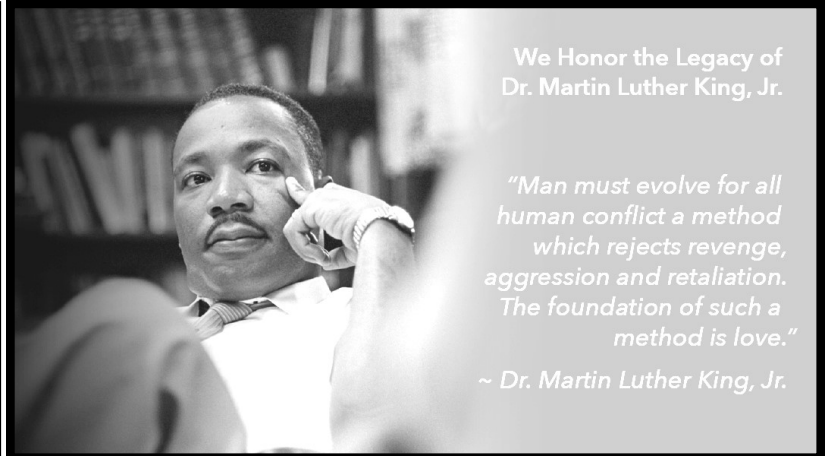




St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
January 14, 2024
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



"Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own? For you have been purchased at a price. Therefore glorify God in your body." 1Cor 6: 18-20



We Honor the Legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Man must evolve for all human conflict a method which rejects revenge, aggression and retaliation. The foundation of such a method is love."

~ Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

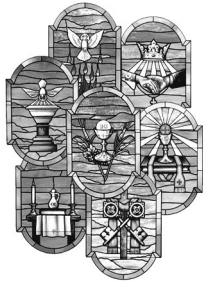
St. Agatha Church

3147 W. Douglas Boulevard

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Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m Thursday 7:30 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, January 7, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$5,183.00
GiveCentral	1282.21
Kolbe House-Special	7.00
Total:	\$6,472.21

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, DiMarkco Chandler, Frank Clark, Dorothy Cobb, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Ana Garcia, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Virginia Evans, Diana Foster, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Patricia Graham, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszeczki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leatrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Annetta Lewis, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Ashanti Kelly, Jacqueline Kelly, Stanley King, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, 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 Pledage, Queenie Randle, Elberta Raschke, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, 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...

What better way to enter the New Year than through these 'call stories' of Samuel in the First Reading and of Peter and Andrew in the Gospel. It is also appropriate that we commemorate the yet unfulfilled dream of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. this weekend.

Like all of us, like Jesus himself, Dr. King had to grow into his identity as the leader of a nonviolent movement not only for racial equality, but for economic equality for all. At first, he did not see himself as the person out in front leading everyone else. It was something he had to grow into, to listen intently, especially in times of incredible adversity and threat to his life and the life of his family.

Dr. King had to be open to learn from theologians like Reinhold Niebuhr and prophets like Ghandi who encouraged the consistent practice of nonviolence to disarm the forces of verbal and physical violence, very much in the model of Jesus.

In our First Reading, Samuel is not aware that the Lord is calling him. He needs the elder Eli who know the Lord to open him up to listen to the voice of the Lord calling him and the encouragement of Eli to respond to the Lord, "Here I am, Lord. Send me!"

In the Gospel, similarly, the call of Peter happens through two of the disciples of John the Baptist who hear John remark at Jesus' passing by them, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" They respond by leaving John, probably at John's encouragement to follow Jesus, asking Jesus "where are you staying?" This seems like a strange question and I highlight the following explanation to shed light on this request:

"Where are you staying" could be accurately translated by the slang expression, "Where're you at, man?" The disciples wanted to know where Jesus' heart was. They wanted to know "what made him tick." They weren't asking for his address. They wanted to know if they should give up everything they had and follow him.

Jesus' invitation to these early disciples is also an invitation to us: *"Come and see,"* Jesus says. "You want to know my heart? You want to know what is important to me? You want to know how I can bless you? Come and see!" Jesus invites us to meet him through the Gospels and through other followers who have come to truly know Him. He asks us to come, spend time with Him, and learn from Him.

I encourage all of us to recommit ourselves to understand more deeply what Jesus is asking of each of us regarding our lives, our family, our community and our parish. Jesus invites us to follow Him, not at a safe distance, but up close and personal. He longs for us to deepen our commitment to live humbly and generously, to invite others through our actions and words to 'come and see' the presence of Christ at St. Simon of Cyrene and to feed from His words, His Precious Body and Blood, and the support and encouragement of we, who are the living Body of Christ called to manifest God's deep love for humankind and the creation which sustains us.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, January 21, 2024
 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: John 3: 1-5, 10
 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
 Mark 1: 14-20

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

01/14/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
01/21/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
01/28/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
02/04/24	UNITY MASS 10:00 a.m. St. Agatha	
02/11/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
02/18/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



Mass Intentions for this Week
 Sunday, January 14, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Ernestine Cottrell
 From the Cottrell and Clark Family

† In Loving Memory of Juanito Foster
 From the Alexander and Martinez Family

† In Loving Memory of Victor Guarino
 From wife, Jean Guarino

Prayers for Caryn and Mike Kondrat,
 Anthony and Renae Wallin from Linda Wallin

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

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

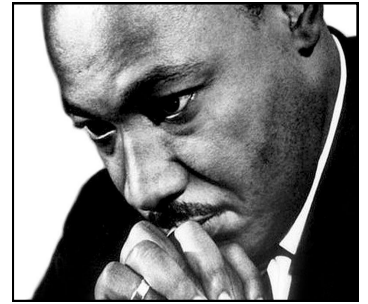
Charitable Hands Ministry

Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel
 Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

Church Staff

Parish Secretary (SMdeP): Carol Johnson
 Reception/Pantry (StA): Refoncia McGowan
 Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
 Maintenance: Andrew Griffin
 Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
 Custodian: Frank Clark
 Housekeeper SMdeP: Scarlett Evans-Perez
 Music Director: Dennis Smith
 Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
 Website/ Social Media: Emily Dillon, Kevin Dillon

**Prayer to forgive us
 for what we could
 have been but failed
 to be
 Rev. Dr. Martin
 Luther King, Jr.**



O Thou Eternal God,
 out of whose absolute power and infinite
 intelligence the whole universe has come into
 being, we humbly confess that we have not
 loved thee with our hearts, souls and minds,
 and we have not loved our neighbors as Christ
 loved us. We have all too often lived by our
 own selfish impulses rather than by the life of
 sacrificial love as revealed by Christ. We often
 give in order to receive. We love our friends
 and hate our enemies. We go the first mile but
 dare not travel the second. We forgive but dare
 not forget. And so as we look within
 ourselves, we are confronted with the
 appalling fact that the history of our lives is
 the history of an eternal revolt against you.
 But thou, O God, have mercy upon us.
 Forgive us for what we could have been but
 failed to be. Give us the intelligence to know
 your will. Give us the courage to do your will.
 Give us the devotion to love thy will. In the
 name and spirit of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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.

Celebrate Dr. King with the Community
Monday, January 15, 2024
6:00 - 8:30 p.m. St. Agatha Church
Food and Fellowship
Sponsored by St. Simon of Cyrene
Dreambuilders Ministry