



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion



**HOLY WEEK
SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday of the
Lord's Supper**
St. Martin de Porres
7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday
of the Lord's Passion**
St. Martin de Porres
7:00 p.m.

**Holy Saturday at the
Easter Vigil**
in the
Holy Night of Easter
7:30 p.m. St. Agatha

EASTER St. Agatha
9:00 am + St. Martin
de Porres 11 am

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish

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St. Martin de Porres Church
Church of Record

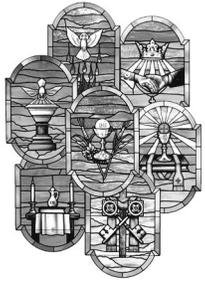
5112 W. Washington Boulevard
Chicago, IL 60644 Ph: (773) 287-0206
Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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, March 17, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$
GiveCentral	
Kolbe House-Special	
Total:	\$ —

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 Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Leutrice Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Gwendolyn Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Joyce Ann Johnson, Sr., Julius Jones, Corine Jourdan, Ashanti Kelly, Jacqueline Kelly, Stanley King, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arellys 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, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Ed Ricks, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Lazaro Alexandeer Singh, Rosa Solano, Candace Span, 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

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

Wednesday Reflection March 20, 2024 Fifth Sunday of Lent

God's Blessings to you from our family at St. Simon of Cyrene Parish with our ministry sites at St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres. As we take our begin the coming Holy Week on Palm Sunday, I offer this reflection on the for your spiritual nourishment and encouragement. Before we begin, let's take a moment to recognize God's presence in each of us and to give thanks for all our blessings.

(Brief pause)

My brothers and sisters, the Scriptures for Palm Sunday move us from Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem to the fulfillment of His passionate undying love for God the Father and all of God's people, His unconditional love, forgiveness, and mercy extended to ALL people. Let me share a beautiful reflection by Fr. John Foley, SJ on the Scriptures... This Sunday, called "Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion," has two halves to it, palms and passion, as you might have guessed. They stand in jarring contrast to each other. First, the palms proclaim Jesus' kingship. The palms we hold during the ritual procession are an imitation of what the local people did long ago, the ones who lined the road. This opening part of the ceremony is more than just another historical reminiscence, it is a proclamation today of Jesus as king. It is the first half of the jarring contrast.

Does such a total surrender represent kingly action? You may not have noticed the kingly aspect specifically, but there are multiple clues in the First Gospel (i.e., the reading that takes place just before the palm procession). First, he rode on a colt, an animal that was used for royalty's entrance into a city. Second, the disciples spread their cloaks over the colt's back as they would for someone royal. Then the crowds along the way treated Jesus as a kingly hero. They spread out their coats on the roadway and covered them with palm branches cut from the fields. It was a symbol to soften the pathway for the kingly one: to keep the dirt off of him. And they cried out, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" The King. Second, the soldiers do their best to destroy any kingship in Jesus. The Mass itself and its Passion Reading follow. They show the ridicule Jesus' kingship was put to, a fool's tale. Soldiers tie him up and yell "King of the Jews." It their derogation of this poor, ridiculous captive. They jam a "royal" crown on his head, one made of thorns. They wrap a fake robe of purple around him (the color reserved for kings because of its rarity in that era). They spit on him. They strike him. They laugh. They make a tortured fool out of this great "king."

The First Reading had already told us why such torture happened. Because the King chose it. The reading says, I have not rebelled, have not turned back. I gave my back to those who beat me, my cheeks to those who plucked my beard; my face I did not shield from buffets and spitting. You or I would have cried out, "My God, why have you abandoned me?" The Responsorial Psalm says exactly these words, and Jesus will say them from the cross. But are these the words of a king? Does such a total surrender represent kingly action? What do you say? No!

But scripture says the opposite. Yes. Jesus, king of kings, "did not regard equality with God as something to cling to"—for safety or honor or for whatever other reason. As the greatest king he emptied himself out, became like a slave, obedient even to death on the cross (Second Reading). This, in allegiance to God and in service of the people. On this day of the king, Jesus knew who he was, even under the worst duress and strife. He was and remains the one who loves, no matter what. We have here the opposite of the kind of greatness we always imagine: service of God's people as the true basis of rulership. A good ruler pulls a kingdom together and makes it safe, a place of abundance. If they accomplished such a goal, no kingly suffering would be too great. Palm/Passion Sunday is a large-scale revelation of kingship's true meaning, a vision we in the United States certainly need today. Real love.

(Brief pause)

NEXT WEEK PALM SUNDAY On behalf of the Catholic Christian Family of St. Simon of Cyrene Parish, I want to invite you to join us this coming PALM Sunday for one of our two Masses: 9:00 am at St. Agatha or 11:00 am at St. Martin de Porres, both services led by our contemporary Gospel choir. The services are livestreamed and available for viewing afterward online. We welcome your participation in our community prayer of praise and thanksgiving. Please take the time to share this video with others. It is a great way for you to evangelize. Thank you for all the ways that you continue to allow the Lord to work through you, with you and in you. And, in all things, my friends, be blessed

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, March 31, 2024
Palm Sunday of the Lord Passion
 Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Colossians 3: 1-4
 John 20: 1-9

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

03/24/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/31/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/07/24	Fr. Larry	TBA
04/14/24	TBA	Fr. Larry
04/21/24	Fr. Larry	TBA
04/28/24	TBA	Fr. Larry

Holy Thursday
Mass of the Last Supper
 March 28, 2024 - 7:00pm
 St. Martin de Porres Church

Good Friday of the Lord's Passion
 March 29, 2024 - 7:00pm
 St. Martin de Porres Church

Easter Vigil
 Saturday, March 30, 2024
 St. Agatha Church

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: Kevin Johnson
 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

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.

ST. SIMON OF CYRENE
MEN'S GROUP
PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Come start your day with a cup of Inspiration & Fellowship!



Saturday,
April 13, 2024
7:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Tickets \$10.00

Purchase tickets from any Men's Group member!
 All proceeds benefit the church!

Purcell Hall
4300 W. Washington Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60624



PANCAKES
SAUSAGE
BACON
EGGS
JUICE
COFFEE

- Mark Your Calendar -

St. Martin de Porres Parish Federal Credit Union
Annual Meeting
Sunday, April 14, 2024
Immediately following Mass
at Kipp School Lower Hall - All are Welcome!



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, March 24, 2024



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