



Society of African Missions

23 Bliss Avenue
Tenafly, NJ 07670
Phone: 201-567-0450
Visit our website
www.smafathers.org



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

African Art Museum

Open daily. Contact:

Fr. James McConnell

201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Deacon Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

Sunday Collections: \$1,011.00

Thank you for your support.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of JULY 07 – JULY 13, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. July 07	10:00	Kathleen Barbour+	James Neary
	12:00	Glen Pascual (Liv) & Joanne Pat Angelyn (Liv)	Erlinda P. Rubio
Mon. July 08	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Eileen Kenny
	11:45	Eugenia & George Hamantuk+	Marianna Saleh
Tue. July 09	9:30	Ethel/Elaine Cortez (Liv) - Special Intention	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Joanne O'Brien (Liv) - 90th Birthday	Louise Coull
Wed. July 10	9:30	John Loughlin	Nora Blewitt
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. July 11	9:30	Joann O'Brien (Liv) - Special Intention	Louise Coull
	11:45	Sung Choi Family & Mariana (Liv)	Mariana Cho
Fri. July 12	9:30	Lyndsey & Ben Kintop (Liv)	Louise Coull
	11:45	Rose/Larry Peltior+ & Ann Kurpiel+	Michelle Supper
Sat. July 13	9:30	Louise & Kenneth Coull (Liv)	Louise Coull
	11:45	James Patrick Hagan +	Diane & Mike Bruno

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 66:10-14

In the Jerusalem Temple, God promises to comfort the nations, as a mother comforts her child.

Second Reading Galatians 6:14-18

Paul's only boast is that he shares in the cross of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 10:1-12. 17-20

For the returning seventy-two disciples, the good news is that their names are written in heaven.

PRAYERS NEEDED

We need your prayers as we continue our Provincial Assembly 2019.

Illustration

“Catholics have to drive carefully these days,” said the comedian, “they’ve no St Christopher to look after them now.” Yet the legend of Christopher has much to teach us. It tells how Christopher lived by a river and would help travellers to negotiate its dangerous waters. One night he heard a child crying for help. Rushing out, he picked up the little one, hauled him onto his shoulders and began to wade across the river. The further he went, the more hazardous it got and the child seemed to be getting heavier and heavier. Finally, as Christopher lowered his precious burden to the ground, he murmured: “I don’t know how I managed that. It seemed like I was carrying the world on my shoulders.” “No surprise,” said the child, “you were carrying not the world but the maker of the world. I am Jesus Christ.”

The name Christopher means “Christ-bearer” and, by baptism, we are called to be Christ-bearers, charged with the task of taking Christ and his peace into the world. It’s inconceivable that Sir James Simpson, the discoverer of chloroform, would have kept to himself a discovery that was to transform life for so many people. It should be equally inconceivable that Christians would hug the good news of the Gospel to themselves, without any desire to share it with others. In fact, Simpson himself once confessed that his greatest discovery was the realisation “that Jesus Christ is my saviour”.

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel, Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem – and to his death. Time is short; the scale of the work to be done is immense. There’s urgency in his voice as he sends the seventy-two out on their first missionary journey. “Start off now,” he urges. They’re to travel light, waste no words on idle chatter, receive gratefully whatever hospitality is offered, be bearers of God’s peace, give assurance that “the kingdom of God is very near”.

We know very little about them beyond the fact that they are human beings like ourselves and that they respond to Jesus’ call. Incredibly, they, and we if we follow their example, are in a sense continuing what happened at Bethlehem. There, in the incarnation, God’s only Son took upon himself our frail humanity. But with only one short human life to live on this earth, he chose to make himself dependent on the cooperation of other frail human beings – like the seventy-two, and like you and me. We are called not simply to do something for him, but rather to do something in him and with him and through him. Of course, we live in a different world, and what Jesus asked of the seventy-two is not necessarily demanded of us – so there’s no need to be too alarmed at the prospect of “no purse” and “no sandals” – but he is relying upon us just as relied upon them to make him known and loved.

Application

Because our world is already filled with the din of too many words, the first stage of bringing Christ to others will not be more words but rather the silent witness of our lives, lives that reflect Gospel values and Gospel joy. We’re not out to win an argument about Christ but rather to reveal him to others. Carrying Christ into the world can be a costly business – as St Christopher discovered. Jesus says: “I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.” This is no pain-free assignment. St Paul, who knew the cost of preaching the Good News, admits that it was like sharing in the carrying of the cross. If we are to be Christ-bearers, we are called to be men and women of character, disciples who will stick with him because we love him, disciples who have strength – or the humility to realise that we haven’t, and so look to him for help – disciples who realise that how we live during the rest of the week is every bit as important as our coming to Mass on Sunday. And even if our efforts seem unsuccessful, we have in today’s first reading the Lord’s encouraging word: “Like a son [or daughter] ... will I comfort you.”

Only if we are genuine Christophers, only if by our speaking and praying and living we do, in our own measure, carry Christ to our sisters and brothers, only then will we share in that glorious reward promised in the Gospel – the joy of knowing that our names are written in heaven.

-The Living Word

THANK YOU!

Our Lady of Perpetual Help was well attended. Thank you for your support.

We had a great time at our 4th of July BBQ. We all enjoyed your company. Thank you for the goodies and everything you did to make this event enjoyable.

SMA ANNUAL GALA

Friday, September 27, 2019

The Clinton Inn—Tenafly call (201) 567-0450

TICKETS AVAILABLE