



Society of African Missions

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Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests out to perform a sacramental function please make sure he is informed.
 201-567-0450 x 218

Mass Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar
 201-567-0450 Ext 204

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rosary

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Followed by Mass, Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 pm

The Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux

2nd Sundays after 12 pm Mass

Bible Reflection Group

Thursdays: 7:30 pm in the hall

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA
 201- 894-8611

Sunday Collection: \$1,461.00

Thank you for your support.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of APRIL 15—APRIL 21, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. APR. 15	10:00	Paul Di Paolo+	Martha Di Paolo
	12:00	Sal & Gino Pico+	Sister & Nephew
Mon. APR. 16	9:30	Maternal Grandparents (RIP)	Veronica McDonagh
	11:45	Dec.Mem.Fr. Guiney & McCarthy Families	
Tue. APR. 17	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Martin Cooley+	Mike Murphy
Wed. APR. 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Special Intention	Mary Guinn
Thurs. APR. 19	9:30	Ann & Peter Murphy+	Mike Murphy
	11:45	Hugh Gibney+	Breda & Benny Walsh
Fri. APR. 20	9:30	Margaret Grealish+	Winnie Grealish
	11:45	Tim McGurran	Breda & Benny Walsh
Sat. APR. 21	9:30	Tony Emmanuel+	Jean Quinn
	11:45	Jan Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

God said through all the prophets that the Christ would suffer.

Second Reading 1 John 2:1-5

If anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

It was written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead.

NEXT SUNDAY

- World Day of Prayer for Vocations.
- Earth Day

Gospel Teaching

When Jesus told his disciples, “You are witnesses to this,” they may not have been entirely delighted to be chosen for that role. In New Testament Greek, the word for “witness” is the same as that for “martyr”. The early Christians would have been aware that those who were appointed as witnesses to Christ might well be called upon to follow his example and lay down their lives for him. St Stephen, and St Peter and St Paul, and St James the Great, to name but a few from the first years of the Church’s existence, did in fact die a martyr’s death, and many more have done so over the centuries, in many different countries around the world. And it’s still a danger that people face in some parts of the world even in our own day.

To what, exactly, did the apostles bear witness? To the resurrection of Christ. It was not necessary to bear witness to his crucifixion; that was common knowledge. Indeed, some of those to whom Peter preached had themselves been instrumental in having Jesus crucified. In today’s first reading Peter relates the crucifixion as an undoubted fact, but goes on, “God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.” On another occasion recorded in the Acts of the Apostles, speaking before the Jewish council, the Sanhedrin, Peter said, “By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour... We are witnesses to all this.”

Application

We are called to be witnesses to Christ. Will we also be called to be martyrs? It may not seem likely in this country, in our time; but even if we do not have to face being stoned to death, we may very well have to face opposition, ridicule, contempt, discrimination. A woman recently fought a case for unfair dismissal, having been sacked for wearing a crucifix. Are we prepared to give open and visible evidence of our faith, even if it gets us into trouble?

We are not eyewitnesses to the resurrection, as Peter and the apostles were. We can only bear witness that we accept what has come down to us from the apostles, and what we have experienced in our lives. That may seem a relatively safe way to be a witness. But perhaps not so. Many witnesses in criminal trials may have wished that they had not been so aware of what was going on, that they had been looking the other way, that they had not been so sharp-eyed. Perhaps we may come to wish that we had not heard the Lord calling in the night, that we had not recognised Jesus in the stranger on the road, that he had not opened our minds to understand the scriptures, that our hearts had not burned within us as we read of him in the Bible. Then we would not have been called to be his witnesses. But we did hear him, we did recognise him; and we are his witnesses in the world today. That is his calling to each one of us.

-The Living Word

COMMUNION LUNCHEON



Just a reminder...

Next Sunday, **April 22, 2018**, after the 12 Noon Mass.
Some tickets are still available.