



# Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

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Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests out to perform a sacramental function please make sure he is informed.  
 201-567-0450 x 218

## Mass Schedule

### Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

### Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

### Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

### Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar  
 201-567-0450 Ext 204

### Our Lady of Perpetual Help

#### Rosary

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Followed by Mass, Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 pm

### The Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux

2nd Sundays after 12 pm Mass

### Bible Reflection Group

Thursdays: 7:30 pm in the hall

### Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

### S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA  
 201- 894-8611

### Sunday Collection: \$1,530.00

Thank you for your support.

## FOURTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of JULY 08—JULY 14, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. JULY 08	10:00	Severa Abrajano+	Abrajano & Crisologo Families
	12:00	Isabel L. Manuel+	Lena & Paul Balatbat
Mon. JULY 09	9:30	Ethel & Elaine Cortez (Living)	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	John V & Helen Breen Moore+	
Tue. JULY 10	9:30	Pauline Schweitzer+	Paula Schweitzer
	11:45	Dong Suk Joseph Chung+ & Duck Ho Maria Kim (L)	Ingoo Yoon
Wed. JULY 11	9:30	Mr. Robert McConnell+	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv)	Mariana Cho
Thurs. JULY 12	9:30	John V. Moore	
	11:45	Joseph A. Mulheren Jr+ & Mary Jane Mulheren+	Barbara Mulheren & Family
Fri. JULY 13	9:30	Ana Miguel Dumlaio+	Rosanne
	11:45	Rose & Larry+ and Ann Kurpiel+	Michelle Supper
Sat. JULY 14	9:30	Leoncio & Cecilia Gonzales	
	11:45	Wansik Pio Yoon (Liv) & Sook Hee Josephina Kim (Liv)	Ingoo Yoon

**THANK YOU** to our community that made the 4th of July celebration here at the Mission possible. We all had a wonderful time.

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Ezekiel 2:2-5

Whether they listen or not, the rebels will know there is a prophet among them.

### Second Reading 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

It is when he is weak that Paul is strong, through the grace of Christ dwelling in him.

### Gospel Mark 6:1-6

Jesus is amazed at people's lack of faith.

## **“My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.”**

When you are given a difficult task, you also will be given the graces needed to do the job. In the first reading, Prophet Ezekiel says, “As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered into me and set me on my feet . . .” and then he receives his assignment—a very tough one. (Read the 1st reading again.)

Regarding the tough assignment . . . did you think that was just for a prophet who lived a long time ago? Do you know that you also are a prophet? By your Baptism, you share in Christ’s role of Priest, Prophet and King. In Baptism, you were anointed with oil (as were priests, prophets and kings in the Old Testament) as you began your life’s mission in the mystical Body of Christ. What does it mean for a Baptized person to be a prophet? A person is a prophet in the measure he or she bears the truth of God.

In the 2nd reading, Paul, who is doing well in his mission (he says he has an abundance of revelations) mentions some serious difficulty he is experiencing. He doesn’t say what it is, but he begs the Lord three times that it might leave him. The Lord’s response to him: “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” Paul really understands, to the point that now he can boast gladly of his weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in him. He is content with “weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions and constraints for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong.” In our humanness, we often fail, are sinful and in need of Christ’s Spirit to do what is right and good. We can’t do it ourselves. Being humble, which is being truthful and knowing our need for God’s Holy Spirit, opens the way for God to work in our lives.

In today’s Gospel, we read, “A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and among his own kin and in his own house.” Jesus was “amazed at their lack of faith.” They thought they knew him, because he grew up in their midst. This is a challenge for all of us. With the Holy Spirit working in us, there are unlimited possibilities for God to act in us. Can we give the people we know a chance to become all that they are being called to be, and not limit them to our preconceived ideas about them?

Despite the many challenges and difficulties, we are called to be prophets—people who speak for God, not just in words, but by the way we live.

-Theresa Hicks

### **CHAPEL RENOVATION**

The carpet work in our Chapel is done and in a few days time, the pad kneelers will be replaced.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

**Please consider making a donation for our Chapel.**

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**SMA GALA NIGHT**, Friday,  
September 21.

See flyers for details.