



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

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: \$1,042.00

Thank you for your support.

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of FEBRUARY 24 – MARCH 02, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Feb. 24	10:00	Helen Jaeger+	Kathleen Jaeger
	12:00	Jessica Lee (Liv) Birthday	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
Mon. Feb. 25	9:30	Robert Murphy+	Susan Doonan Murphy
	11:45	Flora Petines Bereck, Special Intentions	
Tue. Feb. 26	9:30	Holy Souls	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Emilia Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Wed. Feb. 27	9:30	Mary E. Martins (Birthday)	Sister
	11:45	Stefania Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. Feb. 28	9:30	Maria Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Anna/Isadore Tudy+	Rosemary & Stephane Micklas
Fri. Mar. 01	9:30	Special Intention: Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Ann Kurpiel+ & Michael Supper (Liv)	Michelle Supper
Sat. Mar. 02	9:30	Special Intention: Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intention: Stoever & Lukchis Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading 1 Samuel 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23

David shows mercy to Saul and so proves his uprightness of spirit.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Paul explains how we earthly creatures can become heavenly through Christ Jesus.

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Jesus shows us how love is a power, not a weakness.

LENTEN RETREAT

Theme: JOEL 2:13

Fr Patrick Kroteh

Saturday, March 9

9am—11:45am

The Mission's Hall

Gospel Teaching

When Jesus started out on his preaching career in the years before his trial and suffering, he gave people this strange teaching about love for enemies. It is an amazing and arresting teaching. It stops us in our tracks. It is very appealing, attractive and beguiling even, but is it for real? Can it possibly be done? In little things we find it easy to forgive one another, to forgive those we love, but to be kind to our enemies seems to be beyond our abilities. Why should we be good to those who hate or hurt us?

The answer is because the Lord is asking us to become something very different. We are being asked to become children of the living God. We cannot presume to be God's children if we do not listen to what the Lord is asking us to do. God is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. We are being asked to be like this, to be like God. We are not being asked to give in to others or to their wickedness. Remember Jesus and the man who struck him in the face. All wrongdoing must be unmasked, challenged and addressed. It does not do to let wrongdoing go unchecked. The work of justice is vital for us all. But justice is only the beginning of the healing work that is needed.

Application

If someone commits murder, that person must be brought to justice and put in prison; in some countries the murderer may face the death penalty. We may hear people say that they hope the offender will "rot in jail" and then in hell. But the Lord would seek something better than this. The Lord would seek for the sinner to repent and for those who can to help in the work of rehabilitation, of bringing a person back to life.

For loved ones who have been wickedly hurt by the actions of others, the pain of loss can bring on the even worse suffering of unending hatred or deep depression. For example, so many lives are blighted by the loss of loved ones in car crashes. Some of these events are tragic accidents; but others are the result of human carelessness. By ourselves these traumas are too great for us to bear. We need God's grace to help us cope with the evils that are done under the sun. We are not meant simply to let things go. We are to name the wrongs that are done, just as Jesus asked the servant to justify his violent behaviour. In the end Jesus was put on a cross and prayed that people be forgiven because they do not understand the terrible things they do. A soldier listening nearby was moved to utter, "In truth this man was a son of God." Compassion is the power that heals.

-The Living Word



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Joyfully announces the Transitional Diaconate Ordination of
Michael P. Bova

Saturday, March 2, 2019 - St Anthony's Chapel - 11:45am Mass