



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



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.

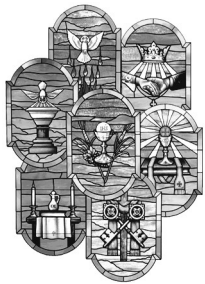
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am; Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thurs: 9 am (Service w/Adoration)

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.

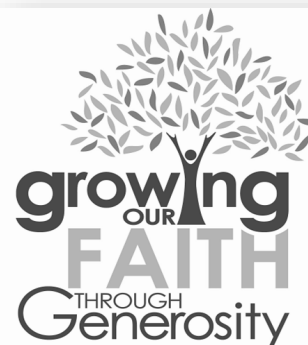
Hospital Stays: If you or a loved one is going into the hospital, please notify the office in order that a priest or care minister can call or visit the patient and be support to the family.

Your Stewardship of Treasure for the Mission of Jesus Christ Sunday, April 7, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$4,264.00
GiveCentral	1566.00
Easter Collections	166.00
Kolbe Special	<u>11.00</u>
Total:	\$6,007.00

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, 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 Gruszczki, 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...

My friends, in his post-Resurrection appearances, Jesus continues to teach his disciples as he prepares to leave them to ascend to the right hand of the Father in heaven, then sending their Holy Spirit to them and us to be Their loving everyday Presence to us. For me, today's Gospel is a whole lesson about how to minister to others, a model for us all.

As He appears, He greets them with "Peace be with you!". He has never used that greeting with them before in the Scriptures. The peace Jesus refers to is the peace of shalom, meaning 'whatever needs to happen in your life to bring wholeness and healing and a total integration of body, mind and spirit is what I wish for you.'

Then he shows them his scars from his nail and spear wounds, indicating our need to be vulnerable to others, knowing they are carrying scars or open wounds and wanting to connect in mutual support.

Then, for the first time in the Gospels, he asks for something to eat, indicating our need to respond to the physical, emotional, and spiritual hunger in others. Then He opens the meaning of Old Testament Scriptures to them, how He is the manifestation of the long-awaited Christ/ Messiah who freely offers mercy, forgiveness and unconditional love to all people.

He summarizes it all with these words, "Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem." And then he gives them their Commission in these words: You are witnesses of these things."

In other words, those disciples – and all of us – are to bear witness to Christ's living Presence in the world through our greeting, relationship building, responding to the hungers in others, sharing how Christ has played a role in our lives, bearing witness to our personal relationship with Christ AND how our faith community has consistently helped us in doing this. Our Gospel today is the template for true, authentic Christian discipleship in the Lord! May we continue to do our best in modeling this, making it a natural part of our witness to God's love in the world!

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, April 21, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Readings: Acts 4: 8-12
1 John 3: 1-2
John 10: 11-18

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
5/12/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
5/19/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
5/26/24	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
6/2/24	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

TODAY!!!

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

Ministry Meetings
All are Welcome!

Health and Wellness Ministry Meetings
Today, April 14, 2024
at St. Agatha Church, 10:30a.m.

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

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.

- Golden Age Group -

Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors
Other Activities
Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
Monday, April 15 at St. Agatha Site
Transportation provided for
St. Martin Seniors
RSVP to Ms. McGowan (773) 522-3050

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

Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, April 14, 2024

† In Loving Memory of the Clark Kids
From the Cottrell and Ellison Family
† In Loving Memory of E. Wayne Taylor
From Merritt Hicks III

Happy Blessed Birthday to Jamilla Gault
From Merritt Hicks III

Happy Blessed Birthday to Sayana Scott & Daniel Muhammad
From the Johnson Family

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