

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

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Mass Times

Sunday:

St. Agatha Church, 9:00am
St. Martin de Porres Church, 11:00am

Weekdays:

St. Agatha Church, Thursday, 7:30am
St. Martin de Porres Church
Tuesday, 9:00am and Thursday 9:00 am

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: The Parish has set calendar dates for the baptism of babies and small children. Parents should contact the Deacon William Pouncy.

R.C.I.A. Adults seeking Baptism or to make their Profession of Faith and other sacraments should contact the Director of Religious Education to register.

Reconciliation is available upon request.

Marriages: Couples must contact the Pastor six to twelve months prior to a proposed wedding date. Attendance at a Pre-Cana Session will be required.

Ministry to Sick and Shut-In: If a member of the church is in a hospital, nursing home or homebound, please call the parish office if they would like to receive the Eucharist.

Funerals: Please contact the Pastor before making arrangements for funerals of church members.

Parish Staff

Pastor: Fr. Thadeo Mgimba
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. William & Gayle Pouncy
Deacon Couple: Rev. Mr. Greg & Carolyn Shumpert
Parish Secretary: Carol Johnson
Receptionist: Refoncia McGowan
Interim DRE: Marvin McCurry
Building Engineer: Roger Lozano
Housekeeper: Scarlett Evans-Perez
Custodian: Frank Clark
Maintenance: Kevin Johnson
Music Director: Dennis Smith
Choir Director: Antonio Anderson
Websites & Social Media: Emily Dillon

JULY 07, 2024
FOURTEENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish

Welcome

—We are glad you are here—

Fr. Thadeo Mgimba, Pastor



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.

Sunday Collections for June 30, 2024

Contributions	\$4,024.00
Kolbe House	10.00
Give Central: To be reported later	0.00
Total	\$4,034.00

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!
TO ALL OF YOU WHO HAVE BEEN
MAILING IN YOUR SUNDAY OFFERINGS
OR MAKING THEM ONLINE! AND, OF
COURSE, OUR
SUNDAY ATTENDEES!



For everyone who
exalts himself will be
humbled, but the one
who humbles himself
will be exalted.

Luke 14:11



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, Jacquiline Kelly, Stanley King, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Mannette, Dolores Mapp, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelis 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

Moving forward with the Lord on our side

Dear parishioners of St. Simon of Cyrene

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fr. Larry Dowling for leading our Parish, St. Simon of Cyrene in this process of renewal that oversaw the unification of St. Agatha Parish and St. Martin de Porres. However, for 18 years he has worked diligently to make Christ be known and to implement the social teaching of the Church in our neighborhoods. Further, he had led us in the roughest times that St. Agatha has ever experienced. He led us lovingly and compassionately to implement the healing and recovery from the wounds inflicted into the body of Christ and to our community. We thank him and we wish him all the best in his retirement, and I want to thank you for the support and the care you gave him. Thank you.

I also would like to thank you for the support you provided me for the Past two years as we walked together in the process of unifying our Parish. For these two years, we have built an agape love between us, and some of you have taken me as your song, grandson, brother, etc. I truly appreciate it. Now, it is my prayer that my love to you and your love to me, will deepen more as we continue to prosper the gospel of Christ and the work of mercy in the North Lawndale and in the Austin Communities.

Right now, my priorities in the next three to six months, is to unify and to restructure the internal business operations of our Parish into one unit of St. Simon of Cyrene Parish, to implement the evangelization foundations sponsored by the Archdiocese of Chicago, to continue to support and work with the spirit of prospering social justices activities to our neighborhoods and to build relationships with our partners and collaborators in the issues of faith, justice, peace, healing and recovery.

My task at this moment of time is to support you and to be there for you as we undergo this transition. Moreover, I will make hard to make sure that each one of us is loved, respected, listened and given space to do the work of God in their own capacity. Indeed, you will hear me keep repeating that we all are children of God, and we all are created in the image and likeness of God. We are the image of God. Therefore, we have the responsibility of loving each other, respecting each other and trat each other with dignity. The book of Genesis 1:28a, says when God finished creating us, he said to them, “be fruitful, and multiply and replenish the earth”. God wanted us to be productive. So, let’s be productive, let’s increase and let’s replenish our parish, ourselves, our community and the environment we are living. And let’s move forward with the Lord in our side. God bless you.

