



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

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

S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$1245

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Masses for the week of JUNE 11, 2023 – JUNE 17, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 11	10:00	Clifford Tavares+	Breda Walsh
	12:00	Father Joseph Bordonaro (Liv.)	Friend
Mon. June 12	9:30	Memory of Mariana Cho+	Juliana and Joseph Family
	11:45	Arthur Flynn+	Family
Tue. June 13	9:30	Catherine & Victor Migliaccio+	
	11:45	Linda Arabia & Elmer Ken Kim (Liv.)	
Wed. June 14	9:30	Catherine & Victor Migliaccio+	
	11:45	Gerard Walsh+	Mae Kenny
Thurs. June 15	9:30	In memory of Thomas J. Hanson+	John Lawler
	11:45	Erwin Fishman+	Victoria Costa
Fri. June 16	9:30	Catherine & Victor Migliaccio+	
	11:45	Annie Feeney+ (27th Anniversary)	Mary Quinn & Family
Sat. June 17	9:30	Fe & Ted Vela (Liv.)	Josie Martinez
	11:45	Lani Labay—Birthday (Liv.)	Family

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Deuteronomy 8:2-3. 14-16

Moses asks the people to remember how God saved them from slavery in Egypt and fed them in the desert with the bread-like manna.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:16-17

The bread we break in the Eucharist forms us into one body.

Gospel John 6:51-58

The living bread that Jesus gives his faithful people is his flesh, and it bestows on us eternal life.



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BODY AND BLOOD REFLECTION

As usual, in John's Gospel, people misunderstand what Jesus is saying. That's the case today when Jesus calls himself 'the bread that came down from heaven.' Ourselves, with the benefit of hindsight gained over the last twenty centuries, we can add quite a bit to what the people of Jesus's time understood. The problem is that, at this remove in time, we can get lost in a sea of words. For that reason, on a feast like today's, where shall we focus our attention? What are the words and images that capture what we do here?

Well, like always, I like to deal in images: let's privilege for a moment the few seconds when we receive the sacrament. Most of the time this occurs as the final stage in the celebration of the Mass. Notice that it is ONE bread that is broken and shared together. One important word the Church uses attests to this fact. This sacrament is a banquet, and at this banquet it is Christ himself who is the host, the Lamb that was slain, and the food consumed at the same time.

There are other words that we use—communion is one of them. We are placed in communion with God. We participate in God's reality, in Jesus's real presence in the consecrated bread and wine. At the same time, we are joined with all the other people in space and time in the Body of Christ, for we form one Body, one communion.

There are consequences to eating together; there are consequences to taking the Lord into the materiality of our bodies; there are consequences to becoming who we are: men and women created in God's image and likeness, sinners redeemed by Christ's blood, and disciples sanctified by God's Holy Spirit. The Eucharist is dynamic of its very nature. And so, we must ask ourselves, what's the point of receiving the Body and Blood of the Lord if nothing has changed when we leave behind us the doors of the church, to immerse ourselves in the world of God's creation?

There should be a difference. There must be a difference. Let us be that difference.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA



4th OF JULY
AT THE MISSION

COME JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY COOKOUT

AFTER 11:45am MASS