



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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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. Frank Wright
201-567-0450 Ext 225

Bereavement & Visit to the

Sick
Contact Fr. Frank Wight
201-450-6586

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
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Sunday Collection: \$1,604
Easter Collection: \$4,573

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior
Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY

Masses for the week of April 24 2022 – April 30, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 24	10:00	Ela Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
	12:00	Alma Colobong+ & Ana Tumang+	Linda Rubio
Mon. April 25	9:30	Jack Kenny+	MacKenny & Family
	11:45	Michael & Bea Hanley+	Michael Murphy
Tue. April 26	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Antonio & Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
Wed. April 27	9:30	William Colon+	Diana Colon
	11:45	Virginia Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. April 28	9:30	Rory Dahill+	Family
	11:45	Billy Hickey+	Family
Fri. April 29	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
Sat. April 30	9:30	William Hug+	
	11:45	Wilson Padaloy+ Rudy Tong+	Linda Rubio

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Acts 5:12-16

Luke gives us a picture of the early community of disciples in Jerusalem and how people were attracted to come to them for blessing and healing.

Second Reading Apocalypse 1:9-13. 17-19

John recounts the vision that led to his writing this book, the Apocalypse or Revelation. The risen Jesus speaks to him and commissions him to set down all that he sees regarding the present and the future.

Gospel John 20:19-31

The risen Jesus makes himself present to his disciples on two occasions. He commissions them to continue his work. Then Thomas makes the supreme confession of faith.

2nd Week of Easter Reflection

SIGNS AND WONDERS

“Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles.” This word “sign” keeps cropping up again and again during the Easter season. And no wonder! Building on all the signs that Jesus himself performed during his lifetime, the apostles themselves healed the sick and did many other wonders.

I would like to give a framework for this word “sign”, because all too often we can let our thoughts meander down pathways that are far from the New Testament understanding of the word. Remember that the function of a sign is to point to something. But what is that something exactly?

Think about the kinds of actions that Jesus did: he healed the sick; he gave sight to the blind and hearing to the Deaf; he multiplied food and wine; he raised the dead. I think that we would conceive of all these things as human “goods”; i.e. actions that would benefit the wholeness and the health of human beings. This point is an important one, because the function of a sign in the New Testament, and particularly in the Gospel of John, is NOT to display one’s control of power, power over and against the natural order. Instead, the purpose of a sign in the New Testament is to point to what it means to be fully human, fully whole, and fully alive in God.

The story of King Midas of Phrygia is a good counterpoint here. Midas was a king who had the golden touch, everything he touched turned to gold. His resulting great wealth was taken as a sign of his power. Jesus, on the other hand, didn’t set his hand to producing precious metals. He just wasn’t interested in those kinds of shallow games. Notice that very often his physical healings went along with healings of the Spirit. To be complete, a person needed both. When we look for genuine signs of God’s actions in the world around us, we must remember that they always point to wholeness—to being healthy, to being well-fed in a healthy, nutritional manner, to being free from the divisions of sin.

The lives we live are signs in their own right; they seek to be images of the resurrection, the new life in Christ. Another way of saying the same thing: as Catholics Christians, we seek to become that which we consume at Mass—namely, the Body and Blood of our Lord.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

NOTE.- Thank you to all those who donated for the Easter flowers anonymously and by Margaret Flynn, Maria Cutro, Rosanne Ambulo, Mercedes Ramirez, Katie Obuobisa Akinremi, Mary Ann Pruzinsky, Vincent Pruzinsky, Michael Murphy, Mary Ann and William Bailey, Veronica Geopark, Ellen Flynn, Victoria Ann Costa in memory of Virgil and Laura Costa, Susan Murphy in memory of Robert Murphy, Jerry, Hanna and Mary Lee in memory of Gerard Patrick Lee. May the Lord bless you all!