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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

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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

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of May 3 — MAY 9, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 3	10:00	Bill Moran+	Jinnie Moran
	12:00	Jessie Lydia Tong+ Dolores Sumbilla+	Linda Rubio
Mon. May 4	9:30	Zorahayda Llaguno+	Minene Pacia
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler +	Lawler Family
Tue. May 5	9:30	RT Rev. Monsg. Thomas Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Helen & Dan McCormick+	Mae Kenny & Family
Wed. May 6	9:30	Nelly Chan Duano+ Joselle Padaloy+	Linda Rubio
	11:45	Virginia & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Thurs. May 7	9:30	Suzanne Castelein+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	President Donald Trump	Mr & Mrs Emidio Morin
Fri. May 8	9:30	Dec. Members of Guiney & McCarthy Families	
	11:45	Ida Casucci+ Andrea Luisi+	Anna Pastore
Sat. May 9	9:30	Jose Mercado+ Vicky Juliano+	Linda Rubio
	11:45	Anne Broderick+	Kathleen Spina

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

Today's Readings:
First Reading Acts 2:14. 36-41
It is from Christ that we receive forgiveness and the gift of the Holy Spirit.
Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20-25
Christ suffered for us, offering us an example to follow.
Gospel John 10:1-10
Jesus is the gate through and by which we enter into salvation.

We All Need Our Mother

This past Friday, the Church in the United States and Canada made an historic move by renewing its consecration of both nations under the protection and patronage of the Virgin Mary. Many decades ago, the Church in the United States officially consecrated our great nation to the Virgin under the title of The Immaculate Conception. This time the renewal was under the Title “Mary Mother of the Church.”

Consecrations are nothing new. They are solemn acts of personal or collective surrender (entrustment) under the patronage of God, His Mother or a Saint. Consecrations take a person, a family, a building (Church/home) a city or a nation and sets them aside for a particular journey to holiness. It includes a request for help and protection to do so. In most cases these types of consecrations are made to The Blessed Virgin under particular titles. The bishops felt called to renew the nation’s consecration during this unprecedented global pandemic. But why the title of Mother of the Church? Let’s go back and see.

On November 21, 1964, at the closing of the 3rd session of the Second Vatican Council, Pope Paul VI dedicated the following words to the honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary, calling her Mother of the Church, and at the end, renewing the Consecration first made by Pope Pius XII in 1952.

“Meditating on the close relationships between Mary and the Church, for the glory of the Virgin Mary and for our own consolation, we proclaim the Most Blessed Mary Mother of the Church, that is to say of all the people of God, of the faithful as well as of the pastors, who call her the most loving Mother. And we wish that the Mother of God should be still more honored and invoked by the entire Christian people by this most sweet title...It is therefore with a soul full of trust and filial love that we raise our glance to her, despite our unworthiness and weakness. “

And that’s exactly what the bishops and the faithful of the Church did on Friday. It was a most beautiful ½ hour. And as we raised our glances to our heavenly Mother with our cries, concerns and petitions, She bent over and gazed on each of us with a tear of joy rolling down her cheek in thanksgiving that her bishops, priests and all her faithful children joined in one voice trusting her with the care of these problems of the pandemic, the Church and the world. When Holy Church makes solemn acts of entrustment to Our Lady, God allows her to release untold and even miraculous graces in abundance! Be ready to see great things! We all need Our Mother. As we begin this month of Mary, let us grow with a deeper love and devotion to the great woman who gazes on each of us with indescribable love! Thank you Jesus for the great gift of Mary in our lives. Amen.

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA