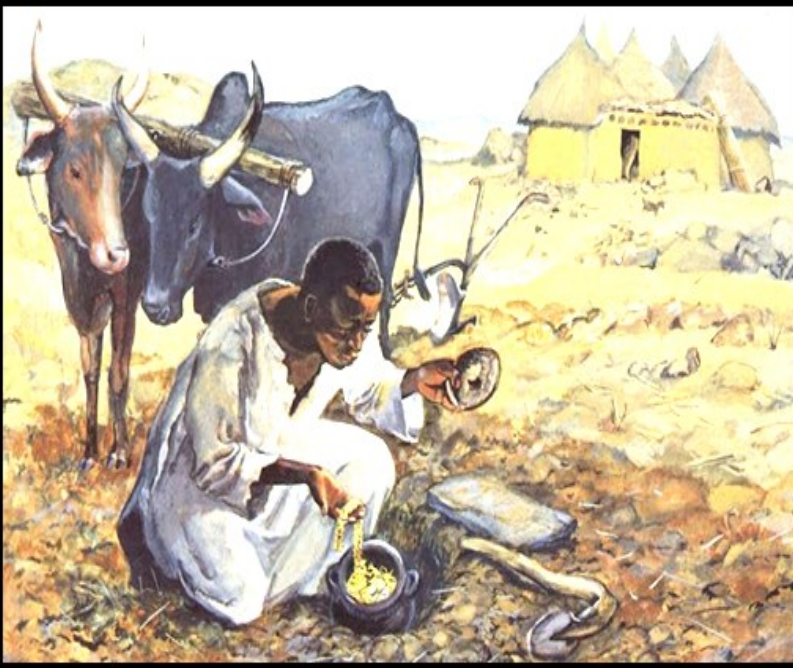




St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
July 30, 2023
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant searching for fine pearls. When he finds a pearl of great price, he goes and sells all that he has and buys it."

What is your pearl of great price?

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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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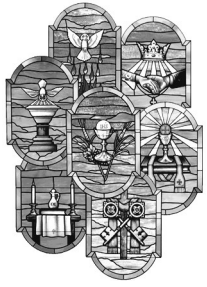
Church Office Hours

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, July 16 & 23, 2023

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

Mass Offering - July 16	\$4,144.75
GiveCentral - July 16	1150.00
Mass Offering - July 23	6474.75
GiveCentral - July 23	1899.07
Kolbe House-Special July 16 & 23	114.00
Online Contributions for June	<u>1475.00</u>
Total:	\$15,257.57

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, 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, 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...

In this Sunday's first reading, God offers King Solomon, son of King David, whatever he desires. Solomon asks, not for riches and power, but for wisdom grounded in humility, compassion and propelled by a spirit of generosity. One thing I pray for every day is for the gift of wisdom. Wisdom to make good choices for myself. Wisdom to guide others. Wisdom to manage conflict. Wisdom to listen first to discern the best way to accompany, learn about and guide the person or persons talking with me.

Throughout these past few weeks, we hear parable after parable from Jesus. Every parable has a message, a pearl of wisdom, offering us insight after insight into what the Kingdom of God is and can be.

In formal community organizing training, one of the first exercises you go through is to make a list with two columns: one for 'the world as it should be' and one for 'the world as it is.' This is usually done through the lenses of how power is exercised and the lens of what our faith teaches us about true power, the power of God. As Christians, we are called to be 'in the world', but not 'of the world.' In other words, we are called to use our bodies, minds and spirits, rooted in the life-giving, compassionate and merciful power of God to bring God's power into those places where power is abused and corrupted at the cost of the poor and marginalized. At the same time, we are called to resist the negative, often spirit-sapping temptations of the world.

We know all too well the divisions in our society. We are fractured in so many ways along so many fault lines that we have to wonder if we can ever put humpty dumpty back together again, that is, can we ever unify as a society for the common cause of saving our planet and saving our souls?

One label I dislike in our society is that of Conservative vs. Liberal. I'd like to think that there are values, traditions, rituals and other cultural underpinnings that form a foundation in a multi-cultural nation. In a culture that is losing a regard for faith and especially faith institutions, we need to conserve the legacy of faith of African Americans. Despite the horrors of slavery, Jim Crow, lynchings and the 'War on Drugs', that is, the War on Black Men and Black families, African American spirituality has always been rooted in hope, resistance, persistence, mercy and love for family and extended family. No doubt that there are things we need to conserve, the tried and true things that have stood the test of time and affirms our common and diverse humanity. On the other hand, there are people who need to be liberated from the oppression of those in power who seek to promote division and their own self-interest. There are as well those who need to be liberated who do not know that they need to be liberated. As an example, us White people who every day unconsciously participate in systemic racism, our nation's original sin that continues to enfeeble our nation and our nation's spirit. We need both the old and continue to imagine the new. Listen to the last words of Jesus to his disciples in today's Gospel: "Do you understand all these things?" They answered, "Yes." And he replied, "Then every scribe who has been instructed in the kingdom of heaven is like the head of a household who brings from his storeroom both the new and the old."

Gentle Peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, August 6, 2023
Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
Readings: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14
2 Peter 1:16-19
Matthew 17:1-9

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

08/06/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
08/13/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
08/20/23	Unity Mass - 10:00am at St. Agatha	
08/27/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
09/03/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
09/10/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

- AUGUST SCHEDULE OF EVENTS -
(Please mark your calendar)

St. Simon of Cyrene Parish Annual Picnic
 Sunday, August 13, at 12:30pm - Evans Field in River Grove, IL

Black Catholic Deacons of Chicago Sunrise Prayer Service
 Saturday, August 26, 6:30am at Oakwood Beach, 41st. - Lakeshore Dr.

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union Member's Annual Meeting
 Sunday, August 27, immediately following 11:00am Mass
 In Kipp' School Lower Hall - Potential New Members are Welcome!

Note: Information for all events will be available in back of the Church weekly



Mass Intentions for this Week
Sunday, July 30, 2023



In Loving Memory of Sylvester and Renadar Curtis
From the Curtis Family

In Memory of and Happy Anniversary to Mr. Larry Mapp Sr.
From your loving wife, Dolores Mapp

Prayers for Anthony and Renae Wallin and
Caryn and Mike Kondrat, from Linda Wallin

Happy Blessed Birthday to Carolyn Collier
From husband, James Collier

Happy Blessed 60th Birthday to Steve Shields
From Carolyn Collier

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

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!*

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. Simon of Cyrene
Back-to-School
UNITY MASS

Sunday, August 20th
10:00 a.m.

On the Boulevard across from
St. Agatha Church
Food, Fellowship, School Supplies