



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
March 3, 2024
Third Sunday of Lent



"I, the LORD, am your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery.

You shall not have other gods besides me.

Honor your father and your mother, that you may have a long life in the land which the Lord, your God, is giving you.

You shall not kill.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife,

nor his male or female slave, nor his ox or ass," Exodus 20: 1-17



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St. Martin de Porres Church
Church of Record

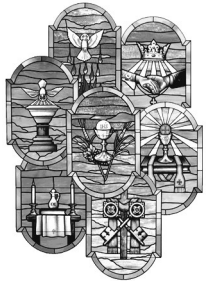
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Chicago, IL 60644 Ph: (773) 287-0206
Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 8 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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, February 25, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$4,191.00
GiveCentral	1159.00
Universal Offertory for January 2024	1640.43
Kolbe House-Special	80.00
Total:	\$7,070.43



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, Leatrice 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., 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, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, 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 Yancy

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My brothers and sisters, the Scriptures for today call us to recommit ourselves to the fullness of the Ten Commandments given by God to Moses to give to the people AND the Great Commandment summarizing the 10 given us by Jesus: Love God above all things and all relationships, and then fortified by the power of embracing the fullness of God's love for you, care for others, and for yourself, as you would desire God to care for you. Implied in this care is care for the physical, emotional and spiritual well-being of others and ourselves.

Lent provides us 40 days to refocus our priorities regarding our relationship with God, with ourselves, and with those closest to us and others who God places in our life path each day.

In the Gospel, Jesus calls out those who are using the Temple in Jerusalem as a marketplace, taking advantage of those who have come to Jerusalem from all over Israel to celebrate the great Feast of Passover. You can bet that those selling goods were supported by the religious authorities and that the government officials were getting a cut of the profits made off the backs of hard-working Jews.

Sadly, these forces still exist today as we see a rise in white evangelical Christian movements and Christian nationalists who use religious belief as a front for taking advantage of the poor and middle class and defining who God favors and who God condemns. In reality, authentic Christian disciples recognize that there is absolutely no one excluded from God's love. Therefore, as Pope Francis so much encourages us, we are called to meet people 'where they're at'. It is in these sacred encounters that we get to know each other, our hopes and dreams, our challenges and pains, our joys and sorrows. In building those relationships, we can then accompany each other on the journey to understand how each of us can best be life-giving to others with the gifts God has given us. Religion that begins with measures of who's in and who's out is already contrary to the Good News that Jesus is trying to teach: that ALL are included in God's plan, that ALL are precious in God's eyes, that ALL are sinners, yet All are capable of greatness in the eyes of God because God is always ready to forgive and then give us the grace to get back on track in fulfilling our God-given purpose in the world.

The Good News is that Jesus is always there to break down the barriers that prevent us from realizing our full potential. And He is there in a multitude of ways: through the Scriptures that teach and guide us; through the Body and Blood of Christ offered us at every Mass to fortify us; and, through fellow disciples of Christ and other people of good will who support us, encourage us, and who are willing to stand against the forces of power and greed that would seek to prevent us from fulfilling our God-given purpose in the world. We should never, never underestimate the power of WE, the People of God!

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, March 10, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Lent
 Readings: 2 Corinthians 36: 14-16, 19-23
 Ephesians 2:4-10
 John 3:14-21

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

03/03/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/10/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/17/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
03/24/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
03/31/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/07/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

Retreat Workshop for Widowed Men & Women
April 13 & 14

For the benefit of widowed parishioners

Your participation is welcome

(2-day program-overnight encouraged)

St. Mary's Retreat House - Lemont, Illinois 60439

(Commute or stay overnight)

For further information call: 708-354-7211

or e-mail us at joyfulagain7211@gmail.com

website: www.joyfulagain.org

Joyful Again! is a spiritual program for widows and widowers who want to resolve the normal grief they feel after losing their spouse and who want to begin to start to live fully again.

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: TBA

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

Stewardship Prayer

Ever-faithful Lord, gratefully acknowledging Your mercy and humbly admitting my need, I pledge my trust in You. Filled with desire, I long to respond to Your call for discipleship by shaping my life in imitation of Christ. I profess that the call requires me to be a greater steward of Your gifts. As a steward, I seek to receive Your gifts gratefully, cherish and tend them in a responsible manner, share them in practice and love with others, and return them with increase to the Lord. I pledge to my ongoing formation as a steward of your gift to me of this Parish Family of St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres, this earth on which I live, and my responsibility to call others to that same endeavor. Almighty, ever-faithful God, it is my fervent hope and prayer that You who have begun the good work in me will bring it to fulfillment in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.



Support the Augustus Tolton Pastoral 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



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, March 3, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Sylvester Curtis
 From the Curtis Family

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

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