



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

Contact Fr. Dermot Roache
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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

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA
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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of APRIL 12 — APRIL 18, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 12	10:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
	12:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Mon. April 13	9:30	Rose Iacullo+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Fr Tom Hamill+	Sister
Tue. April 14	9:30	Fr Jerome Bracken CP (Liv.)	Friend
	11:45	Abitante & Falotico Families+	
Wed. April 15	9:30	Paul Di Paolo+	Martha Di Paolo
	11:45	Lauren Naima Special Intentions Birthday	Victoria Costa
Thurs. April 16	9:30	Dec. Members of Guiney and McCarthy Families	
	11:45	Cecelia Gonzales+	Cely Rosal
Fri. April 17	9:30	Christine Braure	Susan Murphy
	11:45	Joseph Kennedy+	Mae Kenny
Sat. April 18	9:30	Mary Laird+	Joanne DiDonato
	11:45	John & Edythe Sheehy+	

THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN. ALLELUIA!

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

Today's Readings

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter and the apostles witness to the resurrection and bring the good news to others.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 or 1 Corinthians 5:6-8

Christians are called to a new life as the beloved of the Lord

Gospel John 20:1-9

St John entered the tomb; he saw and he believed.

EASTER REFLECTION

Every year at this time, I watch Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ."

There is something very real in this film that speaks to us right now. We experience in society today the same violence, division, hatred and lack of forgiveness. We also experience unprecedented corruption in business, trade and governments including in the upper echelon of the Church. As a global family we are all currently asking the fundamental question Pontius Pilate asked Jesus, "What is truth?"

There is also this very moving scene in the film where Our Lady leans against one of the columns in the praetorium asking "When, where and how O Lord will You choose to be delivered from this?" She places all her trust in Jesus. She didn't know when His suffering was going to end. She didn't know how it was going to end. But she held her dignity and carried her cross with conviction and trust that the promised resurrection would take place.

We all know that the end of this Good Friday story 'seemed' like all was lost. Let me repeat - 'seemed' like all was a big failure. And when his friends walked away, when they felt discouraged and they began to believe that it was all for nought, they received the biggest shock of their lives! Jesus stands before them alive! He rose from the dead as He promised. He really died. He was really buried. And he really woke up forever alive with a heart beating with love for us!! What seems for us in the human mind and heart a failure, is something totally different for God!

Why do we seek the living among the dead? Why do we seek all the unnecessary "nonessentials" to fill a void in our lives? Have these 40 days of Lent without the sacraments, without much human interaction and yet with a greater renewed appreciation of our families taught us a lesson? We are an Easter people!! We are the people that exclaimed that Jesus is alive! We should fear nothing. We believe that hope never disappoints!

Let us take this opportunity at Easter and thank God for the resurrection and for his gift to us that we may also share an eternal life with him! At the end of the day my brothers and sisters, the salvation of our souls is all that really counts!

The Lord is truly risen Alleluia!! That means, my dear friends, that He will never abandon us. Right now it all 'seems' lost in our world, but Jesus is risen, alive, well and active! He is here! Alleluia!! Happy Easter!

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

MEMORIAL DONATION: The Easter Candle was donated in memory of Gerard Patrick Lee by The Lee & Palazzo Families.

We wish you all a most joyful happy Easter and a most blessed and holy Easter season!

The SMA Community

