



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
February 25, 2024
Second Sunday of Lent



“Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white,” John 9: 2-3

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish

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St. Martin de Porres Church
Church of Record

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Office Hours Mon. - Fri 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

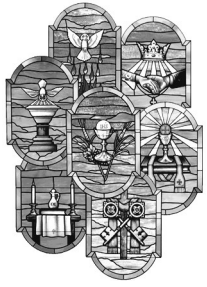
St. Agatha Church

3147 W. Douglas Boulevard

Chicago, IL 60623 Ph: (773) 522-3050

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 Den 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, February 18, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$3,429.00
GiveCentral	950.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>121.00</u>
Total:	\$4,500.00

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegarde 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 Gruszczycki, 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., Joyce Ann Johnson, 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, Marilyn 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, Jose Teran, 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...

My sisters and brothers, one of my favorite cross-biblical references comes from Dr. King's I Have a Dream speech. "I have been to the mountaintop!" Dr. King talks about a transformative moment for him where God has given him the privilege to see God's vision for what humankind could and should look like in an ideal world. Along with that privilege also comes an awesome responsibility to share the vision and then to engage everyone, despite any challenges, in the work of transforming the world-as-it-is into the world-as-it-should-be.

In our First Reading today, Abraham is called to the mountaintop to prove his faith in God in what seems to be a horrible thing God would ask of Abraham or anyone: to sacrifice his only son! Abraham, who has been faithful every step of the way in his journey with God, is put to the ultimate test. God stops Abraham from sacrificing his son and, in return, grants Abraham descendants "as numerous as the stars in the skies."

In the Gospel we have Jesus, with his apostles Peter, James and John, going to the same mountaintop where Jesus is revealed by the Father to be His only beloved Son, having Moses and Elijah, symbolic of the law and the prophets, present to solidify the message that Jesus IS the fulfillment of the long tradition of the law and the prophets. The experience for Peter, James and John had to be extraordinary, both fearful and awesome. When all is said and done, however, with what they have experienced, they must now go and continue in helping fulfill the mission. Again, an awesome privilege AND responsibility.

For those of us who accept and embrace the love between Father, Son and Spirit in our lives, we are sometimes graced with these transformative/ transfiguration moments. One such experience for me was after about a 6 months as pastor of St. Agatha when I was celebrating Mass at St. Agatha, now St. Simon of Cyrene. As I was reflecting after the homily, I looked out at the congregation, many who I had come to know over these months, and I was struck deeply with the thought, "God, I love these people. I love this community. I can't imagine the pain in one day leaving this community." And I started to tear up. Truly a moment of grace for me, one that solidified my commitment to minister to and with the people of our great parish. A privileged moment, yet a moment that carried with it the responsibility to share the fullness of my gifts with the community. As I look toward stepping down as pastor in July, I still imagine myself supporting the work of the parish on the westside.

My friends, God gives us moments – grace moments, transfiguration moments – to fill us with joy that then invites us to carry that joy into our daily lives where the hope, love and joy we feel may touch others in their pain and struggles to know, without question, that God is present through, with and in us!

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, March 03, 2024
 Third Sunday of Lent
 Readings: Exodus 17:3-7
 Romans 5:1-2, 5-8
 John 4:5-42

Celebrant Mass Schedule
 St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

02/25/24	Fr. Tom Walsh	Fr. Larry
03/03/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/10/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
03/17/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/24/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
03/31/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



**Health and Wellness Ministry
 Kick Off Meeting**

Sunday, March 3, 2024
After Mass - 12:30 p.m.
St. Martin de Porres Church Rectory
- All interested are Welcome 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

Charitable Hands Ministry

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

Church Staff

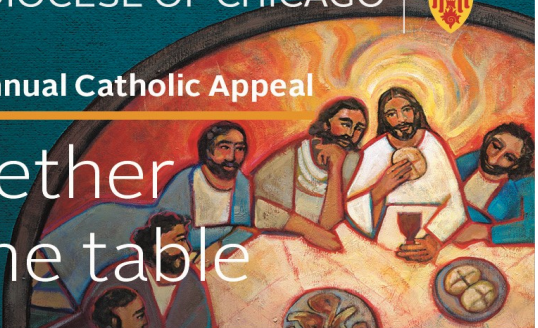
Parish Secretary (SMdeP): Carol Johnson
 Reception/Pantry (StA): Refoncia McGowan
 Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
 Maintenance: Andrew Griffin
 Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
 Custodian: Frank Clark
 Housekeeper SMdeP: Scarlett Evans-Perez
 Music Director: Dennis Smith
 Choir Director: Antonio Anderson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

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 Ministry Program at CTU**
March 9th, 5416 S. Cornell, Noon to 4 p.m.
call 773.371.5415 for tickets

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.

**Mass Intentions for this Week
 Sunday, February 25, 2024**



† In Loving Memory of Marian McCurry
 From Marvin McCurry and Family

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Mr. Larry Mapp Sr., and
 Happy Blessed Birthday to Mrs. Dolores Mapp

Happy Blessed Birthday to Mark Henderson
 From your Loving Family

Happy Blessed Birthday to Trina Simmons
 From the Coffey Family

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