



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)



**Matthew 28:17 (ESV) And
when they saw him they
worshiped him, but some
doubted.**

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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)

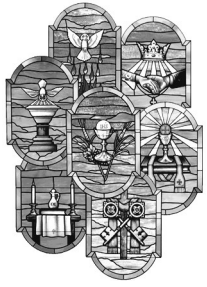
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Church Office Hours

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 Den 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, April 9, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$6,935.60
GiveCentral	1423.00
Easter Collection	2662.00
Special - Kolbe House	77.00
TOTAL	\$11,097.60

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 Gruszczki, 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, 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 Mannede, Larry Mapp Jr., Arellys 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 Pledge, 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, every year on the Sunday after Easter we hear the familiar story of Jesus' first and second post-Resurrection appearances to the apostles, particularly focusing on Thomas the apostle, otherwise known as 'Doubting Thomas'. In many ways, poor Thomas gets a bum rap.

Thomas is probably one of Jesus' most passionate and dedicated apostles. Recall in John 11 when Jesus finds out that Lazarus, his friend, has died: "Jesus then told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him!" Recall Thomas' question to Jesus in John 14 when Jesus assures the disciples that they know the way to where he has prepared a dwelling place for them: "Jesus said, "When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am. 4 And you know the way to where I am going." 5 "No we don't know, Lord," Thomas said. "We have no idea where you are going, so how can we know the way?" Of course, we know Jesus' response to Thomas, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life!"

After the Resurrection, Thomas is truly distraught. He has lost his Teacher, Rabbi and friend. He is inconsolable and, in his grief, refuses to take the word of his companions that they have indeed seen Jesus alive. Thomas goes as far as to say that he must be able to put his finger in the wounds of Jesus!

Note that at His second appearance, Jesus doesn't chastise Thomas, but instead emphasizes the importance of believing without seeing, that is, believing that God sent his only Son to live as a human being, enduring the joy and pain of growing into His unique identity as the Messiah, the Savior, the Christ, the Son of God. This means that Jesus had to grow in faith, grown in His understanding of His mission, deal with doubt and fear and, ultimately, betrayal, abandonment, denial, suffering and death.

Jesus entered into the fullness of humanity, into the lives of other human beings, seeking to convey and feel the love of the Father in each encounter. This is why the Church calls this Sunday 'Divine Mercy Sunday.' Mercy is ultimately about freely seeking out and encountering the presence of God in each other. It is allowing God to fully enter our lives AND the invitation of God to enter fully into God's life into God's joy and pain, into God's hopes and dreams for all humankind.

Our "Lord, have mercy, Christ have mercy, Lord have mercy" at the beginning of Mass, is our cry for repentance and forgiveness, but even more our cry imploring Christ to enter into the depths of our lives, filling us with life-giving love and compassion, inviting us then to enter into the lives of all who are suffering, grieving, who are seeking a human/divine connection that will reassure them that they are not alone.

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!" John 20:28

Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

Next Sunday, April 23, 2023
 Third Sunday of Easter
 Readings: Acts 2:14, 22-33
 Peter 1: 17-21
 Luke 24: 13-35

Celebrant Mass Schedule
 St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

04/16/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
04/23/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
04/30/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
05/07/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
05/14/23	Unity Mass at SMdeP 10:00am	
05/21/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

Lectors



Lector Training and Enrichment Saturday
 April 22, 12:00 noon - 2:00pm
 St. Agatha Church
 3147 W. Douglas Blvd



USHERS & GREETERS

Greeter/Usher Training
 Saturday, April 29
 12:00 noon - 2:00pm
 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

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 16, 2023



In Loving Memory of
 Isabel and Apolinar Marquez
 Jose Manuel Gonzalez and Maria Luisa Gonzalez
 From Barbara Marquez
 In Loving Memory of Tommy and Brasdley Trifone
 In Loving Memory of Erma Wesson, from Nicole Morris
 Prayers for Gloria Jones

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

- Golden Age Group -

Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors
Other Activities
 Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.
 Monday, April 17 at St. Agatha Site
 Transportation provided for
 St. Martin Seniors
 RSVP to Ms. McGowan (773) 522-3050