



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: \$1,226.00

Thank you for your support.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of FEB 18—FEB 24, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Feb. 18	10:00	Dorothy Stimpfel+	Breda & Benny Walsh
	12:00	Augustine Pania Andaya+ & Jose Samuel Esdras+	Linda Rubio
Mon. Feb. 19	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Lorraine Logerfo (Living)	Caron
Tue. Feb. 20	9:30	Bridget Twomey+	Neary Family
	11:45	Lorraine Logerfo (Living)	Caron
Wed. Feb. 21	9:30	Bill Moran+ (Anniv. of death)	Jennie Moran
	11:45	Brother Gobin (Living)	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Feb. 22	9:30	Christopher & Alexa Cortez (Spec.Int)	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Ann Lee (Living)	Mother
Fri. Feb. 23	9:30	Mary & Joseph Falotico+	
	11:45	Pio Lee (Living)	Mother
Sat. Feb. 24	9:30	Margaret Harten+	Winnie Grealish
	11:45	Helen Jaeger+	Bob & Kathy Jaeger

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

God gives us the rainbow as a sign of God's everlasting covenant with humankind.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

God's will is to save us all. Baptism is God's pledge to us of this desire.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

After being tempted in the wilderness by Satan, Jesus begins his proclamation of the Good News from God.

Ballroom and Line Dance!

Every Tuesday at 7:30pm

SMA Hall. Admission \$5

Stations of the Cross

every Friday

@ 7:00PM

“Repent, and believe in the gospel”

Lent again, and we are invited to meditate upon Jesus’ Passion, death and resurrection and it is the center of our belief, who we are and what we stand for. God, through His Church, invites us to make a new covenant with him once again, after our failures, trials and tribulations, through the sacrament of repentance. And that is why Jesus’ words are very important, “This is the time of fulfilment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel” (Mk1: 15).

Repent and believe in the gospel summarizes the whole message of Jesus. The first one is to ‘Repent’, which means regret, apologize, atone, be sorry and ask forgiveness. It means to recognize the evil ways and turn away from them. If we are looking for a special way to celebrate Lent this year, we could do no better than to use this Lenten season as an opportunity to rediscover the power and peace of the sacrament of reconciliation. Salvation is possible for those who make covenant with God by repentance and separate themselves from evil. In that way, Lent could be a time of testing our attitudes, values, concerns, and life goals, testing not with a view to pass or fail, but to improve ourselves. Like St. Paul, we should know that God will never allow us to be tempted beyond our strength (1 Cor10: 13). No matter what kind of persons we are and how many times we broke God’s covenant, the season of Lent, once again offers us an opportunity to leave our past behind and start new life again.

Jesus’ second instruction is to ‘believe in the gospel’. This means to believe that Jesus is the son of God and that he came to save us. It means to seek out Jesus, especially in the sacrament of reconciliation, and to receive His forgiveness and healing. But the danger here is that many people do not recognize Jesus as Saviour and His mercy, because they do not recognize themselves as sinners. Then, why did Jesus die on the cross for our sins, if we had not sinned? That is why, we need to be humble to admit that we are sinners, and acknowledge our sinfulness and accept Jesus as our personal Saviour and turn to Him for our salvation. Therefore, the sacrament of the reconciliation marks the birth of a new person.

St. Paul would certainly help us to recognize our weakness and sinfulness: “I do not understand what I do; for I don’t do what I would like to do, but instead I do what I hate...for even though the desire to do good is in me, I am not able to do it. I don’t do the good I want to do; instead, I do the evil that I do not want to do...what an unhappy man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is taking me to death? Thanks be to God...Jesus Christ, who saved me” (Romans7: 15-25).

Fr. Anbu Kumar

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CAMPAIGN!**

Envelopes available outside on the board.
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SAVE THE DATES!

FEBRUARY 24

Talk by Fr ANBU KUMAR, SMA
Time: 10:00 AM SMA HALL
Confessions: 11:00 AM—11:45 AM
Eucharist: 11:45 AM SMA CHAPEL

MARCH 10

Mass in Honor of St. Patrick
11:45 AM SMA CHAPEL