



St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
August 13, 2023
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



During the fourth watch of the night, he came toward them walking on the sea. When the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified. "It is a ghost," they said, and they cried out in fear. At once Jesus spoke to them, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

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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)

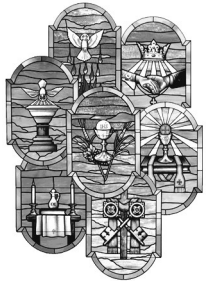
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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
Masses: Sunday: 9:00 a.m.



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, August 6, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,754.00
GiveCentral	1444.68
Kolbe House-Special	14.00
Total:	\$6,212.68

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, DiMarkco Chandler, 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, Jacquaeline 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, 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 brothers and sisters, the Scripture readings for today call us to rest, but not in the same way as they did last week. Both our First Reading and the Gospel present individuals in crisis: in the First Reading, the battle-worn Elijah; in the Gospel, the tempest-torn disciples of Jesus. Elijah has just embarrassed and killed the prophets of the false god Baal and really ticked off the queen who has now pursuing him to kill him. Elijah is exhausted and despairing, wanting to just die. But God, through an angel, ministers to him, and then God leads him to a cave where he can rest and wait for God's instructions. The beauty of God's appearance to Elijah is that He doesn't come in any of the usual ways that you would expect – no big Cecil B. DeMille production – but God's voice comes in whisper on a gentle wind.

In a similar way in the Gospel, Jesus and his disciples have had a long period of encounters with crowd after crowd. They are exhausted, so Jesus has them embark on what they hoped would be a relatively calm crossing of the Sea of Galilee. However, Jesus remains behind. A storm arises and the disciples panic. In the midst of their fear, they see what looks at first like ghost but, in reality, is Jesus walking to them on the water. Strangely, I think, Peter asks Jesus to beckon him to step out on the water and walk to him. Jesus does so and Peter steps out, only to lose concentration on Jesus and instead falter in the storm. Jesus saves him and then gets in the boat and suddenly the storm ends.

My brothers and sisters, as the readings from last week called us to slow down and allow ourselves to just 'be' – to be in the presence of God, to feel God's support and care and to listen to what God may be asking us to do and not necessarily what we think we should do – so this week's readings especially urge us, in the midst of the storms of life – the chaos, the trauma, the disappointments and despair – to rest, be comforted by God and, once comforted, listen to what God is calling us to do next. I learned early on in life to never make major life decisions amid crisis. We are not thinking straight. We are looking desperately for solutions or just reacting to the moment. It's especially in these moments when we need to turn to God – in prayer, meditation, through a friend, family member, counselor or adviser. Perhaps even in an encounter with a stranger. God is always presenting God's self to us, especially when we are in the midst of those chaotic moments in life. As disciples of Jesus, we need to trust that God will get us through, that God will make a way out of no way. And, as disciples of Jesus Christ, we need to be open to allowing God to use us to assist others in crisis – not to present solutions, but first to just listen, to be an instrument of God that helps calm the storm in them. Once they know they have a safe port in the storm with us and God, then they, with God and maybe even through us, will find a way to move into calmer seas.

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, August 20, 2023
Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Readings: Isaiah 56:1, 6-7
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32
Matthew 15:21-28

Celebrant Mass Schedule
St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

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
09/17/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
09/24/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

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

TODAY!!! St. Simon of Cyrene Parish Annual Picnic
Sunday, August 13, 12:30pm - Evans Field
1798 Thatcher Ave., River Grove, IL

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

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union Members Annual Meeting
Sunday, August 27, immediately following 11:00am Mass
- KIPP School Lower Hall (across from the Rectory Parking Lot -
Current and New Members are Welcome from both Sites!

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, August 13, 2023



In Loving Memory and Happy Heavenly Birthday
To our Dear Mom, Marian McCurry
From the Family, Rest In Peace

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.

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

St. Martin de Porres Credit Union
Located in Purcell Hall
4300 W. Washington Blvd. - 773-626-0776
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