



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

Fr Dermot Roache 201-567-0450 Ext 212

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Dermot Roache
201-567-0450 Ext. 212

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr. Eliecer Sandoval, SMA
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Sunday Collection: \$1,166

Easter Collection: \$3,097

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your local parishes.

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Masses for the week of April 11, 2021 - April 17, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 11	10:00	Mary O'Connell+	O'Connell Family
	12:00	Lindsay Chris Rubio (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Mon. April 12	9:30	Dec. Members of the Desrochers Family	
	11:45	Fr. Tom Hamill+	Sister
Tue. April 13	9:30	Fr. Jerome Bracken (Liv.)	Friend
	11:45	Rose Iacullo+ Birthday	Susan & Bob Iacullo
Wed. April 14	9:30	Maryann Pruzinsky (Liv.)	Family
	11:45	Mary Jean Quinn+	Lisa McCarthy
Thurs. April 15	9:30	Dec. Members of the Paradis Family	
	11:45	Paul DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Fri. April 16	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Lauren Sarner (Liv.) Birthday	Victoria Costa
Sat. April 17	9:30	Christine Brown—Maria Andrews+	Susan Murphy
	11:45	Felisa Padaloy+ Mary Doris Baylon+	Linda Rubio

NOTE—TODAY

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 4:32-35

The early Church, gathered together, is shown as a foundation for prayer, unity and the sharing of goods for the good of all.

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

Love of God is revealed in love of one's neighbour.

Gospel John 20:19-31

The doubting apostle, Thomas, discovers new faith in the risen Christ.

“Put your finger here; look, here are my hands... Doubt no longer but believe.”

Illustration

Touch is the most powerful and intimate gesture we can share with another person. It is such a deep aspect of being human that it is, of course, the most powerful way of communicating love. At the start of the Covid-19 pandemic, we had to learn to live with the pain of “social distancing”, shielding and self-isolating. Gestures such as handshakes, hugs and embraces became threats because of the danger of spreading coronavirus. Children learnt to be like helicopters by stretching out their arms to measure the distance between them. Public buildings have had to be reconfigured. Such actions create distance rather than intimacy. Many have suffered from social isolation and some people’s mental health issues have been exacerbated.

The sacraments became more difficult to receive because they rely on touch and physical presence which mediate the presence of Christ; for example, the washing with water at baptism, and the anointing with sacred chrism at baptism, confirmation and holy orders. The anointing with the oil for the sick brings comfort and healing. The bread is transformed into the body of Christ but still looks like bread. The wine becomes the blood of Christ but tastes like wine. The Church had to pause its gathering for Mass. This Easter season we continue to build up our new world.

Gospel Teaching

The intimate scene of encounter between the risen Christ and St Thomas is remarkable. When Jesus had appeared to his disciples after the resurrection, the one who was crucified stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” They saw the wounds in his hands and side and believed he had risen from the dead. Thomas, who was not present on that first Sunday, did not accept the word of the others. He was perhaps sceptical or maybe proud. Yet Jesus continues to desire to speak to him and bring forth his belief. The mercy of Jesus is so powerful that he does not abandon him but seeks another way to speak into his heart. Jesus will always keep trying to find a way into the hardened heart and never gives up on anyone. When he appears in front of Thomas, he invites him to touch his hands with his finger and put his hand into his side. Such an intimate gesture is a sign of profound love. We hear Thomas’ profound profession of faith, “My Lord and my God!”

The Living Word

The 7 Corporal Works of Mercy:

- To feed the hungry
- To give drink to the thirsty
- To clothe the naked
- To shelter the homeless
- To visit the sick
- To visit the imprisoned
- To bury the dead

The 7 Spiritual Works of Mercy

- To counsel the doubtful
- To instruct the ignorant
- To admonish the sinner
- To comfort the sorrowful
- To forgive all injuries
- To bear wrongs patiently
- To pray for the living and the dead

Thank you. - Big thanks to all of you who always support us in our missionary work here at the Mission and especially in Africa.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord make His face shine upon you, and give you peace now and forever.