



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
June 30, 2024
Thirteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time



***He took the child by the hand and said to her, "Talitha koum,"
which means "Little girl, I say to you, arise!"***

St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish

Fr. Larry Dowling, Pastor
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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

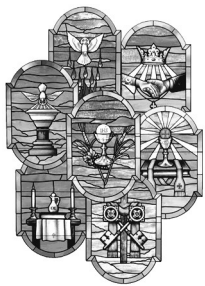
3147 W. Douglas Boulevard

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

Office Hours Mon. - Fri. 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Masses: Sunday, 9:00 am; 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.

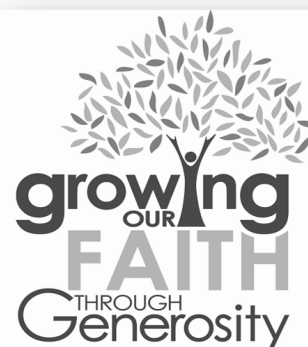
Ministry to Sick and Shut-In/ Anointing of the Sick/ Home Visitation/Receiving Communion at Home: If you or a loved one is in need of a minister from St. Agatha-St. Martin de Porres to visit for Communion, Anointing of the Sick or any other pastoral need, please contact the church office as soon as the 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, June 23, 2024

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

Mass Offering	\$3,367.00
GiveCentral	1792.00
Universal Offering for May, 2024	1670.00
Kolbe House-Special	<u>5.00</u>
Total:	\$6,834.00



For whom shall we pray...

Walter Adams, Susie Aldrich, Bertha Anderson, Jewel Austin, Geraldine Baylor, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, 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, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Leatrice Harris, Tony Harris, Harlem Daniel Hayes, Gwendolyn Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Veronica 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, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine 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 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, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

It is not easy to say “goodbye” to family after 17-1/2 years of ministry to, ministry with, and being ministered to, by the faithful parishioners of this incredible parish community. You have been my family in faith, have taught me so much about faith, perseverance, resilience, resistance, hope, compassion and love. I have often been humbled, challenged and uplifted by your faith. What a gift it has been, and what a gift and foundation it will be as God calls me to the next phase of ministry. I am excited about the future as God calls me to continue to work for justice, always rooted in the Word, the Eucharist and the experience/ wisdom of the people.

I love the Gospel for today. We have a kind of ‘miracle sandwich,’ a miracle story within a miracle story. Jesus is met by a synagogue official whose daughter is dying. As he makes his way to the official’s home, he must traverse through a crowd. Amid the crowd, a woman with a lifelong hemorrhage touches his garment, and he feels healing energy flow from his body. He stops and asks, “Who touched the hem of my garment?”

Now we can imagine that there were many people touching his garment, but for some reason he calls this one person out. The result is twofold: the woman is cured and, by curing her, returns her to full status in the community that likely labeled her ‘unclean’ and an outcast. In so many of Jesus’ miracles, he not only heals and casts out demons, but by doing so returns the sick or possessed person back to full stature in the community.

The continuation of the story then has Jesus moving on to the synagogue leader’s home where he is told that the girl is dead. He is ridiculed by those outside the home who refuse to believe that Jesus can do anything. But we know better, don’t we? Jesus restores the synagogue official’s daughter to full health, reuniting her with her parents, preserving the wholeness of the family.

As disciples of Jesus Christ, we are called to meet people ‘where they’re at’, get to know them and let them get to know us. In doing so, we can then help each other grow into the fullness of our God-given blessedness and able more readily to fulfill our unique purpose in God’s plan for us. Jesus longs for us to be united in faith and in purpose. He longs for us to be fully who He has created us to be.

I look forward to seeing this great parish continue to grow under Fr. Thadeo’s leadership. He will need everyone to step up and get involved in the continued goal to unify, share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our community, invite them into the work of family-strengthening and community building, participating in the life-giving worship that feeds our bodies, minds and spirits.

Pray for Fr. Thadeo and the staff. Pray for each other! You will be in my prayers daily! Please continue to hold me in yours! God is good! All the time!

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

**JOIN US TODAY!!!
JUNE 30TH
Celebrating Our Unity
and the 17-1/2 Years of Ministry
on the Westside of Fr. Larry
Sunday, June 30th 10:00 a.m.
St. Agatha Church
on the Boulevard
(weather permitting)
followed by picnic celebration.**

**Next Sunday, July 7, 2024
Fourteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Ezekiel 2:2-5
2 Corinthians 12:7-10
Mark: 6:1-6a**

**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.

**Celebrant Mass Schedule
July 07, 2024**

**St. Agatha, 9:00am - St. Martin, 11:00am
Fr. Thadeo Mjimba**

**Prayer for Vocations from the Black Catholic
Community**

God of Love and Life, God who invites each and every one of us to develop and share of the fullness of the unique cultural, spiritual and intellectual gifts you have given us:

+ We seek Your Sweet Spirit of Encouragement, that it might touch the hearts and minds of those men and women, youth and young adults, seeking to understand how best to serve you.

+ We ask that Your Blessed Spirit of Encouragement embolden and empower each of us to call forth leaders – or to be called forth ourselves as leaders - from the African American community: leaders in catechesis, leaders in marriage ministry, leaders in planning and leading worship, leaders in ministry with youth and young adults, leaders in study and reflection on the Holy Scriptures, deacons and deacon couples, priests and religious men and women.

+ Fill us with the conviction necessary to call forth, empower and accompany those called to formal ministry, those called to lead and accompany and empower us all in the celebration, service and growth of our beloved African American Catholic community. Make us Your instruments, Your voice, to call forth disciples, leaders, ministers to serve You through service among and with Your faithful people. We ask this through Christ, Our Brother and Lord. Amen.



**Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, June 30, 2024**



† In Loving Memory of Will A. Riley Sr.
From the Riley Family

† In Loving Memory of Professor Johnathan Wilson
Loyola University of Chicago
From Charlie Casper and Family &
Deacon Greg and Carolyn Shumpert

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