



Society of African Missions

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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: \$913.00

Thank you for your support.

TWENTY– FOURTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of SEPTEMBER 16 – SEPTEMBER 22, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. SEP 16	10:00	Isabel L. Manuel+	Lena & Paul Balatbat
	12:00	Emma & Reinhard Tietjen+	Family
Mon. SEP 17	9:30	James McGoldrick+	
	11:45	Henryk Michalowski+	Richard / Lydia
Tue. SEP 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Rowena Refol (Birthday)	Josefina Martinez
Wed. SEP 19	9:30	Abitante & Falotico Families+	
	11:45	Laura & Virgil Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. SEP 20	9:30	The LoCasto Family Deceased Members	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Justin Lamorena+	Family
Fri. SEP 21	9:30	Lorrie Price (Deceased Member+)	Diane / Mike Bruno
	11:45	Bill Tobias (Deceased Member+)	Mae / Jack Kenny
Sat. SEP 22	9:30	Anna Lee (Liv)	Mother
	11:45	Jose, Tom & Amala Family. Family tree Departed Souls	Tom Jose

MEMORIAL DONATION

The Bread and Wine, Sanctuary and Altar Candles, this week, are offered in memory of James Canino by Babe and Joe.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:5-9

To carry the cross is not to be weak but to be strong.

Second Reading James 2:14-18

Good works come from faith, like heat comes from fire.

Gospel Mark 8:27-35

It is only by his death and resurrection that Jesus can show who he really is.

The humility of Christ

On this twenty fourth Sunday, we honor Christ the son of God who humbly accepted the will of God by generously accepting to carry his cross. Our first reading for this week from Isaiah is one of the “Suffering Servant Songs.” It is the prophecies about Jesus Christ the messiah. He was not rebellious but, on the contrary, was willing to do the Father’s will by proclaiming and securing salvation for humanity. Christ proved his love for us and, faith in his father by willingly accepting suffering and death.

Our second reading is a challenge to each one of us to be practical Christians as Christ was. It presents us with the reality of what it actually means to be a true Christian. James reminds us that: “Faith without good work is dead or useless.” While reflecting over today’s message I recalled these words of Jennifer López while appealing for charity on behalf of sick children. She says: “Miracles do not come easily...behind every miracle there is a generous and charitable heart.” This generous and charitable heart is a heart of practical faith in action. So, God needs our prayer, faith as well as our practical actions in order to achieve the next miracle for others. Christ proved his love for us by being practical. He prayed and also offered his life for us on the cross. This is practical Christianity that speaks volumes.

In our gospel today Jesus was confirming the prophecy of Isaiah before Peter interrupted him. Jesus knew that this was the will of God for him and was willing to show his practical love for humanity. So, as the Suffering Servant and Messiah, his core mission was to redeem humanity through his own suffering and death. However, Peter did not understand this. Peter’s case today is a typical example of how a godly and spiritual person could be manipulated in order to stand against the will of God. Jesus does not mean that Peter was a devil, but he rebuked the voice that spoke through him.

A few moments before, Peter identified Christ as the son of God by the power of the Holy Spirit. The next moment he was used by Satan in order to oppose God’s will. There are two reasons for this. First, Peter could not believe that Jesus could descend so low as to allow himself be killed by human beings. Second, Peter set his mind on what he will lose should this happen. He thought he will lose his position in the earthly kingdom which they thought Christ had come to establish. So he did not want to hear Christ talk about suffering and death now. However, he did not know he was standing against the will of God.

Like most of us today, Peter knew who Jesus was but was not ready to accept the reality that faced him. He wanted the crown but denies the cross that must come before it. Like Peter, most times we do not want to face the realities of our life. Rather, we want to deny them. We only want to hear that there will be no problems or difficulties in life. We want to reduce or run away from our cross and yet, we want to follow Christ. My dear friends practical Christianity means faith in action. It means accepting to carry our cross humbly and patiently while relying on the same grace that helped Christ. It is by carrying his cross and, dying on it that Christ demonstrated his practical love, charity, generosity and faith in action for us. So, he wants us to do the same. This is why he tells us today: “If anyone wants to be my follower...let him carry his cross and follow me...Anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for the sake of the gospel will save it.” The good news is our crosses will not last forever, but will definitely end up in triumph.

Fr. Anthony Korir



Friday, September 21, 2018 - 7:00pm

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