



Society of African Missions

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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. Dermot Roache
201-567-0450 Ext. 212

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

African Art Museum

Open daily. Contact:
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Thank you for your support.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of MARCH 29 — APRIL 4, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. March 29	10:00	Lorrie Price+	Diane & Mike Bruno
	12:00	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
Mon. March 30	9:30	Happy Birthday Lauren N. Forgrave (Liv.)	
	11:45	Patrick Neary Jr+	Neary Family
Tue. March 31	9:30	Gary & Marion Hyer (Liv.)	Nora Blawitt
	11:45	Nuala Henry+	Breda & Benny Walsh
Wed. April 1	9:30	Antonio Fernandez+	Daughters
	11:45	Special Intentions Tobin Para (Liv.)	Victoria Costa
Thurs. April 2	9:30	Alejandro & Maria Ramirez De Arellano+	Friend
	11:45	Mary M. O'Connell+	O'Connell Family
Fri. April 3	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Rose Peltier+ 93 rd BB—Joyce Supper+ 8 th Anniv.	Michelle Supper
Sat. April 4	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading *Ezekiel 37:12-14*

Only the Lord can raise the dead to life.

Second Reading *Romans 8:8-11*

The Spirit of God – the Spirit of life – has made a home in us.

Gospel *John 11:1-45*

Jesus tells us that whoever believes in him will never die.

Please note that the Mass Intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.

Sympathy: Mr. Jim Docherty, a long-time supporter of the SMA Guild passed away last week in Chicago, IL. Our deepest sympathy is extended to his wife Rosemary and all the family and friends.

It is amazing how the Lenten readings spell out in “real time” what is happening before our eyes. The Lord is letting us know that our sins need to be uprooted so that we can listen to Him. This is a most serious time. It is a time of grace and Mercy. Use it well.

Sr. Lucia of Fatima wrote one time on the power of the Rosary. Let us reflect on her consoling words:

“The Most Holy Virgin in these last times in which we live has given new efficacy in the recitation of the Holy Rosary. She has given this efficacy to such an extent that there is no problem, no matter how difficult it is, whether temporal or above all spiritual, in the personal life of each one of us, of our families ... that cannot be solved by the Rosary.

There is no problem, I tell you, no matter how difficult it is, that we cannot resolve by the prayer of the Holy Rosary.”

Let us turn with great confidence to The Virgin Mary and pray unceasingly her Rosary for the remedy for our ills, the forgiveness of our sins and for the eradication of this pandemic scourging the world. Pray the Rosary daily!

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

HOMILY

“Unbind him, let him go free.”

Illustration

In the Holy Land, pilgrims still visit the tomb of Lazarus. It lies in the West Bank town of al-Eizariya, the village called Bethany in the New Testament, approximately one and a half miles east of Jerusalem. According to a tradition dating back to the fourth century AD, this is the spot where Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. The tomb lies inside a cave, which pilgrims access by clambering down steep, irregular stone steps. A favourite trick played by pilgrimage leaders is to get pilgrims who have managed to climb down to the floor of the cave to peer into the tomb, with its open hole in the stone wall, and repeat at full voice the words of Jesus: “Lazarus, come out!” Unbeknown to the pilgrims, someone is waiting behind the wall, and when the pilgrims shout for Lazarus to come out, the person emerges out of the dark – often accompanied by the screams of terrified pilgrims, frightened out of their wits by this unexpected piece of theatre.

The Living Word