



Society of African Missions

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Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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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: \$1,236.00

Thank you for your support.

TWENTY– FIRST SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of AUGUST 26 – SEPTEMBER 01, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. AUG 26	10:00	Happy Birthday: Kim M. Neil	
	12:00	Pedro Abrajano+	Abrajano & Crisologo Families
Mon. AUG 27	9:30	Annie Hamill+	Catherine
	11:45	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
Tue. AUG 28	9:30	Colleen Looby+	Grandma
	11:45	Jan Christian Aberde	Rosanne
Wed. AUG 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	Rufino Ambrocio+	Ben & Mely Ramirez
Thurs. AUG 30	9:30	John Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Corazon Castillo+	Rosanne
Fri. AUG 31	9:30	Carmella Ambulo (Liv)	Rosanne
	11:45	Ann Peltier Broaddus+, Jo Kurpiel, Sr+, Joseph Kurpiel, Jr+	Michelle Supper
Sat. SEP 01	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Zora Hayda+	Mickee Pacia

Today's Readings

First Reading Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18

At Shechem, in central Israel, the assembled people formally renew the covenant and profess total loyalty to the Lord.

Second Reading Ephesians 5:21-32

Paul urges that the relationships within marriage should reflect the love that Christ has for his Church.

Gospel John 6:60-69

Some disciples reject Jesus' teaching, but Peter, spokesman for the Twelve, boldly declares: "Lord, who [apart from you] shall we go to?"

Please Join us to celebrate

the feast of the first
 Filipino saint

SAINT LORENZO RUIZ

Novena

SEPTEMBER 2, 2018

After the 12 Noon Mass

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Gospel Teaching

The Gospel, too, centres on a choice. In recent weeks we've heard Jesus talking about the importance of faith, which brings us into closest union with him. Last week he spoke plainly about the Eucharist, ending with the words: "anyone who eats this bread will live for ever". This is crunch time; it's all too much for some of his hearers. "This is intolerable language," they say. "How could anyone accept it?"

Jesus agrees: it isn't easy to accept such a claim; in fact, without the help of the Holy Spirit, it would be impossible. But he doesn't go back on what he's said, not even when – and this is one of the saddest sentences in the Gospels – "many of his disciples left him". He takes back nothing. Incredibly, he goes further; he turns to the Twelve and asks, "What about you, do you want to go away too?" He knows he could lose his closest friends over his teaching about the Eucharist.

Peter has a wonderful response: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe." He and the other apostles cannot understand, any more than the other folk could, how Jesus will do what he says, how he will give himself to us in the Eucharist, but their faith tells them that he has the message of eternal life. They trust him: they choose God; they choose eternal life.

Application

There is a sense in which that Gospel story becomes a reality at Mass. As each one of us comes to communion, the priest or minister holds up the host and says: "The Body of Christ". All we see is a wafer of bread; that's what it will taste and feel like. And yet, as we look at the host, we say, "Amen". A tiny word, so tiny that it's easy to mumble it without a second thought; and yet it's full of meaning. It comes from a Hebrew root that suggests solidity and strength. It is our "Yes", our act of faith. We believe this is the body of Christ: the same Christ who once walked the roads of Palestine; the Christ who healed the sick and comforted the rejected; the Christ who kept people spellbound when he spoke; the Christ who died for us on a cross; the Christ who rose again in glory. The Eucharist is above all the sacrament of faith, and faith is more than simply saying, "I believe"; it's total commitment to Jesus. Our "Amen" is like Peter's declaration: "Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life." We are making a decisive choice: we choose God, we choose life – that fullness of life that God alone can give.

- The Living Word

SMA GALA NIGHT AT THE CLINTON INN OF TENAFLY

Friday, **September 21, 2018** - TICKETS AVAILABLE

Also RAFFLE TICKETS (\$10, each)

FOUR CHANCES TO WIN—4 GIFT CARDS \$500 EACH