true gift that Jesus offers them.

So the Master/ Jesus asks his servants to go out and invite anyone and everyone to join in the Feast he offers. And they – the poor, the oppressed, prostitutes and taxpayers – accept the invitation, show up to the banquet, put on the necessary wedding garment given them to wear, and enter the Feast. In Jesus' parable, the Feast is not a feast of food, but a feast of the riches of coming to know the great gift and life-giving taste of God's love, compassion, forgiveness and mercy. Once tasted, consumed and strengthened by it, they not only want more, but they naturally want to share it with others. They realize that the banquet of God's grace and mercy is endless that, in sharing with others, the gift is not diminished, but instead magnified, compelling us out of love to invite others to the feast.

There is a part at the end of the parable where one of the second group of invited guests refuses the wedding garment provided for him on his entry into the palace. This person symbolizes those who accept the invitation but refuse to honor the custom of wearing a wedding garment. This person refuses to do what all of us are required to do, as Paul tells us, to 'put on Christ' which signifies that we bear the mark of baptism and the anointing of the spirit to fully enter into the richness of God's life-giving and eternal love.

My friends, we are offered this invitation every day, to 'put on Christ' to clothe ourselves in Christ's love as we, like these servants, go out every day and live our lives in ways that attract others to 'come and see' what brings us joy and strength. Have we fully accepted the invitation? Have we extended the invitation to others? If not, why not? Christ is waiting for our answer and willing to give us all we need to accept it.

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, October 22, 2023
 Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6
 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b
 Matthew 22:15-21

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
11/26/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



*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
Revival 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!

Mark Your Calendar

- Week of October 16, 2023 -

"Golden Age Group" St. Agatha
 Monday, October 16th, Noon - 2:00pm

"Dream Builders Community Fellowship Dinner" St. Agatha
 Monday, October 16th, 6:00pm - 8:00pm

"Legion of Mary Meeting" St. Martin de Porres
 Monday, October 16th - 7:00pm

"Annual Archdiocesan Hope and Healing Mass"
 For Victims of Child and Youth Abuse
 Friday, October 20th, 10:00am
 Holy Family Parish, 1080 W. Roosevelt Rd

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



As you give
 your life to Jesus,
 He'll give you His very best...
 a heart that's filled with wisdom,
 contentment, peace, and rest.
 He'll make the path in front of you
 a straight, fulfilling way...
 and guide you with His Spirit
 through each and every day.
CONGRATULATIONS

Welcome
Bishop Robert Casey
as he Confirms our Youth

CONGRATULATIONS TO

Jason Henderson

Kenneth Porter

Michael Reid

Mariah Sims

Ethen Stampley

Krystian Stampley

Randi Thomas

Raniya Thomas



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, October 15, 2023



In Loving Memory of Gene Hawkins
 From your Loving Daughter and Grandson
Happy Heavenly Birthday to Alma Walton and
Lucy Henry, from the Henry 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