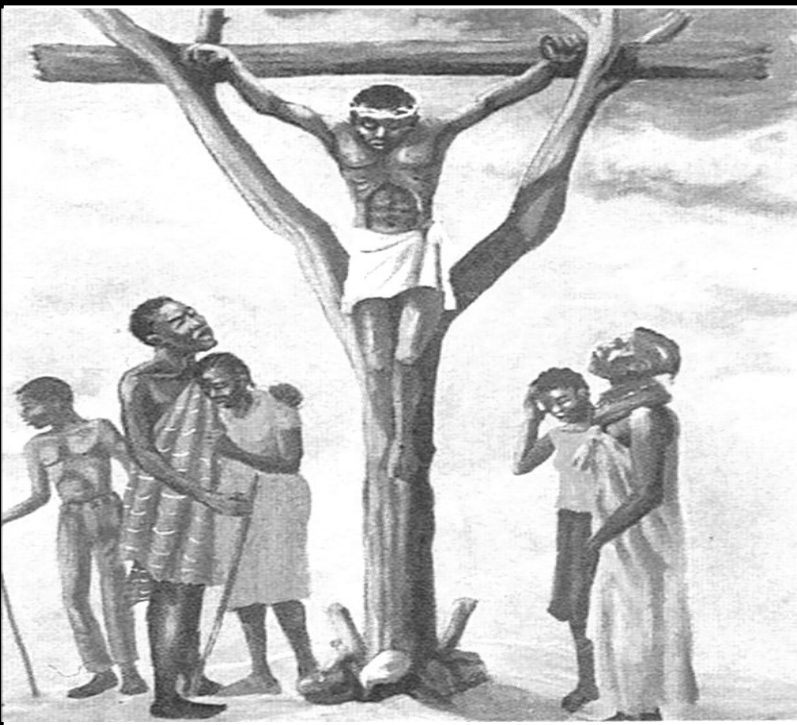




**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**April 2, 2023**  
**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**



*Rejoice*  
in the Lord  
this  
*Palm*  
*Sunday*

*This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24*

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*Church Office Hours*

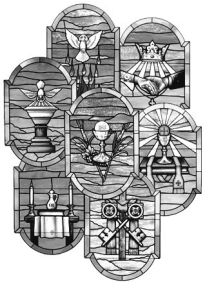
*Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am*  
*Tuesday: 9:00 am*  
*Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)*

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*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 26, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,546.00
GiveCentral	1724.45
Special - Kolbe House	42.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,312.45</b>

**Thank you for your Generosity!**



#### **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, Lejerrion Harris, Leatrice 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, Jacquiline Kelly, Brian Lares, Jimmy Lee, Sayyid Lestrade, Laurita Lockhart, Shannon Long, Anthony Lyons, Alexander Madden, Keith Mahaffey, John Mannede, 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

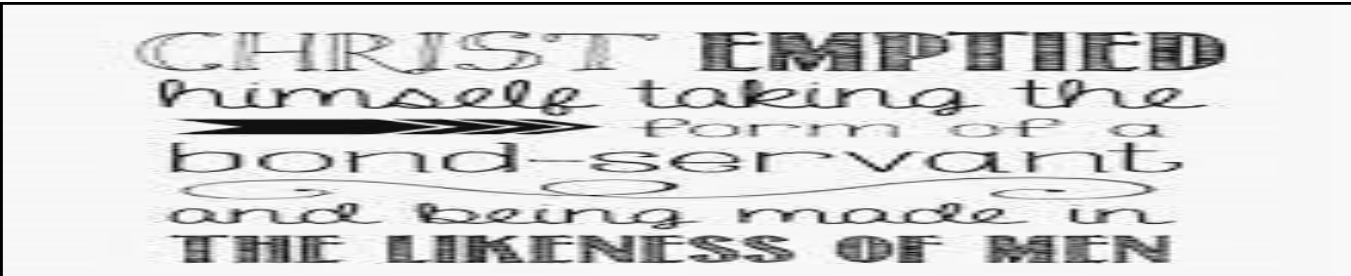
From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My brothers and sisters, listen to these words from this Sunday, Palm Sunday's second reading from St. Paul to the Philippians: "Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"

