



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 noon

Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar

201-567-0450 Ext 204

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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SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$1,159

Thank you for your support.



Local and Provincial superior:

Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests out to perform a sacramental function please make sure he is informed. 201-567-0450 x 218

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the week of June 4—June 10

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Sun. to Sat,	8:00	Liv. & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. June 4	10:00	James Tomlinson+	The Walsh Family
	12:00	Alejandro & Maria Ramirez de Arellano+	Friends
Mon. June 5	9:30	John & Joe Latino	Robert J. Latino
	11:45	Jae ho Pio Lee (Liv)	Mother
Tues. June 6	9:30	Sung Choi Fam (Liv), Mariana Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Julie Ann D'Anduono+	Florence Buonomo
Wed. June 7	9:30	Brian Mulligan+	The Neary Family
	11:45	Dec. Mem. Sarner Family	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. June 8	9:30	Neal McLouglin+	Barbara & Joe Mulheren
	11:45	JoAnn DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Fri. June 9	9:30	Soo Kyung Anne Lee (Liv)	Mother
	11:45	Elizabeth & Jacob Micklas+	Rosemarie & Tom Micklas
Sat. June 10	9:30	Alejandro Ramirez de Arellano+	Friends
	11:45	Jim McGoldrick+	

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 2:1-11

People of every nation receive understanding in the Spirit.

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

The gifts of the Spirit are many. In one spirit we were all baptized into one body

Gospel John 20:19-23

Peace, mission and reconciliation are the gifts of the Spirit.

SAVE THE DATES

June 18: Sunday At the 12 Noon Mass: Ceremony of Commissioning of two missionaries, Fr. Francisco Kim and Mr. Paul Song.

June 25: Sunday Celebration of our Founder, Bishop MELCHIOR DE MARION BRESILLAC. 12 Noon Mass followed by a cook out.

June 24: Saturday Our Lady of Perpetual Help 4 pm Rosary, Novena and Mass, followed by fellowship.

MISSION MEMORIES

Hilda was the first leper I ever met. She belonged to our parish on the outskirts of Monrovia, Liberia, in West Africa. Because of her illness she wasn't allowed to live with the other people but managed to exist alone in a tiny shack made up of bits of corrugated metal and cardboard on a small island in the middle of a swamp at the edge of the town. There were stepping stones across the swamp which Hilda's granddaughter quickly crossed every day to leave her some food. The girl didn't wait to see her grandmother - she deposited the food and fled back across the swamp. The girl was the only person to cross to Hilda's little island. Except for me.

I brought communion to Hilda once a week. The first time I met her was rough. As I entered her tiny shack (no windows, just a small 'doorway' that I could only enter on hands and knees) the smell of rotting flesh made me want to gag. If the smell was bad the sight was worse. Hilda could no longer walk but pulled herself around with the stumps of her hands. The leprosy had eaten her fingers and her face was badly disfigured. She was a mess. I used to dread this weekly visit.

Hilda would wait for my arrival and as soon as she heard me crossing the swamp she would start shouting out her prayers in her own language. At first I didn't know what she was saying, but as I began to learn the language I understood: *"My God, my God you are coming to me! Welcome my God!"* Then, at the moment she received the host, tears would run down her cheek from her disfigured eye as she continued to praise God. I'm not sure if Hilda even noticed me - it was the Eucharist that I was bringing that she longed for each week.

I have never encountered anyone else who received the Eucharist with such love and devotion as Hilda did. She had every reason to be angry with God, but instead of anger all she had was love and longing. When I was with her I realized I was really in the presence of Jesus. I began to look forward to my visits. This poor leper woman in the middle of a swamp taught me more about the real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist than anyone else. We missionaries are richly blessed in the people we serve. I praise God for Hilda.

Fr Pat Kelly SMA

Gospel Teaching - On the day of Pentecost the disciples, likewise, were afraid of what might happen to them. They huddled together in an upper room with locked doors, waiting for something to happen. The Lord had promised them that the Spirit would come and so they waited. Now the room shook and the sound of the wind could be heard, and the vision of tongues of fire came upon each one of them. Each individual and the whole group together were gifted with the coming of the Spirit. It did not take long for the effects of that Spirit to be seen and heard. The people in the neighbourhood gathered, and they were people from every nation under heaven. That they all understood what was being said to them by the disciples was a clear indication of the Spirit's power to unite disparate peoples. This is the great gift of the Holy Spirit – to bring understanding between people who before now could not communicate with one another very easily at all.

Reading again the story of that moment in the upper room when Jesus appeared to his friends, teaches us that the Spirit of God brings three great gifts to us, if we will receive them. The first is the gift of peace. Shalom is a word and a grace that Jesus imparts to the disciples, now that all the violence has done its worst. Then the Lord gives his friends their mission to the world. As he was sent, so now they are sent. Finally the Spirit will empower them to bring reconciliation into a torn and troubled world.

Application - This day is known as the "birthday" of the Church. We were born on this day. The Spirit came and enlivened a group that had almost died. The risen Lord sent his living Spirit to be our life. Each one of us, as well as the whole Church together, receives the gift, and the gift is to be used. We begin with the gift of peace. Not the world's peace, initially, but our own. We seek to grow in the gift of a peaceful mind and heart, and peaceful relationships in our life. That is our first prayer. Come, Holy Spirit, into my heart and mind and life.

The second gift is the mission. You are sent out from this church into the world around you. You are able, with the Spirit's help, to be outgoing and to help bring a gift of peace into the lives of those you live with and work with. You have a responsibility now. It is a grace given to you. Do not let it go for nothing. You can inspire others.

Finally, the third gift is the grace to reconcile people who are at war with one another. There is the power to forgive others and the power to call people to justice. Do you believe this? Do you accept this? Come, Holy Spirit.

The Living Word