Brother Thad

SERMON: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (CYCLE B)

What is a prophet? What makes a good teacher? A prophet is somebody who has a message, somebody who has drive, somebody who communicates.

This is why Jesus Christ was a prophet, a teacher. The First Reading said that Ezekiel was made a prophet, “whether the people heed or resist.” In other words, a genuine prophet speaks the truth, even if it is not understood or accepted. The people who hear know that a prophet has been among them.

- In the Gospel, this is exactly what happens. The people who hear are rebellious. They reject the teacher. “No prophet is without honor, except in his native place, among his own kindred, and in his own house.” In other words, a teacher is respected everywhere, except by those who are closest to him or her. So it is with Christ. So it is with you.

- Consider a mother who takes care of her mentally handicapped child. There is a prophet. Consider someone who speaks up for the Catholic faith, even in the face of rejection. There is a prophet. Consider someone who is explicitly and gently pro-life, again and again. There is a prophet. Consider a good samaritan who stops to help someone fix a tire, without hope of reward. There is a prophet. Love when you will not be loved in return. Give when you will not be repaid. Yes, we need prophets. We need people who care. The real need in our generation is this. Not violent revolution, not repression. But speaking the truth. The real need in our time is for ordinary people who know that they are not ordinary, for people who believe and who speak up for what they believe, for people who are different because God made them different.

- Jesus Christ spent his time teaching. That was his mission, and that is your mission. God will not speak unless you speak. Freedom will not be preserved unless you preserve it. Wisdom will not be shared unless you share it. So, then, there will be freedom of speech, because you speak. There will be freedom of worship, because you pray. There will be religious liberty, because you take your faith seriously. You need not be proud. But you can be content with weakness, with mistreatment, with distress, with persecution, with all kinds of trouble. Do it all for the sake of Christ. Like you, he was a prophet.

As Christ our Teacher taught us how,
our cries are still ascending.
Let justice come and reign right now.
Our prayers are never ending.

It matters not what I have said in the last ten minutes. It matters a great deal what you will say in the next half hour. This Eucharist, this thanksgiving, this Mass gives you the power you need. Spirit will enter into you and set you on your feet. And God will say to you: Son of Man, I am sending you out. My grace is enough for you.

Fr. Michael Gilligan

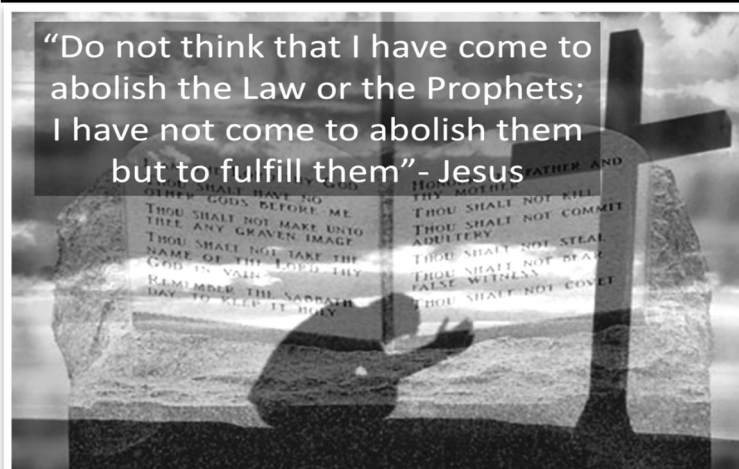
Next Sunday, July 14, 2024
Fifteenth Sunday In Ordinary Time
Readings: Amos 7: 12-15
Ephesians 1: 3-14
Mark: 6: 7-13

Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
7/07/24 Fr. Tetwigs, R.	Fr. Thad
7/14/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Tom Walsh
7/21/24 Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
7/28/24 Fr. Tetwigs, R.	Fr. Thad

My Prayer of Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



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. /24As 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. Simon of Cyrene, 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.

Mass Intentions for this Week

Sunday, July 07, 2024



Atilano Sanchez

Victor Andrade

We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention. Donation for Mass is \$10.00

**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

BAPTISMS FOR SMALL CHILDREN

If you need the Sacrament of Baptism for Babies and small children, **call the Parish Office** during weekday business hours.

Deacon William Pouncy will contact you. There will be a meeting for Parents & Godparents after we set the date for the new date for Baptism. Baptism will be held every 2nd and 4th Saturday or Sunday after Mass.