



# Society of African Missions

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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

### Christmas & New Year's Day

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

### 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

551-449-4357

### Sunday Collections: \$1,281.00

Thank you for your support.

## THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

### EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD Masses for the week of April 21 – April 27, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Apr. 21	10:00	Jan Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
	12:00	Fred Ibe+, Adel Nicdao+	Erlinda P. Rubio
Mon. Apr. 22	9:30	Abitante/Falotico Families+	
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae & Family
Tue. Apr. 23	9:30	Harold Gabriels Jr+	
	11:45	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
Wed. Apr. 24	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Brother Jobin (Liv.) Special Intentions	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Apr. 25	9:30	Antonio & Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
	11:45	Tommy+ & Peter Murphy+ Bea Hanley+	Michael Murphy
Fri. Apr. 26	9:30	Virginia Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
	11:45	William Colon+	Diana Colon & John Tietjen
Sat. Apr. 27	9:30	Patrick Neary+	James Neary
	11:45	Elvira Molina, Joe Vessecchia (Liv.)	

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading** Acts 10:34. 37-43

Cornelius has heard of the new life, but now he is called to live it.

### **Second Reading** Colossians 3:1-4

To think on heavenly things is not to ignore this life, it is to understand what this life is for.

### **Gospel** John 20:1-9

No one understands the Christian faith, if they do not understand Christ's resurrection. We cannot explain anything in this world unless we know that resurrection is our destiny

## ***“He saw and he believed.”***

### ***Illustration***

*Resurrection as a metaphor has penetrated human society. Judaism, Islam and Christianity all believe in the resurrection at the end of time. Even those who do not believe this apply the metaphor of “resurrection” to arts, to politics, to any human endeavour. Countries, political parties, art forms are always being proclaimed by the media as a “resurrection”. It is good that the word is being used but it is dangerous for Christians. We must not allow the resurrection to be no more than a metaphor. When we hear the word “resurrection”, it often means no more than that something which used to be popular has become popular again. The resurrection of Christ means much more than that. It means that a new kind of human life has begun, a new life beyond our imagination but not beyond our hope.*

*We should also remember that the resurrection of Christ involves the cross. Death and resurrection go together in Christ. As St Paul says in the letter to the Romans, to take but one of his many sayings about the power of the death and resurrection of Christ: “Christ Jesus... not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God’s right hand he stands and pleads for us.”*

*So we have to be careful about metaphors of resurrection. Yes, it is true that there are resurrections in this life. The Church herself has often seemed to die, yet has always come back to life; a fire that cannot be wholly extinguished. We should never assume, either, that an old evil might not come back to haunt us. Yet the resurrection of Christ is more than an event in human history. The real resurrection is what we experience in prayer when we meet the living Christ.*

### ***Gospel Teaching***

*It is strange how some of the resurrection readings do not involve a meeting with the risen Christ. Instead we are told about the stories of those who come to the empty tomb. Perhaps this is because Jesus does not reveal himself to his disciples until they have been prepared to meet him. They have to look inside themselves first. The apostles deserted him. On Holy Saturday, they had to consider what they had done. Now they hear something that suggests that this is not the end. He had said he would rise again, but they had not listened. Do they believe now that it might have happened? Are they willing to accept a risen Christ? If it is true, then everything is changed, but change is frightening. Our own faith in the resurrection is like that. To find faith, we first have to look inside ourselves, to really think about what we have become and who we truly are.*

*Peter and the beloved disciple behave differently. The disciple who knew what it meant to be loved by God believes before Peter. They both have the same evidence, the same reason to believe, but one had already experienced the love of God. Whoever he was, he had stayed at the cross, had entered into the reality of love revealed by the cross, with Mary the mother of Jesus, and so was prepared to meet Jesus. For Peter it was different. He had run away; he had failed. Yet he too came to the tomb. If he has no willingness to believe in Jesus, Peter would have stayed away.*

-The Living Word



### **Easter Blessings**

**May the Peace of the Risen  
Lord be with you all!**

### **Memorial Donations**

The Easter Candle was donated in memory of Gerard Patrick Lee by the Lee and Palazzo Families.

The Sanctuary Lamp, Altar Candles, Bread and Wine were donated in memory of Alejandro, Maria, Catherine and their friends and family.