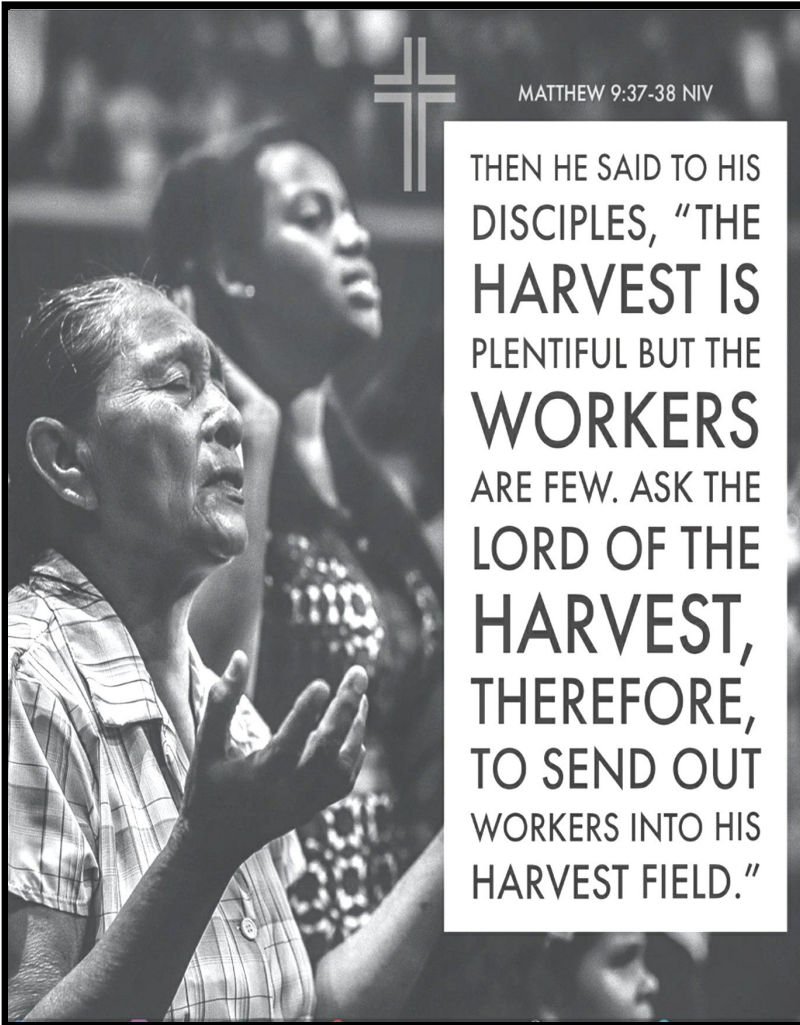




**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**June 18, 2023**  
**Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**



MATTHEW 9:37-38 NIV

THEN HE SAID TO HIS DISCIPLES, "THE HARVEST IS PLENTIFUL BUT THE WORKERS ARE FEW. ASK THE LORD OF THE HARVEST, THEREFORE, TO SEND OUT WORKERS INTO HIS HARVEST FIELD."

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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)*

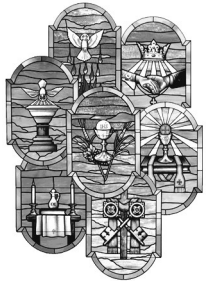
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*Church Office Hours*

*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, June 11, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,738.00
GiveCentral	1268.00
Kolbe-Special	<u>25.00</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$6,031.00</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, 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, Latoya Mahaffey, Ronnie Mahaffey, John Mannette, 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, we live in a world filled with noise. The noise is deliberate. The media and entertainment industry demand our attention during every waking hour. Media, entertainment, and political personalities demand our attention and, all too often, command our blind allegiance. They often distract us from the realities of the world around us, not as a cure, but simply to anesthetize us to the problems of daily life and to help us continue to bury the past trauma that we have failed to properly mourn and be freed from. There is no center, no ground, to root ourselves in other than addictive behavior that continues a cycle and spiraling downward of our human spirit.

This is exactly what Jesus witnesses as the hundreds and hundreds of people flock to Him seeking something/Someone who can give them hope, something they can cling to, something that is Beautiful, Good, Humble, Generous and Eternal. Listen to the opening of this Sunday's Gospel: "At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd." (Matthew 9:36)

Friends, we know the feelings of the crowd all too well. But, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we know that He is the One Source who can provide what we all need to live happy and fulfilling lives. Jesus is the Source of encouragement, the loving Shepherd longing for us to accept His love and direction. Unlike all the other so-called sources of happiness and fulfillment, there is no price on what Jesus has to offer us. The only cost is to freely accept the love that Jesus and the Father want to offer us, a love that guides us to true freedom, to grow physically, emotionally and spirituality to be our best selves.

Our world is filled with deep division and pain. Fear seems to be the driving force behind our actions: fear of 'the other'; fear of the unknown; fear for safety and security; fear of dying; and so many more kinds of fear. What Jesus calls us to is faith and faithfulness. Jesus reminds us that there is a greater power, a greater spirit at work in the universe.

But He needs us to be his ambassadors, his apostles, called to follow Him to be strengthened to go into the world every day to share the Good News. He longs for us to share in the joy of knowing God, accepting God's freely given love, compassion and mercy, and living with the assurance that we are never ever alone, never needing to fear, because God is always with us to accompany us through the chaos of life, helping us to navigate the difficult times and to magnify the joyful times in our lives. And He so longs that we share this with others, especially those who live on the margins, in the shadows of our society who are like sheep without a shepherd. It is our role, our invitation, hopefully our desire to introduce them to the true Shepherd, Jesus Christ!

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

**Next Sunday, June 25, 2023**  
**Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**Readings: Jeremiah 20: 10-13**  
**Romans 5: 12-15**  
**Matthew 10: 26-33**

**Celebrant Mass Schedule**  
**St. Agatha                      St. Martin de Porres**

**06/25/23    Unity Mass - 10:00am at St. Agatha**  
**07/02/23    Fr. Larry                      Fr. Thad**  
**07/09/23    Fr. Thad                      Fr. Thad**  
**07/16/23    Fr. Larry                      Fr. Thad**  
**07/23/23    Fr. Thad                      Fr. Larry**  
**07/30/23    Fr. Larry                      Fr. Thad**

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS !**  
**Next Unity Mass, Sunday, June 25th**  
**10:00 a.m. on the Boulevard across from**  
**St. Agatha, Community Picnic to Follow**  
**Invite Family and Friends**



**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, June 18, 2023**



**In Loving Memory of Christine and James Lee Jones**  
**"Happy Heavenly Birthday Mom and Father's Day Dad"**  
**From Carol Johnson and Family**

**In Loving Memory of Robert Curry**  
**From Fannie Curry and Family**

**We encourage our parishioners to pray for their loved ones, living and deceased, by offering a Mass Intention.**

**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.

**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

*- Golden Age Group -*

**Food, Fellowship, Info for Seniors**  
**Other Activities**  
**Every 3rd Monday 12:00 - 2:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, June 19th at St. Agatha Site**  
**Transportation provided for**  
**St. Martin Seniors**  
**RSVP to Ms. McGowan (773) 522-3050**