



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
July 9, 2023
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**"Come
to me,
all you
who labor
and are
burdened,
and
I will
give you
rest."**

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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)

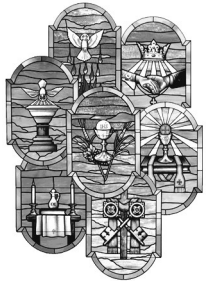
St. Agatha Church

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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, July 2, 2023

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

Mass Offering	To be announced
GiveCentral	To be announced
Kolbe-Special	To be announced
	Total:

Thank you for July 9 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 Gruszeczeki, 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, Ashanti Kelly, 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, Sommer Reynolds, Phyllis Riley, Aquila Rogers, 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 sisters and brothers, there is so much pain, hardship, injustice and division in our world. Some days – maybe more than some – we feel like raging against all this chaos and craziness. We want to lash out, have our voice heard railing against it all. Many of our conversations express both our anger and our helplessness with all that is going on, or not going on. We look for scapegoats, people, institutions to blame. The burden can seem so-o-o heavy!

And then Jesus comes along in today's Gospel and offers these words, "Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (Mt 11:28-30) My first reaction after contemplating all the injustice, the hundreds of millions of people suffering every day, is "Jesus, you must be kidding! Meek and humble of heart?! Why aren't you as outraged as I am? Why aren't you railing against what you can so easily witness from heaven, so much pain and hurt in our world? The last thing I expect is meekness!"

But then I stop, catch my breath, and think for a moment. What is Jesus doing here? Jesus is asking me to step back, hit the pause button on these useless reviews of the world's woes, and rely on him to help me to hit the reset button, to reenergize my soul, to put me back on track for doing my unique part, using my passion and gifts, to add my light and love to the world.

We know that Jesus had at least one moment of rage when he overturned the tables of the moneychangers and merchants in the Temple. But other than that, His whole life was lived in meekness and humility. To be clear, meekness is not wimpiness or weakness as we interpret it today. In fact, the word 'meek' derives from an Arabic term applied to horse riders, meaning a 'bridled strength.' Meekness is about knowing who we are and Whose we are, being grounded in a positive sense of self and, at the same time, anchoring ourselves in the love of God. Meekness is an inner strength, rooted in the eternal, life-giving God. Humility and meekness naturally open us to a generosity of spirit that empowers others and empowers us at the same time.

Think of Jesus on the cross. I offer this quote from Jesuit Father John Foley: "Seek exactly what you need in me, Jesus says. I am "meek, and riding on an ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass". Watch me on the sad height of Calvary and see. I have let it all go— belongings, beloved's, reputation, all. But one thing remains. Make it your life, in the midst of sorrow, in every act of living and of dying. It is the center of my life. That, my friend, is Love. If you can let go into the arms of the Great Love, give your life away instead of raging, you will know rest in your burdens; you will see that every death presents an opportunity for resurrection. You will see how death is the ultimate act of giving yourself away, as Jesus did, burdens or not. Focus on love. When struggling, fall into the arms of love, the love of Jesus. There you will always find what you need to keep living life fully!"



Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, July 16, 2023
Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Celebrant Mass Schedule		
	St. Agatha	St. Martin de Porres
07/16/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
07/23/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
07/30/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
08/06/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
08/13/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
08/20/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry

Join Us !!!
CONVERSATIONS ON RACE
St. Agatha Church
Every Second Tuesday
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.
Next Meeting: July 9th
Beginning with dinner, viewing video on
an issue related to racial healing,
And then small group circle conversations

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, July 9, 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 \$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.

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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

LIFE LINE HEALTH SCREENING
Friday, July 21, 2023
St. Agatha Church Site
4 Screenings for \$149
Carotid Artery Disease - Atrial Fibrillation
Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
Peripheral Arterial Disease
To Make an Appointment,
Call 1-800-640-6307
Or visit LLSA.SOCIAL/HC