



**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**May 28, 2023**  
**Pentecost Sunday**



**Pentecost**

*"Suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim." Acts 2: 2-4*

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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*

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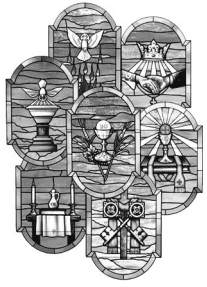
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*Monday - Friday*

*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, May 21, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$5,832.65
GiveCentral	1085.00
Kolbe-Special	<u>276.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,193.65</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, Ana Garcia, 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, 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 Mannelle, 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., Richard Spearman, Terri Triplett, Deano Tretter, Joseph Tretter Sr, Charese Troupe, Clarence Walker, Shirley West, Walter Whitlow, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

## *'Twas the Morning of Pentecost*

*by Fr. Larry Dowling*

'Twas Pentecost Morning and all thru the upper room The apostles were caught up in fear and in gloom. Thomas was the worst, for him there was doubt, That what Jesus had promised would soon come about.

But Peter, of course, fresh from his Ascension high Was inertly excited he couldn't deny. For Jesus had told them that soon they would meet The essence of love, the great Paraclete.

In Jerusalem outside there was hustle and bustle, with Slave-trading merchants proudly showing their muscle. There were buyers and sellers from most every nation Seeking money and bargains before high inflation.

The temple was brimming with those seeking to pray, Searching for answers in the midst of the day. They were Sad-ucee, Phar-i-see, some hard to de-Scribe, Most representing most every tribe.

But back to the room where no sound could be heard, Were the cringing apostles awaiting some word. When up in the air there arose such a clamor Of a hard-driving wind like a gentle jackhammer.

There was noise, a cool breeze, a sweet calming essence That caressed their souls in a great loving presence. When what to their wondering minds should appear But a Spirit both gentle and strong and clear.

This Spirit was like raindrops hanging over each head, It was strong and intense and a fiery red. Its essence was creation and passion and spirit, Its presence so strong that no doubter could endure it.

The apostles just sat there bewildered in wonder That all this confusion might tear them asunder. Then Thomas said something, a big turnabout, "His Spirit is with us, of this I have no doubt."

Then Peter and Andrew and Bartholomew smiled For all of their fear had just been exiled. They cheered up and rose up and embraced in His name For no future day would be ever the same.

As they grew eager and bolder and even more stronger Their fear disappeared; their despair felt no longer. The Spirit of love between the Father and Son Gave new determination for things to be done.

Like fresh wineskins overflowing with fine aged wine The disciples rushed forth with newfound design. Filled with His Spirit to preach in His Name To teach, to baptize, fullness of life to proclaim.

They entered the market and temple and street Bringing God's abundant love to all whom they'd meet. With nothing but tunic and sandals and Spirit. They preached of compassion, All there could hear it!

Yes, Jews, Cretans, Elamites, and those from Medea, Mesopotamians, Arabs, women and men from Judea. Asians, Phrygians, Cappadocians as well as Libyans and Egyptians from home for a spell.

There were Romans and Pontians and proud Parthians Amazed at the words of these strange Galileans. No matter male or female or older or young Each heard these disciples in their own native tongue.

The disciples kept speaking, knowing somehow they were heard And knowing this Spirit was for more than a bird. The great marvels and doings of God they did share Helping all people know God was close, ever near.

Touched by the stories of Jesus' great mission, Knowing they were included in God's saving vision. They looked at each other with trust, filled with peace Joy and love overflowing, and a hope without cease.

As people dispersed in amazement and delight The moon slowly crested on that first Pentecost Night. None could doubt that what happened that day Would touch each one of us in a quite special way.

For the Spirit which dispelled the disciples' great fear Is the same Sweet Spirit that dwells in each of us here. It is a Spirit of love, of creativity, that can trigger A new love of life and hearts filled with vigor.

This day is our birthday, the beginning of our Church, A day for renewal, to continue our search. For what makes us strong is each spirit indwelling That nurtures, inspires, offers love beyond all telling.



So much like Christmas, this day for us means To receive this new Spirit and live fully our dreams. To bring about a kingdom to which Jesus gave birth Spreading hope and renewal to the ends of the earth.

Happy Birthday, Church!

Next Sunday, June 4, 2023  
 Most Holy Trinity  
 Readings: Exodus 43:4b-6, 8-9  
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
 John 3:16-18

Celebrant Mass Schedule		
	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
06/04/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
06/11/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
06/18/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
06/25/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
07/02/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
07/09/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry



**TODAY!!!**  
 Sunday, May 28th, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
 St. Agatha Church  
**Seniors who Lived  
 Through the 50's ~ 60's ~ and 70's**  
**FINAL SESSION WITH our  
 News School Program's  
 Westside History Project**  
 Lunch will be served!

 Mass Intentions for this Week  
 Sunday, May 28, 2023   
 Prayers for Anthony & Renae Wallin  
 Caryn & Mike Kondrat, from Linda Wallin  
 In Loving Memory of Holman Ingram  
 From the Peters and Clark Family  
 In Honor of St. Martin de Porres and Giving Thanks  
 From the Villalba Family  
 We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones,  
 living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.  
 Donation is \$10

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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 Jesus 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 live 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!*

**Our Vision...**  
 Rooted in and propelled by the love of Jesus Christ, we, the people of St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish, one Parish Family with ministry sites at St. Agatha & St. Martin de Porres Churches, profess a life-giving, all-embracing faith, fostering full participation in worship that nourishes us to care for one another and extend our lived faith, relentless hope and life-giving love to our Westside Communities.

 **Take a Minute to Pray for a Young Person**   
 Heavenly Father, we thank you for the gift of your children and youth all around the world. You have created them in your own image and likeness. Help us to guide, affirm and love them so they are equipped to make healthy choices for their lives. Help the children experience your great love for them deep in their hearts. Send your spirit upon them to comfort, heal, protect and enlighten all their decisions. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.