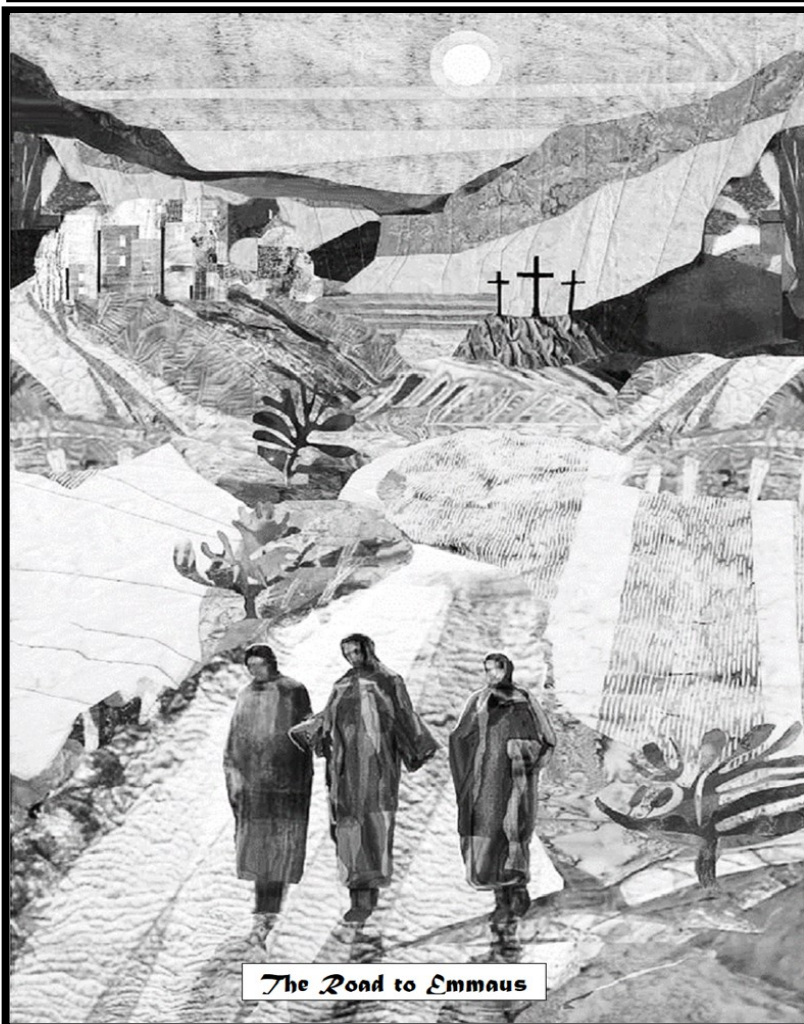




St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
April 23, 2023
Third Sunday of Easter



The Road to Emmaus

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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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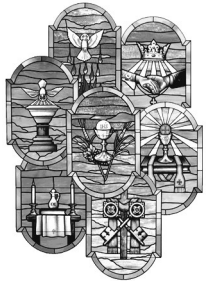
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Monday - Friday

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 16, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$5,159.10
GiveCentral	1455.00
Easter Collection	401.00
Special - Kolbe House	<u>168.00</u>
TOTAL	\$7,183.10

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, Leatrice 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 friends, today we hear one of my favorite post-Resurrection Gospels, the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus. We find the two disciples, distraught at the death of Jesus, their hopes for the One they believed was the true Messiah destroyed by the horrific suffering and murder of their beloved Teacher. As they walk along they are joined by a 'stranger', who just happens to be the Resurrected Lord. Jesus immediately ask them why they are so downcast – as if he doesn't know! They explain to Him what happened in Jerusalem and how they had placed such great hope in Jesus truly being the Christ, the Messiah. Immediately, Jesus begins to instruct them by referring to the Scriptures that pointed to the coming of the Messiah, offering some hope that it may still be possible.

As they approach the place that they were going to stay, Jesus tests them again, by telling them He was going further. They encourage Him to stay and share a meal with Him. As they are eating, Jesus takes the bread, blesses, breaks it and shares it with them. As the Scriptures tell us, in this moment their eyes were opened, the stranger disappeared, and they recognized it as Jesus. As they sat in awe, they shared with each other, "Were not our hearts burning within as He walked with us on the way." And then the next amazing thing: they immediately got up and, in the middle of the night, in the midst of their grief now turned to joy, they return to Jerusalem to report their experience and 'how He was made known to them in the breaking of the bread!'

For us, "In the breaking of the bread" is not just reenacting Jesus' actions and words at the Last Supper. It is what we do at Mass: meet each other in community, greet each other, recognizing some of us are joyful, some are grieving, all of us in a different space, yet joined together to give praise to God, pray for each other, listen to stories, pray for the greater community, share peace, then share a meal that nourishes us in body, mind and spirit. As we do this with each other, the 'stranger' in all of us falls away to reveal the Christ within each and all of us. Recall times you have spent having a meal with a friend, perhaps meeting as strangers for the first time, or having not seen each other for awhile. The nourishment is not just in the food; it is in the conversation, in past memories, in shared experiences, in reconnecting, in spirit touching spirit in ways that everyone longs for in life.

So, let me ask : Are you one of those disciples on the road who needs an experience of the Risen Lord to revitalize you? Are you the needed presence of Christ for someone in your family, a church member, a co-worker, a classmate or a neighbor?

I must admit that every time I share a meal with a friend, I feel rejuvenated, encouraged, hopeful. We cannot underestimate the power of 'the breaking of the bread,' really the breaking opening of our lives, the pouring out of our lifeblood to another companion on the journey. When was the last time you sat with someone, listened, shared and felt your heart burning within knowing this was something special?

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, April 30, 2023
 Fourth Sunday of Easter
 Readings: Acts 2:14a, 36-41
 Peter 2: 20b-25
 John 10: 1-10



FOOD PANTRY
St. Martin de Porres
Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 a.m. to Noon

FEED THE HUNGRY

St. Agatha
Tuesday
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Celebrant Mass Schedule

	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
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
05/21/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
05/28/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad



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. 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 23, 2023

In Loving Memory of
 Ella Mae and John Armstrong, Henry Mayfield,
 Grace Martin, and Addie Newkirk
 From the Peters and Clark Family

Happy Heavenly Birthday to Alex Wilson
 From Vera Wilson and Family

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
 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 Parish
Pastoral Council
Wednesday, April 26, 2022 - 6:00pm
St. Martin de Porres Church

JOIN US !!!
Parish Women's Faith Sharing
Conference Call
 Wednesday, April 26, 2023 10:00 - 11:00 am
Dial in at (267) 807-9533
Access Code:386562#