



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
May 7, 2023
Fifth Sunday of Easter



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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)

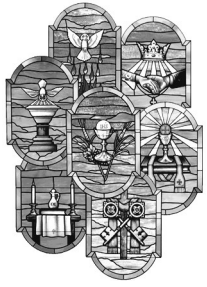
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Church Office Hours

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 30, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,952.00
GiveCentral	1388.84
Easter Collection	<u>210.00</u>
TOTAL	\$6,550.84

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 brothers and sisters, the Gospel for this Sunday presents Jesus with his disciples before they begin Jesus' final journey to Jerusalem. He is explaining to His disciples that He will soon leave them, reassuring them that the Father has a 'dwelling place' reserved for them in heaven, "so that where I am, you also may be." Then He reiterates to them that they know the way to get there, essentially saying that He is the Way, the Truth and the Life." Essentially, Jesus is telling them that heaven is not just a place, but a life-giving all loving eternal relationship with the Father and Him, and with all people who have followed the Way.

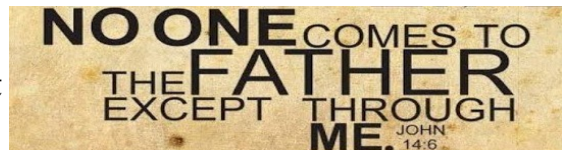
He explains to them that they have seen the Father, because He and the Father are One. He also points out to them that they have a great task ahead of them, that they will carry on His legacy of selfless love and, in an amazing statement: "Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and *will do greater ones than these*, because I am going to the Father." Do greater works than Jesus did? Yes, if we are bonded to the Lord Jesus Christ, if Jesus Christ is alive in us, then, just as Jesus accomplishes the miraculous things He did because of His relationship to the Father, so we can accomplish through our connection to Jesus and the Father through their Holy Spirit.

Jesus presents a model for magnifying the Father, Son and Holy Spirit's impact in the world. He begins with 12 apostles, then expanding to hundreds of other disciples, then to millions of disciples throughout all of history. The impact of Jesus is very much felt today by those who continue to sit at His feet to learn and grow in His love. Sadly, we have many who call themselves Christian, but fail to be true disciples, continuing to pursue their God-given purpose and sharing the fullness of their uniqueness. Sadly, there are those who have turned away from Jesus and pursued instead a path away from faith, religion and a supportive faith community. At best this path will produce some good, but allows most people to 'live small' rather than living large in being encouraged and challenged to greater sharing, greater sacrifice, and greater joy in helping others.

When Jesus tells His disciples that in the heart of God there are many dwelling places, He means that absolutely everyone has a place reserved for them if they choose to offer their best to properly care for themselves and for others, especially the poor and needy.

By extension, if WE are made the image and likeness of God as the Book of Genesis tells us, then we, like God, must have dwelling places in us for those we love and who love us in return. So, like God's heart, we are called to expand our hearts to allow greater and greater dwelling places for those who are not in our consciousness, including the poor, the disenfranchised, the immigrant and all who are often relegated to the margins of society. If we do, then, those we interact with will see Jesus, will see the Father and will experience the Holy Spirit through, with and in us. **Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

**Please take the time to read the insert
about the Ministry of Gift Bearer!**



Next Sunday, May 14, 2023
 Sixth Sunday of Easter - Mother's Day
 Readings: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
 1 Peter 3:15-18
 John 14:15-21

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
06/04/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
06/11/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

Today!!!
at 11:00 a.m. Mass at
St. Martin de Porres Church



- UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS -

Mother's Day Dinner, hosted by St. Martin de Porres Men's Group, Saturday, May 13, at Purcell Hall, 4:00pm - 8:00pm

" Important - Notice - Important "
 - Children under 21yrs. of age will not be allowed to attend -

We're Back!
 St. Martin Travel and Entertainment Group
 Will meet on Sunday, May 21 at 10:30am
 In-between both Masses, at St. Martin de Porres

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 7, 2023

In Loving Memory of Fr. Francis Scanlan and Emily Jane Mason From the Peters and Clark Family
 Prayers for all St. Agatha / St. Martin Parishioners and Sick and Shut-in From the Hicks Family
 Happy Birthday to my daughter, Jamie Collier-Vanzant From Carolyn Collier

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

Prayer of Spiritual Communion
 My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen