



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: \$1,031.00

Thank you for your support.

TWENTY– SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of SEPTEMBER 30 – OCTOBER 06, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. SEP 30	10:00	Theresa Corcoran +	Diane & Mike Bruno
	12:00	Anna & Giuseppe Pastore	Pastore Family
Mon. OCT 01	9:30	Gerald & Jannet Williams +	Veronica McDonagh
	11:45	Sister Nora Lohan (+)	Sister Agnes/Sister Hellene
Tue. OCT 02	9:30	Bert Looby+	Looby Family
	11:45	Rosario Ambulo+	Rosanne
Wed. OCT 03	9:30	Joseph Abitante+	
	11:45	Helen Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Thurs. OCT 04	9:30	Vincent Haggerty+	Bob & Kathy Jaeger
	11:45	Sister Margaret (+)	Sister Agnes/Sister Hellene
Fri. OCT 05	9:30	Special Intentions: Neill, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever, Lukchis Families	
Sat. OCT 06	9:30	Special Intentions: Neill, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Jose, Tom & Amala Family receiving announment, spirit, Holyness	

We extend our deepest condolences to the Armbruster Family and friends on the dead of Robert Armbruster of Bergenfield. A long-time friend of the SMA.

He died September 23, 2018

May He Rest in Peace.

Today's Readings

First Reading Numbers 11:25-29

Joshua's misplaced zeal manifests itself in jealousy of others who prophesy without permission. Moses says he wishes all God's people could prophesy.

Second Reading James 5:1-6

"An answer for the rich," says James in this letter. Those he seems to have in mind are those who are focused on themselves and what they have earned.

Gospel Mark 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

There is no room for jealousy in discipleship. Those who follow Jesus are called to recognise the giftedness of others.

God has no favorite

Today, our first reading and gospel have a lot in common. Both are manifestations of the fact that God has no favorite (Act 10, 34). He chooses and uses those that please him for his mission. It also proves that the Spirit of God is the one that empowers to do good. In both readings, we see men outside the “camp and the group of disciples” prophesying and preaching in the power of the Holy Spirit; and casting out devils in the name of Jesus respectively. We also see the zealous and envious disciples getting afraid and worried. Being afraid for their own positions and the authority of their masters, they made efforts to stop them from participating in the ministry and mission of God.

In both cases, Moses and Jesus refused to yield to the fears and request of their disciples. This is because, it is in line with the will of God that all men should receive the spirit of God and be motivated to do good works. This good work includes, prophesying and preaching the good news of the kingdom of God. This was why Moses responded: “...If only the whole people of the Lord were prophets and, the Lord gave his Spirit to them all.” And Jesus told his disciples: “You must not stop him; No one who works a miracle in my name is likely to speak evil of me...” So, for both Moses and Jesus, it was a good development. Their responses to their disciples simply show that they were opposed to the spirit of envy over the gifts of others. It also shows how modest and meek their hearts are.

Today, James warns us against oppression, suppressions and injustices of all kinds against the weak, the poor and those who do not belong to our, group, fold or class. Rather than oppress and suppress them, we should build and, help them to grow up physically and spiritually. We should not strangle the true spirit of God at work in others due to envy or by being overzealous. Doing this means being unjust like the oppressive rich that James condemned in today’s second reading. Rather, we should be messengers of justice, peace, progress, charity, mercy and compassion. This is what the Holy Father Pope Francis is calling all Christians and Catholics at all levels of faith to do.

Rather than oppress and suppress others and their gifts, we should do everything possible to uplift their human dignity. To do this we must be open and docile to the spirit of God. Like the disciples of both Moses and Jesus in our readings today, while being zealous in God’s work, we must avoid the fear of losing our positions or authority. We must also avoid envy which moves us to try to suppress God’s gift to others. Instead, we should read the signs of the times and allow God to be God in his people.

Finally, another important lesson we must learn today is that God works in mysterious ways and does not reason like us humans. Hence, he tells us through the prophet Isaiah: “My ways are not your ways, and my thoughts are not your thoughts. Just as the heavens are higher than the sky so are my thoughts and my ways higher than yours” (Isaiah 55, 8-9). This is simply to say that by allowing his spirit to operate in those outside the camp of Moses and the disciples of Jesus, God sees much better than us humans. He chooses whoever he wants and empowers him or her for his mission. Also, it is his desire that all of us his children be filled with his spirit in order to work for the establishment of His Kingdom in all hearts.

Fr. Anthony Korir

**SAVE THE
DATE**

LIVING ROSARY

Sunday, October 14, 2018 at 3 pm

SMA Chapel, 23 Bliss Avenue, Tenafly, NJ 07670

(Assembly 2:30 pm at the SMA Museum-Chapel Entrance)

Coordinator Carol Dumlao/SMA CHOIR