



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

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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

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr Dermot Roache,
 House Superior

SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the week of May 31 — June 6, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 31	10:00	Alex Bote+ Brian Felix+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Perla Roque+ Maria Doris Baylon+	Linda Rubio
Mon. June 1	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	Linda Palmares (Liv.)	Dr Sylvia Pagulayan
Tue. June 2	9:30	John & Annie Hamill+	Daughter
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Aileen Walsh
Wed. June 3	9:30	Dec. Memb of Guiney & McCarthy Families+	
	11:45	Ruth Kane+ Birthday	Rich & Marilyn
Thurs. June 4	9:30	Brian Mulligan+	Neary Family
	11:45	Jacob & Elizabeth Micklas+	Rosemary & Stephanie Micklas
Fri. June 5	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoeber & Mongiello Families	
Sat. June 6	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Lydia Ramirez+	Ben & Mely Ramirez

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

Today's Readings:

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

All people heard their own language being spoken by the disciples from Galilee.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:3-7. 12-13

There are many different spiritual gifts but always the same Spirit.

Gospel John 20:19-23

The Lord says to the disciples twice, "Peace be with you," then he says, "Receive the Holy Spirit" and gives them authority.

Come, Holy Spirit! Come!!

The Pentecost was a Jewish Feast. It was a feast of harvest. Jesus wanted to fulfill this feast by establishing His Church that would operate on a harvest of unprecedented and endless gifts from God on high being outpoured on the earth and in the hearts of each one of us. The Apostles obviously gave us the model framework of how to prepare for the Holy Spirit: by praying, being united and by perseverance. *“With one heart all these joined constantly in prayer, together with some women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”* (Acts 1:14) The prayer of the apostles, gathered together with Mary in the Upper Room, is the **first** great invocation prayers of the Church (epiclesis). The *“Come, Holy Spirit”* that will continue to echo in the Church forever and ever in prayer and most especially in the Mass and sacraments.

So, we too do the same – in *unity* we call upon, we cry out to, we beg for the Holy Spirit’s outpouring on us every day. It is not a personal agenda but rather a collective one because what we receive from the Holy Spirit will be used in our particular role in the Mystical Body of Christ for the greater Glory of God and our salvation. The prayer of Mary and of the Apostles is *perseverance*. The original Greek word expressing this is best described as a tenacious, insistent action, the act of being constantly diligent.

The essence of this derives from Jesus, who told the Apostles the Parable of the Persistent Widow, to teach them they *“should always pray and never become discouraged.”* The Canaanite woman is the living illustration of an insistent prayer that does not accept getting discouraged and eventually grants her what she wanted. At first, she asks for the healing of her daughter and Jesus – Scripture says – *“said not a word in answer to her.”* She insists, and Jesus replies, *“I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.”* She then throws herself at His feet, and Jesus rebuts, *“It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to little dogs.”*

We need to invoke and cry out to The Holy Spirit more than ever! The world and the Church need a long overdue renewal. Persevere in this prayer petition to God. Beg incessantly like the Canaanite woman for an outpouring of miracles on the world, the Church, your families, your soul. Never forget: God longs to give us endless gifts. He longs for our perfection and Holiness. He longs for our health, happiness and peace. His Spirit will come in new and beautiful ways. Let us unite with one heart, voice and persevere with Our Lady in unceasing prayer to Jesus for an outpouring of His Mercy, Truth and New Life! I wish you a Blessed Feast of Pentecost!

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle them with the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and they shall be created and You shall renew the face of the earth. Amen!

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

Memorial Donation: The Altar Bread & Wine are donated this week in memory of Ruth Kane (Birthday) by Rich & Marilyn.

Knights of Columbus St. John's Council

Blood Drive

St. John's Council #1345, along with Boy Scout Troop 1345 is hosting a blood drive at the Council (61 Armour Pl., Dumont) on June 17th from 4PM to 8PM. In order to help maintain safe social distance protocols, everyone is asked to please make an appointment by going to: https://donor.cbsblood.org/donor/schedules/drive_schedule/52510