



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
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Administration:

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of May 1, 2022 – May 7, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. May 1	10:00	JoAnn DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
	12:00	Maureen Hamill+	Sister
Mon. May 2	9:30	Jacinta Nabaggala+	
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Tue. May 3	9:30	Bill Moran+	Jinnie Moran
	11:45	Fr. Henry Sharp, OFM+	Rich Kane
Wed. May 4	9:30	Anne Gannon	George Cerbasi, Jr
	11:45	Lilia R. Tocker+	Friend
Thurs. May 5	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho
	11:45	Aracely Guerra Padkatipunan+	Nenita Castro
Fri. May 6	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Diane Crowell+	Martha DiPaolo
Sat. May 7	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

The apostles are proud to give witness to their risen Lord and suffer humiliation for the sake of his name.

Second Reading Apocalypse 5:11-14

All living beings give praise to the Lamb of God.

Gospel John 21:1-19

The love of God is shown in the love we show to those in need.

3rd Easter Reflection

There's something very ordinary about the scene on the beach. Some fishermen go off to catch something; they catch nothing. Maybe it's the luck of the draw; sometimes you win and sometimes you lose. And then something comes along to disturb the ordinariness of the scene: some figure appears on the shore and tells them to lower their nets over the side just once more; they do so, and the nets are filled to bursting. Spectacular!

Let us remember first off that the apostles were very ordinary people. They got up in the morning, just like you and me. They got dressed and went to work. They came home at the end of the day to their families. Nothing extraordinary; nothing to distinguish this group of people from let's say any other group of people. Perhaps what is surprising is that at the end of the Gospel, after the crucifixion, after the resurrection, they seem to return to their ordinary lives. Back to the boats!

There is a recognition scene in this Gospel. It bears a marked resemblance to the other post-resurrection scenes—Mary Magdalene near the tomb, the men on their way to Emmaus. At first, there is a failure to recognize Jesus. In today's Gospel, the beloved disciple finally recognizes Jesus.

You know, had the Lord come in his glory, attended by a marching band with trumpets and heralded by the angelic host, none of these folk would have had the least difficulty in seeing that it was Jesus—none whatsoever! ... Well, that's not how the story goes, and perhaps for a good reason. The recognition that this is Jesus the crucified takes place around a campfire on the beach with a few fish laid atop the coals and only a few disciples in attendance. No brass bands; no trumpets!

Following Jesus takes place amid the ordinariness of life. What does it look like? What is the Good News in all its ordinariness? It's the healing of relationships. It's valuing the dignity of all human beings, born and unborn, and indeed of all creation. It's laying aside self-interest in favor of the common good. It's relying on the providence of God, both when we can do things for ourselves and when we can't. It's in acknowledging our creatureliness, our utter dependence on God, and laying aside our pride. That's the nitty-gritty of being a disciple. It's doing the spectacular in the ordinary.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA