



Society of African Missions

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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

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Perpetual Mass Association

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EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of April 4, 2021 - April 10, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 4	10:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
	12:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Mon. April 5	9:30	Spec. Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Spec. Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Tue. April 6	9:30	Sung Choi Family—Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Choi Family & Mariana Cho
	11:45	Alejandro & Maria Ramirez De-Arellano+	Friend
Wed. April 7	9:30	Dec. Members of the Desrochers Family	
	11:45	Abitante & Falotico Families	
Thurs. April 8	9:30	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee
	11:45	End of Covid-19 Special Intentions	Beatrice DeSouza
Fri. April 9	9:30	Gene Brady+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Costa
Sat. April 10	9:30	Lauren Abrams+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Rean Quito Bovi Lara (Liv)	Linda Rubio

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr Dermot Roache,
 House Superior

NOTE:

Saturday, April 10,
8:00pm Holy Hour.

Sunday, April 11—Divine Mercy Sunday 3:00pm – Adoration, confessions, chaplet and praise.

NOTE.- Mass intentions still available. The 9:30am Mass intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.

Today's Readings:

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Peter speaks to the household members of the Roman centurion Cornelius. He gives an outline of the story of Jesus and emphasises that his preaching is trustworthy as he has experienced the risen Jesus for himself.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4 *Our life as Christians should be centred on the person of the risen Christ, and this should influence the way we think and behave.*

Gospel John 20:1-9 *Mary Magdalene finds the tomb of Jesus open and empty, and goes to inform Peter and the disciple Jesus loved. They visit the grave but only the beloved disciple understands what has happened.*

***“God raised [Jesus] to life and allowed him to be seen... by certain witnesses...
Now we are those witnesses.”***

Illustration

When preachers are speaking about the resurrection, they will sometimes use the example of the caterpillar turning into a butterfly. The earth-bound creature which crawls about and spends all its time eating leaves appears to die, then emerges transformed from the shell of the chrysalis as a completely different being, complete with coloured wings and able to fly.

However, there is another story about this process which might help us as we reflect today on the central mystery of our Christian faith. A student was conducting research on how the butterfly appears from the chrysalis. She noticed that the insect had to struggle to get out of its protective coat, so decided to help it. She made a small cut in the shell and the butterfly came out very easily, then it promptly collapsed and died. She repeated the experiment with a couple of others and the same thing happened. She thought about the result of her tests and concluded that the struggle was actually an important part of the emerging and survival of the creature: it was the effort to escape which gave the butterfly its energy.

Gospel Teaching

For John the evangelist, the story of Jesus ends on the cross. The crucifixion is the lifting up of Jesus in glory: it is his death, resurrection, ascension and giving of the Spirit all summed up in one event. The following episodes are part of the story of the disciples. Our Gospel passage today relates the circumstances surrounding the discovery that Jesus' tomb is empty. It opens with the three characters – Mary Magdalene, Simon Peter and the anonymous disciple whom Jesus loved – literally and symbolically in the dark. At the beginning, they do not understand the reason why Jesus' body is missing: at the end, Mary and Peter still do not know, but the unnamed disciple comes to believe. Peter may well have a position of authority and his companion defers to him by allowing him to enter first, but the latter has priority of place in Jesus' love.

There are clues in the text that God has been at work. We are told that “the stone had been moved away” and that the cloth which had been over Jesus' face was “rolled up”: this is a biblical way of expressing divine action. The signs of death – the stone, the cloths – have been deprived of their meaning; the tomb and the cloths are empty. We might contrast this scene with the raising of Lazarus, who is restored to the life he lost; Jesus is now in a different plane of existence altogether. Only John's model “beloved disciple” realises this.

The Living Word

MEMORIAL DONATION.- The Easter Candle was donated in memory of Gerard Patrick Lee by the Lee and Palazzo Families.

**The SMA Fathers wish you all a most joyful happy Easter and
a blessed and holy Easter season!**