



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
March 31, 2024
Easter Sunday
The Resurrection of the Lord



"He
is
Risen !
He is
Risen
Indeed!

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.

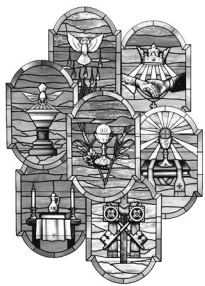
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

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 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.

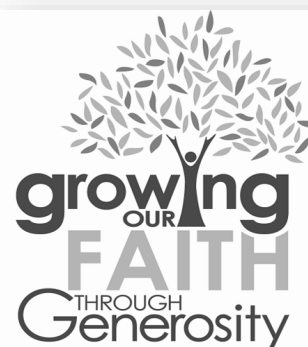
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, March 24, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$5,052.00
GiveCentral	00
Easter Collections	55.00
Universal Offertory for February 2024	<u>1350.00</u>
Total:	\$

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Geraldine Baylor, 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., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Marilyn Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Sebastian Mitchell, 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, Marvin Register, Sommer Reynolds, Ed Ricks, Aquila Rogers, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Lazaro Alexander 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 Yancy

From the Desk of Fr. Larry... I offer this Easter poem I wrote a few years ago

I have wandered lost on wintry days
In fallow fields, bereaved
Crying, "What have you done with Him,
The One in Whom I believed?"

The One who promised the lowly new life,
The hungry food, the thirsty living water?
To captives freedom, the blind new vision,
To the world an end to sin's division?"

Meeting a gardener standing there
I asked, "Where have you laid my Lord?"
With a gentle smile he looked at me
And shared these reassuring words:

I am Resurrection.
I am her smiling face.
I am his warm assurance,
His life-renewing grace.

I am the wondrous stories
Of hearts entombed by grief,
Revived by words of promise
And deeds that bring relief. I

I am the source of the sick revived,
The dead no longer dead,
The poor not poor in spirit,
The hungry generously fed.

I am companion to those addicted
In their deep and darkest hour,
Renouncing the lies of soul-sapping highs
Finding true life in my higher power.

I mourn with those betrayed
By one lost in sin's deceptive thrall
I renew their faith in a faithful God
And help them rise above it all.

I am there with those caught in despair
Standing helpless before their pain,
Reviving them with my Precious Blood
Giving them strength to walk again.

I am witness to sisters, spirit-beaten
By fists, by words that sting.
I am their strength to reclaim their dignity
And the hope that to others they bring.

I mourn with those betrayed
By one lost in sin's deceptive thrall
I renew their faith in a faithful God
And help them rise above it all.

I am the church gathered in prayer,
Their strength to engage the mission,
To challenge injustice, to bring healing,
To fulfill the dream that I envision.

I am Resurrection.
I am spirit's life restored.
I am the promise unfolding
The assurance of eternal reward.

I am Resurrection.
I am the Spirit deep within
That forgives, heals and reconciles
Helping you to conquer sin.

I am every person
Who embraces life in me,
Who dies to self and finds himself
Rising to set others free.

I am Resurrection
I am gardener of heart and soul
I sow the seeds and shower my Spirit
"That you may have life...
And have it to the full!" Jn10:10

**Blessed Easter to You and Your Families of the
Great Parish of St. Simon of Cyrene and, always, Gentle Peace!**

Next Sunday, April 7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter
Readings: Acts 4: 32-35
1 John 5: 1-6
John 20: 19-31

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

3/31/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
4/07/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thulani Magwaza
4/14/24	Fr. Mike Knotek	Fr. Larry
4/21/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Brian Walker
4/28/24	Fr. Rukuratwa Kiiguta	Fr. Larry
5/05/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

Ministry Meetings
All are Welcome!

Health and Wellness Ministry Meetings
Sunday, March 31, April 7, and April 14, 2024
at St. Agatha Church, 10:30a.m.

Couples Ministry Meeting
Sunday, April 21, 2024
at St. Agatha Church, 10:30a.m.

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

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 31, 2024



† In Loving Memory of Robert Lee Curry
 Love Forever, Fannie Curry and Children

† Happy Heavenly Birthday to Helen Galloway
 From granddaughter Reva and Family

Happy Blessed Birthday to Nicole Morris
 From Yolanda and Family

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