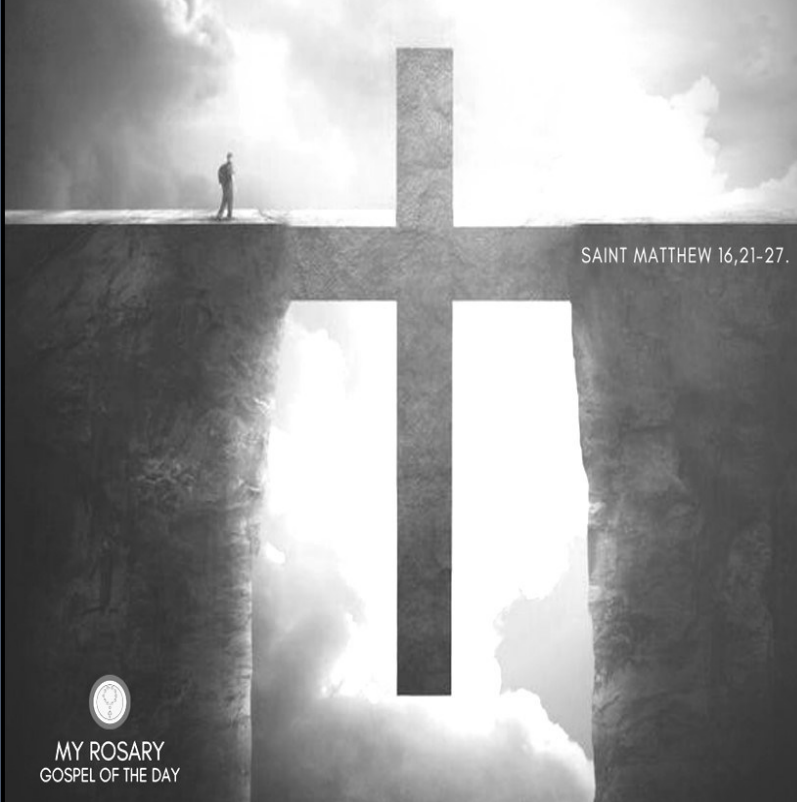





St. Simon of Cyrene Catholic Parish
September 3, 2023
Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time



Whoever wishes to come after me
must take up his cross



SAINT MATTHEW 16,21-27.


MY ROSARY
GOSPEL OF THE DAY

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Church Office Hours

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.
Masses: Sunday: 11:00 am
Tuesday: 9:00 am
Thursday: 9:00 am (Service & Adoration)

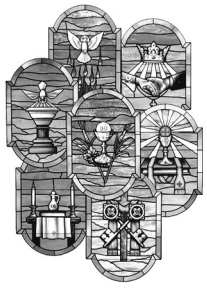
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Church Office Hours

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 27, 2023

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

Mass Offering	\$4,386.00
GiveCentral	910.00
Kolbe House-Special	75.00
Total:	\$5,371.00

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, Diondee Brown-Whitfield, Margaret Brown, Christopher Browne, 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, Leatrice Harris, Maryann Harris, Tony Harris, Darryl Hicks, Davis 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, LaVita Norris, Clara Orlando, Mariano Palacios, Michael Parham, Luvenia Parker, Emma Peradas, Gordon Perry, Jan F. Peters, Sylvia Peters, Essie Pledge, 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, Natoya Williams, Armonie Witherspoon, Beverly Wright, Flora Yancy

From the Desk of Fr. Larry...

My brothers and sisters, imagine the scene: A young man grows up, studying the Scriptures, immersing himself in the world around him, especially noticing the people who are oppressed, being discriminated against. He also begins to understand the power dynamic in the culture that causes this division between the haves and the have-nots in society. He gathers followers who have been witness to this injustice and see in him a power of persuasion that attracts people who think that he can be the one who frees them from this oppression by leading an army to violently overthrow the existing abusive powers.

The man grows to understand, however, that his path through life will need to be radically different in his challenge to power. Rather than taking the route of violence, he feels called and chooses to overturn the status quo through peace. As he does this shift in his own life, he realizes where this path will inevitably take him, that he, like all prophets of peace and care for the poor, will be assassinated. This moment of revelation is initially frightening to him and he shares it with his followers. Their response is to say, "Oh, no! We will not allow that to happen. We'll fight like hell for you!" So, my friends, who am I talking about here. Sound familiar? It could be the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It could be Archbishop Oscar Romero of El Salvador. But today it is Jesus.

