



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
March 26, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Lent



Awake, you who sleep
 Arise from the dead, and

Christ will
 give You
 light.

Ephesians
 5:14

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Masses: Sunday 11:00 am

Tuesday: 9:00 am

Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

St. Agatha Church

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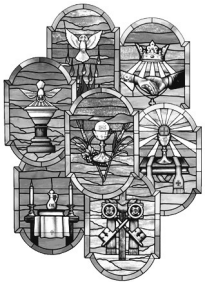
Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m. - 4:00 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 19, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$3,834.50
GiveCentral	1175.00
*Universal Offertory for February	2190.00
Special - Kolbe House	<u>188.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,387.50

Thank you for your Generosity!



For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, Ben Anderson, Bertha Anderson, Kristina Anderson, Jewel Austin, Kyle Becnel, Hildegard Bezdicek, Hazel Bills, Christopher Browne, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Sandra Coffey, William Crown, Jermaine Curtis, Natalie Davis, Tylesia Day, Shelma Dillon, Elnora Dorsey, Carter Evans, Joyce Evans, Norene Evans, Diana Foster, Hildred Fuller, Zenobia Fuller, Danny Gardner, Shea Gardner, Callie Gee, Pamela D. Gee, Yvonne Gibson, Marian Graham, Kia Gray, Stan Gruszczycki, Bill Hainey, Nathaniel W. Hall, Mary Harrell, Diane Harris, Jasmine Harris, Jennifer Harris, Johnny Harris, Lejerrion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Elia Hinogosa-Cangey, Joesaya Henderson, Kesiea & Melinda, Kim Henderson, Leonard Henderson, Jerron Johns Jr., Sr., Julius Jones, Jacqueline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Laurita Lockhart, Shannon Long, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannette, Larry Mapp Jr., Arelys Marquez, Catherine Martin, Patrick McAnany, Melik McCloud, Sofia McFarland, Robert McGee, Latrice McGee, Carmella Miller, Connie Montoya, Arlene Moore, Josh Morrow, 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, Lucy Redmond, Imogene Rhodes, Marvin Register, Phyllis Riley, Deborah Rutledge, Lorraine Sanford, Eunice Scripp, Rosa Solano, Regina Taitis Sr., Brenda D. Taylor, Clarice Thomas, Michael Triplett Sr., 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...

My friends, I don't know a single person that has never said, at one time or another, "Where was God when this was happening to me? Or "Where was God when he, she or they needed him?" I often encounter this question quite often, especially in counseling victims of child sexual abuse by a rusted adult. In response, I often recount today's Gospel of the raising of Lazarus from the dead.

We know the story: Lazarus, the brother of Martha and Mary, all friends of Jesus, has died. Jesus makes his way to Bethany filled with sadness, yet also believing in the Father who, He Knows will turn this moment of grieving into a moment of resurrection. As he approaches Bethany, he hears the words directly from the villagers who knew Lazarus., "Lord, Lazarus is dead." The words cut to the very depths of Jesus' heart, and John, the author of the Gospel, follows with two powerful words: "Jesus wept." There is only one other two word sentence in the Gospels: Jesus, suffering on the cross for over two hours, mutters, "I thirst." The sentences are not dissimilar. Jesus wept at the tragedy of death; Jesus thirsted for water and for forgiveness for all who condemned and executed him.

You see, my friends, I believe that when things happen to us because of the abuse of free will by others, God weeps... God weeps, not only at what is happening, but also that no one is there to intervene in the abuse or harm that is being done.

But the story doesn't stop there! Jesus goes to Lazarus' grave. He summons the faith and depth of love to listen to the Father who gives Jesus the strength to not only resurrect His friend, but to set the stage for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice in opening the door for ALL OF US to rise to eternal life!

But here's the other important lesson: Listen to what Jesus does to bring Lazarus from death to life. He prays, and He prays out loud! He engages the crowd around Him to pray with Him. He engages the people to roll away the stone, just as He calls us to remove the barriers that limit or prevent others from rising to their God-given potential. Then He cries out, "Lazarus, come out!" Amazingly, Lazarus emerges from the tomb. Jesus then tells those nearby to unbind Lazarus, just as he asks us to help unbind others from additions and all sorts of sins and vices that prevent us from being fully free to pursue our God-given path.

Another difficult thing for those in power at the time was now the real threat to their power, a holy man who could raise someone from the dead. Those in power will do anything to keep the dead, dead, and the poor, poor. Jesus was a direct threat now, and they ere determined to do something about it. They will ultimately kill Jesus, but as always, Divine Love, Sacred Love, will conquer death.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry



Next Sunday, April 2, 2023
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
Readings: Isaiah 50: 4-7
Philippians 2: 6-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66

Stations of the Cross
Fridays During Lent 3 p.m. St. Agatha
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Saturdays During Lent
10:00 a.m. St. Martin de Porres
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Please support Operation Rice Bowl

Celebrant Mass Schedule		
	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
04/02/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/09/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
04/16/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/23/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
04/30/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

St. Simon of Cyrene Prayer of Intercession
 God of infinite compassion and boundless love, through the ages you call men and women, young and old, to model for us the virtues of humble strength and willing service. You have given us this noble African, St. Simon of Cyrene, as a model of such virtue, manifested in a life as a husband, father, laborer and willing servant to help bear the burdens of others. He helped bear the cross of Your Son, Our Lord, Brother and Savior, Jesus Christ, in order that He might complete his journey to suffer the cross, conquering death and opening the doors of heaven to all humankind.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday of the Passion of Our Lord
Sunday, April 2, 2023 {regular Mass schedules}

Holy Thursday
April 6 - 7:00pm at Our Lady of Sorrows

Good Friday
April 7 - 7:00pm at St. Agatha Church


Easter Vigil of the Resurrection
April 8 - 7:00pm at St. Martin de Porres Church

Through the intercession of St. Simon of Cyrene, strengthen me in my resolve to liveried the truth of who You created me to be, to love as only to be life-giving to others, to use my unique gifts to help bear the crosses of all innocent victims who suffer injustice inflicted by the greed, arrogance and apathy of others. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

St. Simon of Cyrene, one with Our Savior in bearing His cross, pray for us!

St. Simon of Cyrene, a foundation stone of the Christian Church in Africa, pray for us!

St. Simon of Cyrene, husband, father, laborer, strength for the suffering Christ in our world, pray for us!




Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, March 26, 2023

Happy Heavenly Birthday to Barbara Shields
 From James and Carolyn Collier

In Loving Memory of
 Alfred Seymore, Bruce Seymore, Hal Tucker, Curtis Tucker and
 William Nelson, from Shirley Seymore

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



GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION
Classes continue every Sunday from 10:00a.m. -10:50 a.m.
St. Martin de Porres Campus
Signup with one of our Catechists

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

JOIN US !!!
Parish Women's Faith Sharing
 Every Wednesday 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533

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