



# 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  
from 9:30am to 3:00pm

### S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

Director

201-256-0450 Ext. 253

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551-449-4357

### S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from  
9:00am –5:00pm

**Sunday Collection: \$1,150**

Thank you for your support.

### **Administration:**

**Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,**  
Provincial Superior

**Fr Frank Wright,**  
House Superior

## PENTECOST SUNDAY

Masses for the week of JUNE 5, 2022 – JUNE 11, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of the SMA</b>	
Sun. June 5	10:00	Arthur Flynn+	Family
	12:00	Fatima Nap Co+ & Ariel Duprey+	Linda Rubio
Mon. June 6	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Tue. June 7	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Wed. June 8	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	JoAnn DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Thurs. June 9	9:30	Deceased Members of the Guiney Family	
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Fri. June 10	9:30	Albert & Helen Fleckenstein+	
	11:45	Sally Rivera	Prayer Group
Sat. June 11	9:30	Francis Elliott+	
	11:45	Father Joseph Bordonaro (Liv.)	Friend

### **Today's Readings:**

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

*An unusual noise brought people rushing to where the apostles were. They found them filled with the Holy Spirit and speaking in diverse languages.*

#### **Second Reading** Romans 8:8-17

*The indwelling of the Holy Spirit transforms human beings so that they become spiritual people.*

#### **Gospel** John 14:15-16. 23-26

*The Spirit of God comes to dwell with all who live by Christ's teachings, guiding them in how to live.*

## **Pentecost Reflection and Homily**

For those who were baptized at the Easter Vigil, the period between Easter and Pentecost, today, is referred to as Mystagogia. Sounds like “Mystery.” The newly-baptized use this time to deepen their faith, diving into Scripture and the tradition of the Church. I would like to suggest that it is also very fitting today that we—the baptized from long ago--engage in our own period of deepening our faith, our own Mystagogia. And one of the mysteries that we have to reflect on, especially at Pentecost, is that of the Church herself.

What images and phrases can we find to sum up our understanding of who we are AS the Church today? And how will these new insights assist us in living as the VISIBLE Church in the world around us? Let us call to mind some of the phrases from the Bible and from Church documents: Mystical Body of Christ, Bride of Christ, Communion of Saints, People of God, the flock God shepherds, Sacrament of Christ in the world, the Temple and Tabernacle of God, the vine, the field, the city. We need all these images to know who we are.

The key question for us is how shall we image the Church in our present predicaments? How do we cope with a world, seemingly under the dominion of new diseases—be it COVID 19 or Monkey Pox? How do we negotiate with a world, when the very world order we depend on to feel secure is coming unglued? (Think “Ukraine”)

One image that may help us here is that of the Pilgrim Church. ... Why the Pilgrim Church? Well, think of the pilgrimage to Santiago de Compostela in Spain. Think about the constant going up and down over the mountains. The Pilgrim Church is on a journey, and the journey is not yet complete. In one sense we KNOW the destination, but in another sense, it’s open-ended. We don’t exactly know how we’re going to get there. The Church, as well as ourselves, is on a journey of discovery. It’s an adventure. We don’t know what’s going to happen.

In talking to the newly baptized, when we want to tell them who we are, we might suggest that we’re on the Starship Enterprise. We have to listen to the world around us. We have to be ready to dialogue with the strange people we meet. (And some of them are very strange!) We have to be curious, open to being vulnerable, respectful, empathic, and above all courageous. As the Church, we have to be able to paint for people a picture of how God has impacted our lives, to be able to make a good case WHY the revelation of God in Christ is the best explanation of the human condition and of the reality of the Universe.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

**SYMPATHY.-** It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Felix Labay. He died June 2, 2022. Felix was a long time supporter and friend of the Mission. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife, Buenaflor and their family.

May He Rest in Peace.

