



**St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish**  
**June 4, 2023**  
**Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity**



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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)*

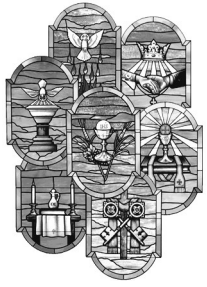
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*Monday - Friday*  
*9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.*  
*Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.*  
*Thursday 7:30 a.m.*



## 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 28, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,149.50
GiveCentral	980.00
Kolbe-Special	4.00
<b>Total:</b>	<b>\$5,133.50</b>

Universal Offertory (March & April) \$3,330.00

**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 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, with our celebration of the great Feast of Pentecost this past Sunday, we officially end our Easter journey, we continue the counting of Sundays until the beginning of our new Church year with the beginning of Advent. Remember that the word ordinary in Ordinary Time means simply to count, reminding us that every Sunday and every day of the year can be extraordinary if we bind ourselves first to the love of God and partner with God who always has our best interest in mind, longing for each of us to recognize our own special uniqueness and giftedness, humbly and generously offering our gifts to the world.

Today's Solemnity of the Most Blessed Trinity – Father, Son and Their Holy Spirit – reminds us that the very nature of God is relationship in love and total self-giving. When we talk about 'persons' of the Holy Trinity, we are not talking about physical entities, but about pure life-giving energy that seeks constantly, infinitely, to mutually empower all of God's creation to express the unique beauty within each and all of us in such a way as to bind us together in mutual love and life-giving service to God's plan.

Our Gospel presents the oft-quoted words from John: "For so God loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life." (Jn 3:16) If you really think about the power of this gesture on the Father's behalf, it is incomprehensible. The all-powerful God is freely giving us His only beloved Son to enter the world in flesh, blood and spirit, conceived, born, growing into understanding, like any of us, what His purpose and mission was. And the Father did this giving Jesus full free will, without Divine intervention, to experience the fullness of being, the joys and sorrows, the beauty and the ugliness, of the human condition, being tempted and resisting temptation. He grows into understanding that He is the Son of God, fully embracing His identity as part of the Godhead as he utters His final words on the cross: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit!" Luke 23:46

I think often of parents and the sacrifices they make to help their children grow into their unique identity and purpose, ultimately needing to let go, offering them to the world to add their unique value to make it a better place.

Sisters and brothers, we had no choice in what God did in sending His Son. God did it freely, without strings, reminding us every day of His great love for us. And, in doing so, we are blessed each week to encounter Jesus and the Father, to invite their Holy Spirit into our lives, in prayer, through Scripture, through receiving the Body and Blood of Christ, in our gathered community on Sunday, in the beauty of creation and in other people of faith and good will who we encounter each day. We are so gifted by Who God – who loves you and me so very much - has given us in Jesus Christ and their Holy Spirit!

**Gentle peace! Fr. Larry**

**Next Sunday, June 11, 2023**  
**Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ**  
**Readings: Deuteronomy 43:4b-6, 8-9**  
**1 Corinthians 10:16-17**  
**John 6:51-58**

<b>Celebrant Mass Schedule</b>		
	<b>St. Agatha</b>	<b>St. Martin de Porres</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>
<b>07/09/23</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>
<b>07/16/23</b>	<b>Fr. Larry</b>	<b>Fr. Thad</b>



*Hosted by*  
**Ladies of St. Simon of Cyrene**

**Saturday, June 10, 2023**  
**4:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**Purcell Hall**  
**4300 W. Washington Blvd., Chicago IL**

\*For an estimate head count, sign up sheets will be available at the back of St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres Church. You're also more than welcome to invite a guest.

**~ Travel and Entertainment Group ~**

Will be attending the following events:

**June 8<sup>th</sup>** Chicago Blues Fest' at Millennium Park  
**July 22<sup>nd</sup>** Paint and Sip ~ it's a B.Y.O.B.

The events are for adults only and there's limited availability. If interested and want more information, please contact Joyce Riley at 773 261-7690

**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,*

**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.



**Mass Intentions for this Week**  
**Sunday, June 4, 2023**



**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**