



Society of African Missions

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

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

Weekdays & Holy Days

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

Christmas & New Year's Day

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

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
551-449-4357

Sunday Collections:

11/25/2018: \$2,148.00

Thank you for your support.

MEMORIAL DONATION

This week the Bread and
Wine are offered in
memory of James Reinzi
by Ann Basules.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses for the week of DECEMBER 02 – DECEMBER 08, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Dec. 2	10:00	James Reinzi+	Ann Basules / Basules Family
	12:00	Mauricia Bontuyan+	Labay Family
Mon. Dec. 3	9:30	Barbara Toledo	
	11:45	Buenafior Labay (Liv)	Labay Family
Tue. Dec. 4	9:30	Ernesto Ascrate (Liv)	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Benjamin Ramirez, Sr+	Ben & Mely Ramirez
Wed. Dec. 5	9:30	Paddy Murphy+ & Margaret Murphy+	Mike Murphy
	11:45	Laura & Virgil Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Dec. 6	9:30	Phil Buffa+ Birthday	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Theresa Tietjen+	Family
Fri. Dec. 7	9:30	Special Intentions: Neill, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever, Lukchis Families	
Sat. Dec. 8	9:30	Juliana Lee (Liv) Birthday	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	11:45	"SMA - FOUNDATION DAY"	

Local Superior:

Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

Provincial Superior:

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

Today's Readings - (YEAR-C)

First Reading Jeremiah 33:14-16

The prophet tells the people that the Lord will fulfil the promise he made to the House of Israel.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

St Paul urges his readers to make more and more progress in the kind of life that they are meant to live.

Gospel Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus calls his disciples to stand erect and hold their heads high, because liberation is near at hand.

‘O Come, Emmanuel’

I wonder how often we attend to the words of the hymn ‘O Come Emmanuel.’ They are simple and profound. The hymn continues, ‘...Ransom captive Israel that mourns in lonely exile here; until the Son of God appear.’ In its simplicity, these words should stir up two (2) stark realities that are so very evident today: The first is a recognition that we cannot do it alone; that we are all living in the captivity of our sins, in the chains of addictions, under the weight of brokenness in our relationships, constant distrust, an ocean of hurts and in many cases, we are tied and bound because of unforgiveness. The second, only Jesus Christ can save us. Thus, the Advent season becomes one of waiting for the healing touch and saving presence of Jesus our Lord.

Our culture is so predicated on auto-salvation, that is to say, “I can save myself.” We clearly see it through government reforms (financial or political), we see it in the ‘better eating’ programs and the myriad of fitness regimes guaranteeing transformation. Because we are a fast-moving people, with great difficulty slowing down, we tend to take matters in our own hands. Whatever the human or material means, we can fall into the mindset that “I can save myself.”

The season of Advent boldly and dramatically says “No, you can’t save yourself!” Advent is meant to be unsettling, it is meant to throw us off our routine and to give us a wake-up call in order to experience deeper conversion. Conversion is making a decision for God, God who chose to come to us first. And the reason why He chose to come is because He knows that we cannot save ourselves. Jesus wants to save us, He longs to heal us; He seeks to free us and instill in us a peace and security that no person on this earth can offer.

The prophet Jeremiah today speaks of the coming of the promised Messiah, “the just shoot” who like a root springing forth from a tree, will bring lasting security to God’s people. That security, that peace, is found only in Jesus who comes to us in His way and in His own time. So, we technically should be living each day of our lives in a perpetual Advent.

We have to learn to put ourselves in God’s way and time. Patience is good for us. Change is too. In this beautiful season of preparation for the birth of Jesus our Savior, let us admit our helplessness and turn our lives over completely to Jesus. Let it be a time for deeper conversion. Make use of the sacrament of Confession, maybe fast for a special grace. But above all, make room in our hearts for the Savior to come and liberate us from this world’s captivity and restore us and give us a deep Divine peace.

-Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA

Saturday, December 8, 2018

**The Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary.**

Holy Day of Obligation.

Masses 8:00, 9:30 and 11:45am

Next Saturday, December 8, 2018

SMA Foundation Day (162nd Birthday)

Join us at 11:45am Mass, for a

COMMISSIONING AND SENDING CEREMONY

**For Fr. Dongjin Jun (Steve), Deacon Richard Benner,
Mrs. Donna Benner, and Mr. Joseph Worthington.**

They have been assigned to Tanzania, Kenya and Ghana.