



# Society of African Missions

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Local Superior:

Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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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

### 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:

12/30/2018 \$1,520.00

01/01/2019 \$ 958.00

Thank you for your support.

**Altar Bread & Wine,  
is offered for the  
memory of  
Linda Rivera  
by the Family**

## THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of JANUARY 06 – JANUARY 12, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Jan. 06	10:00	Elena Van Poznak+	Morelli & Van Poznak Family
	12:00	Conrad Bingfelix+ & Augustin Pania Andaya+	Erlinda P. Rubio
Mon. Jan. 07	9:30	Richard Averso+	Mildred & Larry Fleming
	11:45	Ramon Ambulo+	Rosanne
Tue. Jan. 08	9:30	Slezak Family+	
	11:45	Nancy Wilson+	Mary H. Fischbach
Wed. Jan. 09	9:30	Catherine Hammill+	Mildred & Larry Fleming
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Diane & Mike Bruno
Thurs. Jan. 10	9:30	Rose Iacullo+ (Death Anniversary)	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Louis Vierno+	
Fri. Jan. 11	9:30	Ann Quirke+	Duggan Family
	11:45	Mary Quinn+	Angela Hickey
Sat. Jan. 12	9:30	Fe. G. Tolentino+	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Dawn+	Mr. & Mrs. Emil Morin

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The prophet sees the radiant light of God shining forth and foresees people from all over the world paying homage with their precious gifts.

### Second Reading Ephesians 3:2-3. 5-6

Paul has grasped the fact that in Christ Jesus we all share the inheritance of God's promises.

### Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The wise men represent us all, and their symbolic gifts enable Matthew to explain this manifestation of God: Christ is priest, prophet and king.

# Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

What does the Epiphany of the Lord mean for each of us? We are celebrating the revelation of God becoming incarnate in Jesus Christ: “The Word became flesh and dwelt among us.” Jesus shares fully in our humanity, so that we might share fully in his divinity.

Epiphany (from a Greek word meaning “appearance” or “revelation”) is linked to the visit of the Magi—three Gentile wise men who travelled from the ends of the earth, following the star of the newborn King. “Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, wise men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, ‘Where is he who has been born king of the Jews? For we saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.’ And behold, the star that they had seen when it rose went before them until it came to rest over the place where the child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh” (*Matt 2:1-2,9-11*). They knew that Baby Jesus was a Great King.

In the second reading today, from the letter to the Ephesians, Paul says “it was revealed by the Holy Spirit: that the Gentiles are coheirs, members of the same body and copartners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel.” This is really Good News for us (most of us are Gentiles)! Through the Magi, Jesus Christ revealed himself to the Gentiles and we are reminded that Christ came to save all people. Salvation is for All.

In the Gospel, we see that there is a worried King Herod. He asks, who is this new king? He wants to destroy this new threat to his power. Worldly power is very corrupting. Herod pretends he wants to do homage, but we know he wants to do the ultimate evil—kill the new Baby King to save his position. Earthly power is fragile and prone to error. When power is misused or abused, people suffer. In today’s world, people kill to keep their power. We may not be kings, but most of us have some kind of power. How do we handle the power that has been entrusted to us?

God is love. The real power that can transform lives and terrible situations is love. Jesus, the Son of God, enters our human history—humble, vulnerable and available to all. He becomes one of us, so He can lead us back to His Father. He shows us the tremendous love and compassion of God by His life, words and deeds. The Father shows his infinite and unconditional love for us by sending His Son into our world to save us.

-Theresa Hicks

**Thank you** so much to everyone who took part of the Christmas and New Year’s celebrations. Thank you for all the messages, goodies and generous donations you sent to us. May God continue to bless you all.

**Knights Of Columbus — St. John’s Council No, 1345.**  
45<sup>th</sup> Washington D.C. March for Life Bus Rally  
**Friday, January 18, 2019.** To RSVP please call 201-387-7187—914-343-5508. See Flyers.

## God’s Mercy is here! A Holy Hour for Healing



*“There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us.”*

St John Vianney

Please join us for a powerful holy hour of praise, worship and healing.

**Saturday evening  
January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 8pm**

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