The Gospel for this Sunday has us exactly in this moment. Last week, Peter, who was asked by Jesus "Who do YOU say that I am?" responded with "You are the Christ, the Son of the Living God!" Jesus renames him Peter, which means 'rock,' and tells him and the others that Peter will be the first leader of this Jesus' movement. But today, when Jesus tells him and the other apostles that he will suffer and die and rise on the third day, Peter grabs Jesus and says, "Lord we will never let that happen to you!" Jesus is now hearing Peter tempt him, saying, "no, you don't have to go through that!" He recalls his temptation in the desert by the Evil One. And He lashes back at Peter and gives him a new name: "Get behind me, Satan!" You can imagine the tension in that moment. Imagine a similar moment when Dr. King was told by his followers, "No, we won't let this happen even if we have to use violence." Or St. Oscar Romero being told by his advisers, "You need to cool it, Archbishop, you're rankling some pretty powerful people in the government and military."

My, friends, as we discern our path in life, we realize that God calls us ALL on a path where we have to decide, "Do I choose the easy way? Do I allow others to sway me away from making the tough decisions, to take risks to live out my calling in life? Do I choose the easy way, the way of the world that tells us to avoid pain and hurt and commitment at any cost, even if it costs us our own dignity and disrupts God's plan for us. The Good News for this week is that Jesus shows us that he is very human, like us. He struggles with the decisions to be made before Him. But more and more His focus is clear as He prays more intently and connects himself more intimately with the Father, with his follower, with the people they seek to encourage, and with those in power who they need to challenge. The Holy Spirit provides the counsel, wisdom and courage to follow our unique God-given path. God gives us each other to encourage us, pray for us, listen to us, listen to us, listen to us, and to accompany us on our journey

Gentle peace! Fr. Larry

Next Sunday, September 10, 2023
 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: Ezekiel 33:7-9
 Romans 13:8-10
 Matthew 18:15-20

Celebrant Mass Schedule
 St. Agatha St. Martin de Porres

09/10/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Thad
09/17/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
09/24/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/01/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad
10/08/23	Fr. Thad	Fr. Larry
10/15/23	Fr. Larry	Fr. Thad

St. Simon of Cyrene Grady Anderson Auxiliary Presents
 Groovin' on a Saturday Evening
 Featuring Jazz Lady Robin Watson

Join us for an evening of music, fellowship, and fun
 in a tribute concert to jazz pioneers
 "Ella Fitzgerald and Louis Armstrong"

Date: Saturday, September 16, 2023

Where: St. Agatha Catholic Church

3147 W Douglas Blvd - Time: 5:00 pm – 9pm

Tickets: \$25.00 each – Includes light refreshments

Event Details: Guests must be 21 years of age

This event is BYOB - Soda and Set-ups will be sold

There will be a 50/50 raffle. Tickets will be available at
 both church sites – St. Agatha and St. Martin de Porres

We look forward to seeing you!



Mass Intentions for this Week
 Sunday, September 3, 2023



In Memory of Lillian Ann Mayfield-Ingram
 From the Peters and Clark Family

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

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

A Slave to True Freedom
 in God's Love
 (a prayer in the spirit of
 Blessed Augustus Tolton)



Gracious God, God of Moses,
 of Harriet Tubman, God of salvation
 found in Jesus Christ:

In true freedom you call me daily,
 in each moment, in every breath,
 to surrender to the transformative
 and empowering gift of Your all-
 embracing, ever life-giving love.

Lord, release me from
 my enslavement
 to ego, to the need for control,
 to unforgiveness and hatred,
 to apathy and indifference,
 to prestige and power-over,
 to prejudice, racism, and sexism,
 to fear of speaking truth to power.

Center me, ground me, root me
 in humble and generous
 servanthood to Your gracious will.
 Send me forth to minister where I am
 needed; and, when I find myself
 wanting, allow me to humbly invite
 and accept the ministry of others.

May my every word,
 my every action this day
 be worthy of Your blessing.
 Loving God, let it be so! Amen!

Fr. Larry Dowling

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

Lord, on this Labor Day we thank
 You for the blessing of work.

We ask for strength to
 complete each day.

We ask for rest when we are weary.

We ask Your guidance for everyone
 seeking employment, and we
 ask that You be with those
 whose faces we might never see
 but who work tirelessly each day
 for the good of us all.
 Amen.

- Prayer from Our Sunday Visitor website

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