



**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**May 21, 2023**  
**The Ascension of the Lord**



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*Church Office Hours*

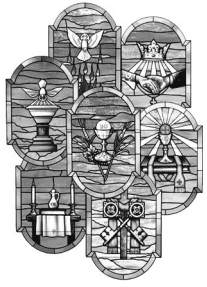
*Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am*  
*Tuesday: 9:00 am*  
*Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)*

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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, May 14, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$6,097.00
GiveCentral	1245.00
Kolbe-Special	98.00
Easter Collection	25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,465.00</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 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., 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

## **From the Desk of Fr. Larry...**

My friends, the Gospel for today, Ascension Sunday, presents us with Jesus meeting his disciples for the very last time. Remember, in the Gospel of John, Mary Magdalene encounters the Risen Lord in the garden in the tomb where his body was laid. He instructs her to tell them He is Risen and to meet Him on the mountain of Transfiguration where He will instruct them on His directive to them for when He leaves them. Listen to Jesus' final words to them in Matthew 28: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. Know I am with you always until the end of the age."

We think these are words spoken over 2000 years ago are just directed to those disciples, but they are meant for all of us who claim, not just the name 'Christian', but true discipleship in the Lord. First He tells us 'Go'! He wants us to be active in being bearers of the Good News to all who are hungering for the basics of life, thirsting for meaning and purpose. He encourages us at every age to bring our uniqueness and our gifts to help others come to know the love of Christ. As we say in our parish at the end of Mass (which also means 'to be sent' from the Latin 'ite missa est') Thanks be to God... and let us 'Be Church after Church!'

Then he tells us, "Go, make disciples!" Yes, we make disciples by attracting them to the presence of Jesus alive in us through our actions and, when it feels natural to do so, through our words which express that the reasons we do what we do are because we have been touched by the love of Christ.

THEN Jesus tells us to "Go and baptize others." Now, we may say that the only ones who can baptize are priests and deacons. In reality, we can all baptize – we baptize others with the outpouring of our presence, by listening, and accompanying them through difficult times. We baptize others with our tears of compassion, our tears of joy, and our tears of forgiveness. We baptize others when we pour out our souls about 'how we got through difficult times' as encouragement that they too will make it through their crosses to get to resurrection and renewed lives. We baptize when we lay our hands in blessing on someone, touching their hearts and eliciting tears of comfort through which they are baptized into new life.

And, finally, Jesus tells us to "Go, teach!" Teach with our actions, our words, to teach that absolutely everyone has a God-given purpose in life. Every one of us can add value to the world." And here's the kicker, Church: we are never alone in doing this. Remember Jesus' final words: "And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age." Blessed assurance, indeed!

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**



**Next Sunday, May 28, 2023**  
**Seventh Sunday of Easter - Ascension**  
**Readings: Acts 1: 1-11**  
**Ephesians 1:17-23**  
**Matthew 28:16-20**

<b>Celebrant Mass Schedule</b>		
	<b>St. Agatha</b>	<b>St. Martin de Porres</b>
<b>05/28/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>06/04/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>06/11/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>06/18/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>
<b>06/25/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>07/02/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>

**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 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!*

 **Mass Intentions for this Week**  
**Sunday, May 21, 2023**   
 In Loving Memory of Rosie M. Pouncy  
 From Deacon Pouncy and 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**

**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.



**GIVE YOUR CHILD THE GIFT OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FORMATION**  
 Classes continue every Sunday from 10:00a.m. -10:50 a.m.  
 St. Martin de Porres  
 Signup with one of our Catechists after Mass today!

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