



Society of African Missions

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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

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: \$1,247.00

Thank you for your support.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of FEBRUARY 10 – FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Feb. 10	10:00	Assoero/Laura Passarelli	Enrico/Filomena Salituro
	12:00	Gino Pico+	Sister and Nephew
Mon. Feb. 11	9:30	Rose/Joseph Abitante +	
	11:45	Robert Murphy & Robert McDermott+	Susan Doonan Murphy
Tue. Feb. 12	9:30	Willie Maher+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	James Daniel (Liv)	
Wed. Feb. 13	9:30	Memory of Joseph Choi+	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Jim Higgins+	Diane/Mike Bruno
Thurs. Feb. 14	9:30	Catherine Doonan Moseley+& Gerald Doonan+	Susan Doonan Murphy
	11:45	Mildred and George Zweisdak+	Rosemary & Stephanie Micklas
Fri. Feb. 15	9:30	Louis Vierno+	
	11:45	Linda Rivera+	The Family
Sat. Feb. 16	9:30	Una Neary Sheehan+	James Neary
	11:45	Stavros Stavrou+	Chris Cogan

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 6:1-8

Isaiah's initial vision and call.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

"I have handed on to you what I have received..." Paul has continued the process of transmitting the Church's faith in the resurrection of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 5:1-11

A miraculous catch of fish and Peter's profession of unworthiness preface the call of the first of Christ's followers.

God's Mercy is Here!

A Holy Hour for Healing

February 16, 2019

At 8pm

SMA FATHERS CHAPEL

Powerful holy hour of praise,

Worship and healing.

“Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.”

The opening line of today’s second reading from Paul to the community at Corinth is something that flashes across the expanses of time and space to resonate with us in the twenty-first century: “I am reminding you, brothers and sisters, of the gospel I preached to you, which you indeed received and in which you also stand.” Indeed, just as those early Christians were in need of the reminder, we too would do well to recall the gospel that has been preached to us, which we profess to believe.

In a way, the words that follow in Paul’s exhortation are a “return to the basics,” a refresher of sorts to help his audience remember what is most important and at the heart of our faith. This is a profoundly radical message—radical as in its Latin origins: radix meaning “root.” It is easy to be caught up in the many reasonable (and sometimes unreasonable) frustrations we have with the church as institution or our particular society. What should stay at the core or the root of our faith must be the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Each of these three aspects of the Paschal Mystery have to be held together, and each serves as a lens through which to view ourselves and the world around us.

First, the life of Jesus presents us with a pattern of what it means for us to live in accord with God’s will. How Jesus behaved, loved, forgave, healed, and embraced shows us what it means for us to live into our call to be more fully human. This does not mean that Jesus was a pushover or overlooked injustice in his time. Rather, his corrections and admonitions were grounded in a genuine concern for the other, for the community as a whole, and for those most oppressed and marginalized in particular. How we go about working for justice is just as important as the intention in the first place. And Jesus’s life shows us how.

Second, the death of Jesus reveals two important dimensions of our Christian vocation. The first is that doing the will of God will likely “rock the boat” of polite society and unsettle or upset those who benefit most from the systems of oppression and injustice tied to the status quo. We’ve seen this pattern play out in our own time with modern exemplars whose witness (martyrdom) follow closely the footprints of Jesus: Martin Luther King, Jr., Sr. Dorothy Stang, St. Óscar Romero, among others. The second thing is that when faced with the violence that may come our way as a result of following the pattern of gospel living modeled by Jesus, ours is not a call to vengeance or defensiveness to the end. Instead, nonviolent protest requires both standing up for what is right (protest) while resisting the use of violent force that is commonly the expectation in such conflict (nonviolence).

Third, the resurrection of Jesus—a key and repeated theme in Paul’s writings—affirms for us the divine truth that death does not have the last word. While it is scary to face the unknown, we profess belief in “life everlasting” and “the communion of saints.” Paul reminds us that these aspects of our tradition are part of the root of our faith, and that we should not lose sight of that. We have hope that the love of God extends beyond this life and carries us forward into the next, whatever that may entail.

This last point brings us to the Gospel in which we see the earliest followers of Jesus struggling to make sense of the person before them and the power that he seems to exude. It’s a power that is frightening to them, but a power Jesus contextualizes as a gift given to each of us in order to bring our sisters and brothers deeper into the love of God. May we become fishers of women and men, but not in the proselytizing or harsh manner often associated with evangelization. Instead, like Jesus himself, may we become what Pope Francis calls “missionary disciples” (Evangelii Gaudium 120) who bring others to the joy of the Gospel by attraction and not coercive force, by love and not fear.

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We would like to express our sincere condolences to:

Angela Hickey and Family on the passing of her sister, Theresa.

Florence Buonomo and Family on the passing of her daughter, Josephine.

Ann Marie Loughlin and Family on the passing of her son, John.

Rest assured of our prayers.