



# Society of African Missions

## “The Mission”

1921 2021



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[www.smafathers.org](http://www.smafathers.org)

### 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  
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### Perpetual Mass Association

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

### S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr. Eliecer Sandoval, SMA  
551-449-4357

### Sunday Collection: \$750

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### Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,  
Provincial Superior

Fr Dermot Roache,  
House Superior

## SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the week of May 23, 2021 - May 29, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of the SMA</b>	
Sun. May 23	10:00	Henryk Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
	12:00	Jet Avan Eduard+ Gigi Jo Mercado+	Linda Rubio
Mon. May 24	9:30	Renario Bontuyan+	Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Tue. May 25	9:30	Joseph Lollins+	Daughter Margaret
	11:45	Feliciano Guinto+	Guinto Family
Wed. May 26	9:30	Cecelia & Leoncio Gonzales+	Rosal Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Thurs. May 27	9:30	Cathy & Seamus O'Neill	Breda Walsh
	11:45	Sr. Brigid Blewitt+	Angela Hickey
Fri. May 28	9:30	William McQuillan+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Anita Pruzinsky (Liv.)	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
Sat. May 29	9:30	Marvin Mercado+	Luz M. Dimacali
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend

### Today's Readings:

**First Reading** Acts 2:1-11

*The apostles are empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak a multitude of languages to help preach the Gospel.*

**Second Reading** Galatians 5:16-25

*St Paul contrasts the fruits of sin with a beautiful litany of the fruits of the Holy Spirit, who dwells within us.*

**Gospel** John 15:26-27; 16:12-15

*Jesus promises the coming of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in the Church and helps us understand the truth.*

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***“When the Spirit of truth comes he will lead you to the complete truth.”***

### ***Illustration***

*The American priest and writer Lawrence Lovasik wrote, “Kind words are a creative force, a power that concurs in the building up of all that is good, and energy that showers blessings upon the world.” Lovasik recognised the power of words to transform and to be constructive. Among all the animals, human beings, as rational animals, are the experts at words. Other animals communicate with gestures and noises, but only humans have the power of articulate speech. Language is endlessly creative, from street slang to the greatest works of literature. We can think of how these great works penetrate our culture, the Odyssey of Homer, the Divine Comedy of Dante, the sonnets of Shakespeare. Traditional cultures transmit stories and histories by word of mouth, so ensuring continuity in their way of life.*

*We also know that words can deceive and destroy. St James says that the tongue is like a small flame which can set alight huge forests. We all know the corrosive effect that gossip and lies can have on a person’s life, and the life of whole communities. Human beings thrive on the truth. It is part of our nature to want to know and communicate the truth, and language is at its most noble when it tells the truth. Truthful language reflects reality and builds up community. To tell the truth about God, who is beyond our understanding, we need divine inspiration.*

### ***Gospel Teaching***

*The Gospel today is the promise that Jesus makes to send the Holy Spirit, and Pentecost is the fulfilment of that promise. At Pentecost the apostles were filled with the Holy Spirit and were able to proclaim the truth of Jesus. Jesus also teaches the connection between the gift of the Spirit and the truth. Without the divine inspiration that comes from God we are unable to fully express the richness of God’s being and love.*

*This giving of the Holy Spirit takes place on two levels, the collective and the personal. At the collective level the Spirit is given to the whole Church, starting with the apostles. The Spirit empowered the apostles to speak many different languages, and also to speak the truth about the love and goodness of God. They were able to convince people of the reality of the death and resurrection of Jesus. On an individual level we receive the Spirit at baptism, and we are given the gifts of faith, hope and charity. As St Paul puts it, we become temples of the Holy Spirit. We are empowered to know and love God and to bear witness to the saving truth.*

*At the annunciation the Holy Spirit overshadowed Mary so she could give birth to the human body of Christ; at Pentecost the Holy Spirit hovers over the Church to give birth to the mystical body of Christ. At our baptism the Holy Spirit comes to us to empower us. This is a participation in the life of the Trinity.*

*The Living Word*

**NOTE.-** Dear friends,

In this Easter Season when we are steeped in the joy of Christ’s Resurrection and Mercy, we thank God for the continued blessings that He bestows on us. In a particular way, here at the Mission in Tenaflly, we are also thanking the Lord for a very special milestone. This year **SMA celebrates 100 years of service at 23 Bliss Avenue!**

As an effort to mark this great event, we are giving the property a “face lift” by planting a variety of 100 trees that will help enhance the beauty of the grounds of the Mission. It is a big task, but with your help, it will be a memorable one. Each tree we plant will be in memory of a special loved one in our lives.

If you would like to help sponsor us with a **\$250** donation for a tree in memory of a loved one, we will remember their name(s) in a memorial plaque that will be unveiled on the property later on this fall.

Due to the nature of the shrubbery, planting will commence at the middle of April and will be completed by September. We are requesting the donations be received by **May 31<sup>st</sup> 2021.**

Your friendship has always been a gift to us. Thank you for your support. Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA