



# Society of African Missions

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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

## 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: \$1,749.00

Thank you for your support.

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Masses for the week of MAR 11—MAR 17, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Mar. 11	10:00	Adeline Fantozzi+	Mary Fischbach
	12:00	Joseph A. Mulheren Sr+	Barbara Mulheren & Family
Mon. Mar. 12	9:30	Ambrose Cooney+	Martha Paladino
	11:45	M. McGowan (Liv)	Family
Tue. Mar. 13	9:30	Cho Hyung Joon Stephen & Suh IL Ran Veronica (Liv)	In Goo Yoon
	11:45	Tom McGowan (Liv)	Friend
Wed. Mar. 14	9:30	Kathleen Cashin+	Duggan Family
	11:45	Marlene Hauser+	Friends
Thurs. Mar. 15	9:30	Art Conway (Liv)	Breda & Benny Walsh
	11:45	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
Fri. Mar. 16	9:30	Patrick Neary, Sr & Jr	Neary Family
	11:45	Mamerto Ambrosio+	Ben & Mely
Sat. Mar. 17	9:30	Fr. Ramon Treanor+	Catherine
	11:45	Happy Birthday Karen T. Forgrave	

## Today's Readings

### First Reading 2 Chronicles 36:14-16. 19-23

Despite the rejection of God by the leaders of the people, God engineers their return after exile through the unexpected agency of the Persian king, Cyrus.

### Second Reading Ephesians 2:4-10

God's love is so great that even when we were dead through our sins, God brought us to life in Christ.

### Gospel John 3:14-21

A simple statement says so much: "God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son."



**Stations of the Cross**  
**every Friday**  
**@ 7:00PM**

# By Grace You Have Been Saved

In our advanced, western, highly technological world, we like to think we are independent and we can do things, marvellous things by ourselves. The second reading from Ephesians 2:4-10 addresses the reality that “God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love He has for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ. By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from our works, so no one may boast.” “God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world but that the world might be saved through Him. The light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light . . .”

The Gospel today calls us to look at ourselves and see if we are choosing the light or prefer darkness. Of course, it seems obvious, that there is only one right answer: Choose the light, believe in Jesus and live the truth. We do live in this passing world and are often influenced, bombarded, by the cultural norms promoting power, pleasure, possessions and security. Following Jesus, is counter-cultural. Is the darkness then something insidious, that we don't even realize we have bought into it? We like being in control of our lives, our future, our dreams . . . But are we really in control of anything? It takes only one sickness, one fall, one natural disaster to realize we are not in charge. In those moments, we realize how much we need God.

In those moments too, we realize how God works through His people. When Hurricane Harvey came to Texas and Louisiana last year, it was terrible to see the destruction, but wonderful to see how the people did everything possible to rescue those trapped in their homes amid the rising flood waters, before it was too late. We saw the love of God in action. They worked tirelessly for days for the good of their brothers and sisters, saving lives until outside rescue teams were able to come into the area. Such service and dedication were a powerful witness to God's love and a shining light to all. The sacredness of life and the importance of each person was the priority. Often in crisis times (war, or natural disasters), people lose everything, but are so grateful to God that they and their loved ones are alive and safe. They have what really matters to them! This fourth week of Lent, let us enter daily into prayer, thanking God for His life within us and in all our brothers and sisters, and for all He has done to save us from our transgressions, “He brought us to life with Christ, by grace you have been saved through faith . . .”

Theresa Hicks

**SMA LENTEN**  
**“Soup and Bread Supper”**  
**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28:**  
**Prayer, Repentance and Almsgiving**

6:30 pm Reflection and Evening Prayer  
7:00 pm Soup and Bread  
7:45 pm Confessions for those who wish

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## **SMA CHAPEL**

### **CAMPAIGN**

Your help is essential in achieving this goal!

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