These words capture the fullness of who Jesus was and is and will ever be for us: filled with the love of the Father, overflowing with feeling the incredible gift of the Father's love, He cannot contain it, in every moment emptying himself, with a constant longing to be filled and to pour out love. Jesus, because He was human, one like us, had to grow into His identity, His purpose, and the ways in which God the Father desired for Him to live out His purpose. Jesus never knew He was fully God as well as fully human until He totally emptied Himself on the cross, breathed His last. Remember: One of His last cries was, "My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?" Would someone who knew He was God utter such words? Yet, his final utterance was when He knew, totally emptying Himself, that this was necessary to complete His purpose: "It is finished!" "Father, into Your hands I commend my Spirit!"

Jesus so longs for each and all of us to follow His path: to empty ourselves of ego and other self-gratifying and self-righteous behaviors in order to be filled and constantly re-filled with the life-giving love our Creator. Jesus wants us to claim our God-given dignity, our body, blood, soul and divine nature and our unique purpose in life. He longs to free us from all that would hinder us from living in true freedom, not forcing or guiltting us to love Him, not attaching ourselves to other gods of greed, power, pride and other deadly sins, but to bind ourselves to Him, to the Eternal, to the Source of our existing on this planet in this time and this place.

As we approach the three holiest celebrations of our Church Year – Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil - we are invited to recall again the journey of Jesus. Holy Thursday invites us ponder and strengthen our commitment to 'wash each other's feet, especially the feet of those we are most uncomfortable with. We are reminded of the Great Gift of the Eucharist, Jesus continuing to pour out His love in the mystery of consecrated bread and wine, His Body, His Blood, offered to us to bind ourselves together with Him in a partnership of love, mercy and forgiveness, with the hope that we will say 'yes', our 'Amen', to accept His incredible Gift, with the sincere belief that He will strengthen us in whatever way we need to face the challenges of the coming week. Good Friday takes us again on the journey, Jesus' lifelong passion fully lived out through His suffering, crucifixion and death. And, finally, the Easter Vigil, beginning with the Holy Fire signifying the fire of Creation, lighting the new Paschal Candle, blessing the new waters of baptism, recalling in Scripture our Salvation History, renewing our baptismal vows, and going forth as a Resurrection people. I hope you will join Jesus – and our parish community on the Journey! Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry



*Philippians 2:7*

## 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

Next Sunday, April 9, 2023  
The Resurrection of the Lord  
Mass of Easter Sunday

Readings: Acts 10:34a, 37-43  
Colossians 3: 1-4  
John 20: 1-9

### Celebrant Mass Schedule

St. Agatha

St. Martin de Porres

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
05/07/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



Mass Intentions for this Week  
Sunday, April 2, 2023



In Loving Memory of Trinidad Madrigal Sr., Eleticia Guerrero  
and Healing Prayers for Ana Garcia, from Trinidad Madrigal Jr.

Happy Heavenly Birthday to our Dear Son, John Branch Jr.  
From James and Carolyn Collier

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

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union  
Located in Purcell Hall  
4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776  
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Purcell Hall Rental Information  
Contact the Parish Office  
Charitable Hands Ministry  
Deacon William Pouncy and Liz Becnel  
Call Deacon Pouncy (312) 841-3974

### 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!*

Thank GOD  
for what you have  
TRUST GOD  
for what you need

**IMPORTANT!!!**

### UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

PARISHIONERS WHO WRITE CHECKS FOR  
THEIR SUNDAY OFFERINGS and DONATIONS...  
PLEASE CONTINUE ADDRESSING CHECKS TO  
ST. AGATHA CHURCH

ST. MARTIN dePORRES CHURCH  
YOU WILL BE PROMPTLY NOTIFIED AS WHEN  
TO START WRITING YOUR CHECKS TO:

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