



**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**April 9, 2023**  
**Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**



Alleluia!

He

is

Risen!

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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)*

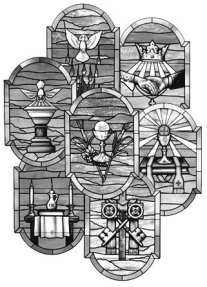
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*9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.*  
*Thursday 7:30 a.m.*



## 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 26, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$7,226.00
GiveCentral	1707.00
Easter Collection	40.00
Special - Kolbe House	12.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$9,025.00</b>

**Thank you for your Generosity!**



And all things  
whatsoever  
ye shall ask  
in prayer  
believing  
ye shall  
receive.

St. Matthew 21: 22

#### For whom shall we pray...

Anthony Adams, Walter Adams, 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, Lejerriion Harris, Leutrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Veronica Hicks, Jacqueline Hicks, Gwendolyn 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, 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



**"He Still Rises"**  
*by Fr. Larry Dowling*



Our hearts may weigh heavy, caught even still  
In the thrall of death's power, in Calvary's cross,  
By humanity's betrayals and loves denials  
By power abused and innocence lost.

Whips of oppression deepen wounds of despair.  
Thorns of greed crown the hungering masses,  
Swords/guns pierce the heart of elusive peace  
Nails of hatred drive deeper as each day passes.

Yet even now the words of Gethsemane's submission  
And a crucified Savior's final forsakenness cries  
Give life to those faithful whom death would entomb  
Reminding us of Love's triumph, that Jesus did rise.

And He rises still in the passionate prophet  
Preaching a Gospel of nonviolent living.  
He rises even now in a sinner's confession  
In the freedom bestowed by the gift of forgiving.

He rises as well in our addicted brother or sister  
Admitting weakness, professing dependence on God.  
He rises in the immigrant seeking a job and a home  
Facing hardship and pain on the road they must tread.

In the caregiver's comfort and an ailing one's faith  
He rises to bring physical and spiritual healing.  
In a smile, shared tears or a loving embrace  
He rises to brighten the way someone's feeling.

He rises in the hands of doctors and nurses  
Mending bodies with care and often spirits reviving.  
He rises in those abused, their innocence betrayed  
Who resolve to move on, embrace living and thriving.

He rises in teachers who challenge young minds,  
In civil servants who strive to truly serve all.  
He rises in the person who's done their time  
Working to start a new life, honoring God's call.

He rises in victims of racism and greed,  
Diminished by policies of institutions and nations,  
Who fight to achieve their God-given potential,  
Then work for lasting change for future generations.

He rises from the pages of Scripture, Sacred Word  
Our lives to comfort, challenge, uplift and upend  
He rises in bread & wine, Precious Body & Blood  
To feed us His essence, earth and heaven transcend.

He rises in music sung/prayed by a choir  
In the sharing of peace, of time, talent & treasure.  
He rises in the hearts of communities of faith  
Who honor His love by loving without measure.

He rises in the struggles of peoples and nations  
In their longing for freedom from tyranny and fear.  
He rises in the voices of those who are righteous  
To bring God's dream of unity ever close, ever near.

He rises in daybreak, in sun's radiant display,  
In verdant forests and flowers, in mountain view  
In ocean's deep calm, in river's soothing flow  
In the smell of fresh rain, in morning's gentle dew.

Yes, in all times and places, Christ rises still  
In the midst of deep joy and crippling pain.  
In each faithful one's willingness to die to oneself  
That in every breath taken Christ may rise again.

*Death Could Not Hold Him!*  
**JESUS IS RISEN!**

*Matthew 28:1-10*

**Next Sunday, April 16, 2023**  
**Second Sunday of Easter**  
**Readings: Acts 2:42-47**  
**Peter 1: 3-9**  
**John 20: 19-31**

**Celebrant Mass Schedule**  
**St. Agatha                      St. Martin de Porres**

<b>04/09/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>04/16/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>04/23/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>04/30/23</b>	<b>Unity Mass at SMdeP 10:00am</b>	

**EASTER MEAL BLESSING**

Loving God, bless all those gathered here today as we come together in friendship and fellowship. Thank you for the blessings of our individual and collective God-given gifts. + Place in our hearts the desire to make a difference to our families, to our community, to our country, and to the many cultures and peoples worldwide. + + Thank you for food in a world where many know only hunger; For our faith in a world where many know fear; For friends in a world where many know only loneliness. + Please bless this food we are about to share, those who prepared it, those who serve it, and those who have worked to make today the special occasion that it is. For all of this we give you thanks.  
*- Izola White*

**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.

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, April 9, 2023**



In Loving Memory of our Dear Mom and Dad  
 Monique and Andre' Guirand  
 fom Nicole Morris and Children  
 In Loving Memory of Ernestine Gray, from Nicole Morris  
 Happy Birthday to Veronica Hicks  
 From the Hicks Family

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

**Lectors**



**Lector Traing and Enrichment**  
**Saturday**  
**April 22, at 9:00am**  
**St. Agatha Church**  
**3147 W. Douglas Blvd**



**USHERS & GREETERS**

**Greeter/Usher Training**  
**Saturday, April 29 at 9:00am**  
**St. Martin de Porres Church**  
**5112 W. Washington Blvd.**  
**Fr. Larry and Fr. Thad**

**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