



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

Confessions Saturdays:

After 11:45am Mass.

Or by appointment.

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201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

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201-567-0450 Ext. 253

S.M.A. Museum

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

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Sunday Collection: \$1,206

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 your local parishes.

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr James McConnell,
 House Superior

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Masses for the week of APRIL 14, 2024 – APRIL 20, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. April 14	10:00	Felisa Padaloy+ & Cecilia Pascal	
	12:00	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Mon. April 15	9:30	Eleanor Bayley+	
	11:45	Paul DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Tue. April 16	9:30	Gilberto Guinto+	Perpetual Prayer Group
	11:45	Ludivina Fineza+	Buen Labay
Wed. April 17	9:30	Gerald Gallyot (Liv.)	
	11:45	Christine Brown+ & Maria Andrews+	Susan Doonan
Thurs. April 18	9:30	William Cole Hackman (Liv.)	Joseph & Noreen Hackman
	11:45	Benedict Walsh+	Breda Walsh
Fri. April 19	9:30	Gilberto Guinto+	Perpetual Prayer Group
	11:45	Family Mueller (Liv.)	Family Member
Sat. April 20	9:30	Gilberto Guinto+	Rosanne Ambulo
	11:45	Edward LaGreca+	Paul LaGreca

Today's Readings:

First reading Acts 3:13-15. 17-19

God glorified Jesus by raising him back to life.

Second reading 1 John 2:1-5

True love of Jesus means listening to him and obeying his word.

Gospel Luke 24:35-48

Jesus appears to the disciples hiding in the Upper Room and, instead of condemning their Good Friday cowardice, offers a greeting of peace.

GET WELL! The SMA Community is sending well wishes to Dr. Eugene Bonacci. May he be blessed with good health and a quick recovery.

“Peace be with you.”

Illustration

It's beautiful and broken. Using stones and fire as their tools, Ancient Egyptians created the huge, 1200-ton, granite monument, now known as the Unfinished Obelisk. Before its completion, the huge stone, bigger than Cleopatra's Needle in London, broke, and 7–10 years of hard work were abandoned. How did the workmen feel? Had they wasted their time in Aswan or did they just shrug their shoulders and move to the next project, unaware that, 3500 years later, visitors from across the world would marvel at their achievements? Aswan's granite quarry had supplied many Ancient Egyptian monuments, but centuries of labour were almost forgotten as desert sand covered the site. The Unfinished Obelisk was only discovered in 2005 because someone wanted to build a house and, in laying the foundations, found previously unsuspected and immensely important archaeology. As a result, the hot, back-breaking work of our anonymous ancient ancestors now enriches modern lives in ways that they could never have imagined. The broken stone is a beautiful, living witness to commitment, skill and perseverance despite hardship. Its very brokenness was also its healing.

Gospel teaching

Today's Gospel opens in the Upper Room. The two disciples who met Jesus at Emmaus tell their companions – who were still in hiding – the good news of Jesus' resurrection. One of the Emmaus returnees, Cleophas, was apparently St Joseph's brother. So why, on Good Friday, was he missing from his nephew's crucifixion and his sister-in-law's side? Why did his wife stand with Mary at the foot of the cross and help with Jesus' burial – and he didn't? Why did he and another disciple head off to Emmaus, leaving his wife and the other women to complete their heartbreaking anointing of Jesus' body? Was he embarrassed? Did he feel guilty? Was he too upset – but what about the care he should have shown – and apparently didn't – towards Mary, the mother of Jesus?

Most of today's Gospel focuses on Jesus' unexpected visit. The disciples had fled from Jesus in his hour of greatest need. Afraid for their own safety, they ran away. They didn't visit Jesus' tomb, but instead hid in shared grief, fear and shame. They knew their cowardice and betrayal. When the women returned from Calvary and the tomb, did they voice their opinions of the men's behaviour, or did they find them too crushed to need to say anything? When Jesus appeared in their midst, the disciples thought they saw a ghost. They deserved his anger but he didn't criticise them or make them feel any worse than they already did. He didn't condemn their weakness or highlight the women's courage. Instead, Jesus surprised them with a greeting of peace and a request for food. Their brokenness wasn't terminal. Jesus started the healing process.

Living the Word

NOTICE.- SMA Fathers in America will meet in Tenafly this week (April 15– 18th) for small period of reflection and business.