



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
10:00 am; 12 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
11:45 am
Christmas & New Year's Day
10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact
Fr. Frank Wright
201-567-0450 Ext 225

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Frank Wight
201-450-6586

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm

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Sunday Collection: \$1,103

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior
Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of May 8, 2022 – May 14, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 8	10:00	Benedict Walsh+	Breda Walsh
	12:00	Kayla Rei Rubio & Logan Pascual Rourke (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Mon. May 9	9:30	Susan McKay+	
	11:45	Jacinta Nabaggala+	
Tue. May 10	9:30	James Neary+	
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Rich & Marilyn
Wed. May 11	9:30	Living & Deceased Members of The Desrochers Family	
	11:45	Lokou Marie Esse+	Rosanne
Thurs. May 12	9:30	Living & Deceased Members of The Paradis Family	
	11:45	Mary Higgins+	Diane & Mike Bruno
Fri. May 13	9:30	Reverend Raymond C. Plourde+	
	11:45	Fr. Noel Morales+ & Fr. Noel Gomez+	Linda Rubio
Sat. May 14	9:30	Helen & Don McCormick+	Mac Kenny
	11:45	Victoria Costa Special Intentions	

Today's Readings:

First Reading Acts 13:14. 43-52

Despite opposition, many of the people of Antioch respond to the preaching of Paul and Barnabas and become Christians.

Second Reading Apocalypse 7:9. 14-17

St John has a vision of the hosts of believers in heaven, too many to count, from every nation on earth.

Gospel John 10:27-30

Jesus the good shepherd speaks to his sheep and leads us into eternal life.

MEMORIAL DONATION

The Altar Wine and Bread this week is donated by Marilyn & Rich in memory of Ruth Kane.



4th Easter Reflection

READING ACTS

In English literature, especially in popular fiction, there are always the good guys and the bad guys, the cowboys with the white hats and those with the black hats, just so you can tell the various actors in the drama apart. When reading a text like Acts, we have to be careful that we don't transfer our way of reading a contemporary novel, or a film for that matter, as if it were a story with the good guys—Paul and Barnabas—against the bad guys—the leaders of the synagogue in Antioch. Why? Because the story of the first followers of Jesus is far more complex and richer in texture than what we are accustomed to. Neither history nor real life is that simple.

A good case in point comes at the end of today's reading in Acts: Paul and Barnabas are expelled from Antioch, and as they leave the city, they shake the dust from off their sandals in protest against the way that the leaders and their inner circle have stirred up the people. We should be tempted at that point to see fire and brimstone fall from the sky on the heads of the Antiochians. And we would have good precedents in the Old Testament to justify this image—Sodom and Gomorrah come to mind.

But to do so would miss the thrust of the main theme in Acts: here we have the story of the Good News, originally proclaimed to the Jewish people, moving beyond the confines of that community; in short, the proclaiming of God's salvation in Jesus Christ, moving as it does in ever widening circles to the Gentiles, is what the Holy Spirit desires for the world. Paul and Barnabas, on the outskirts of Antioch, are filled with some anger at the way they have been treated, but beyond that, Paul is filled with a sense of disappointment, and even anguish, that his message has been rejected by his own people. The book of Acts is a story of real people and real events and should resist our efforts to recast it into a story of the righteous and the damned. We should not read it as the rejection of one group of people in favor of another.

You and I are still in that story and part of that story, because even twenty centuries later, the circle is growing ever wider. What we do here at the Mission, and what we do overseas or in this country in our missions, is the continuation of what the Apostles did back then. Real people talking to real people in real ways and in real time.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA



May God bless all the mothers
living and deceased.

