



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

9:30 am & 11:45 am

Christmas & New Year's Day

10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions Saturdays:

After 11:45am Mass.

Or by appointment.

Contact Fr. Frank Wright

201-567-0450 Ext

225/231

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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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

S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from

9:00am –5:00pm

Sunday Collection: \$1574

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,

Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,

House Superior

THE LORD IS RISEN, ALLELUIA!

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of APRIL 9, 2023 – APRIL 15, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 9	10:00	SMA Benefactors	
	12:00	SMA Benefactors	
Mon. April 10	9:30	Memory of Mariana Cho	Juliana and Joseph Family
	11:45	Caitlyn Ryan+	Breda Walsh
Tue. April 11	9:30	Sung So Hong+	Anna Lee
	11:45	Rosa Iacullo+	Susan Iacullo
Wed. April 12	9:30	Justine Lee (Liv.)	Juliahna Park
	11:45	Fr. Tom Hamill+	Sister
Thurs. April 13	9:30	Luis Martinez+	Josie Martinez
	11:45	Father Jerome Bracken, CP (Liv.)	Friend
Fri. April 14	9:30	Conversion JM & SN	Caron
	11:45	Laura Naima (Special Intention)	Victoria Costa
Sat. April 15	9:30	Paul DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
	11:45	Felissa Padaloy+ & Cecille Pascual+	

Today's Readings:

First Reading Acts 10:34. 37-43

Those who saw the Lord ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4

St Paul, thrilled by the true life Christ gives us, calls on us to raise our eyes and thoughts to the things that are in heaven.

Gospel John 20:1-9

Mary Magdalene, Peter and John find the Lord's tomb empty on Easter morning.

EASTER SUNDAY REFLECTION

We have come out the other side. We have come out the other side of fear. We have come out the other side of Death. It certainly didn't look like we were going to make it. We are here! As Paul's Letter to the Romans states, "Grave, where is your victory? Oh, death, where is your sting?"

One can get lost in the metaphors. Let's face it: we have yet to face death. We certainly cannot pretend to ourselves that with the rising of Jesus from the Dead, all the problems of this sorry world of ours will be wiped away like so much dust. The challenges we woke up with on Good Friday will not have disappeared on Easter Sunday.

Folks who aren't Christian might be tempted, and indeed irritated enough by our celebration, to point out that all this clamor, this hoopla, all this chaotic din that we produce, all the Hallelujah choruses that thunder from our organs, are just so much make-believe and nothing more. As Shakespeare put it in Macbeth, "Life's but a walking shadow, a poor player, that struts and frets his hour upon the stage, and then is heard no more. It is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing."

Macbeth's was not the Christian attitude. For us, the raising of Jesus from among the Dead is the final act of God's plan of salvation for us. God's grace has broken into our reality, and even though the broad sweeps of the painter's brush on the canvas of our life may not appear altered under the present lights, there are in fact new colors that have crept into our perception of what takes place every day.

Yes, today we are celebrating all the new colors, whether they be in the Easter flowers, or in ladies' bonnets, whether they are the pinks of the budding trees around us, or even the variegated colors of autumn leaves in the fall. As the Jesuit poet Gerard Manley Hopkins wrote so ably, "The world is charged with the grandeur of God. It will flame out, like shining from shook foil." God has spoken his final word of salvation, and nothing is the same.

If there is a message that goes along with our cry that Christ has risen, it is this: be not afraid. It is the voice of the angels on Christmas Eve; it is the voice of the men dressed in white in the tomb; it is the voice of Jesus to his disciples, when he appeared to them not once, but several times. Let not our fear of the world and all the possibilities that seem to loom over us invade our minds and our bodies. Christ has won the victory.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

CONDOLENCES.- The SMA Community is saddened by the death of our long time friend and supporter, Patricia Lefevere. She passed away on March 30, 2023. Our prayers are with her family and friends. May God grant her eternal rest.



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