



Society of African Missions

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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. Dermot Roache
201-567-0450 Ext. 212

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
Fr. Michael Bova
201-567-0450 Ext. 207

Sunday Collections:

\$1,475.00

Thank you for your support.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JANUARY 19—JANUARY 25, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 19	10:00	Stella Yu (Living)	Carl Zipperle
	12:00	Thomas Klimek+	Dom & Terri Porto
Mon. Jan. 20	9:30	Mary Jackson (Liv.)	McGowans
	11:45	Timothy J O'Connell+	O'Connell Family
Tue. Jan. 21	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Peter Mikulak (Liv.) 15th Birthday	Family
Wed. Jan. 22	9:30	Thoms McGowan (Liv.)	McGowans
	11:45	Jobin Para (Liv.) Special Intentions	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Jan. 23	9:30	Edward T Mullins+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Fri. Jan. 24	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Victor H. & Catherine M. Migliaccio+	Maureen & Dave Rega
Sat. Jan. 25	9:30	Ann Vallen Quilling+ Felicitas Garcia+	Linda Rubio
	11:45	Joseph Choi+	Mariana Cho

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

In this, the second of the "Servant Songs", a mysterious servant is called upon to be a light to the nations.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:1-3

At the start of his first letter to the Corinthians, Paul sends greetings to "the holy people of Jesus Christ".

Gospel John 1:29-34

John the Baptist points to Jesus as the one who "existed before me" and who is to "baptise with the Holy Spirit".

Here I am lord I come to do your will

Jesus carried out with utmost and perfect obedience, the Will of the Father with whom He and the Holy Spirit are One. What this portends is that to be the Chosen One is to be ready to do the Will of God. Then, we must pause to ask ourselves, as one chosen by God, by virtue of our baptism: Am I making any effort to do the Will of God?

The prophet Isaiah says, “Thus says the Lord, I will make you a light to the nations.” God honored his Servant and sealed this honor with a promise and mission: Of course, there is a purpose for this promise, and this is: “So that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth!” There are three basic suppositions that could be taken for granted here about this promise and mission of God to his Servant. The first is that, this Servant is a trusted and tested One. In other words, God has found him worthy and capable. Second, he has accepted the Lord’s message and salvation because one cannot give what one does not have. Third, this Servant will not keep this salvation to himself, He is not selfish. Rather, he will reach out to others in order to let them have a share in this salvation. Jesus will do the will of Him who sent him as the Psalmist says: “Here I am Lord I come to do your Will.” As Christians, we are all chosen and called for one purpose, to do the Will of God. This will is simply to make known the salvation of the Lord and to help establish the kingdom of God in people’s heart. It is to allow the light of Christ with which God endowed and decorated us to shine forth on others. So, today as the church celebrates Jesus Christ the Servant and Chosen One of God who came to do the Father’s Will in perfect obedience, we are equally called to toll his footsteps in doing God’s Will. But first, we must know and equip ourselves with this Will.

Jesus was a Servant and yet, much more than a servant, this informs the reason John the Baptist called him the Lamb, the Chosen One. He is chosen to do the Will of God the Father which is the establishment of the reign and kingdom of God in the world, and in the hearts of men and women. John the Baptist kick started it through his testimony and witness. Both Christ and John the Baptist have played their roles as far as doing the will of God is concerned. So, the rest of the job is ours to continue to spread the kingdom already established.

For us to do the will of God perfectly we need to be in tune with the Holy Spirit. God supplies the grace that we need to do his will while the Holy Spirit supplies the power and the foresight, we need to fulfill our function. If we are in tune with the Holy Spirit as John the Baptist was, he will reveal to us all we need to know and the best way to communicate and make him known to others. To bear witness to Jesus Christ and see him as the Lamb of God, the Chosen One, and Son of God, is only possible through the aid of the Holy Spirit, because: “No one” as the scripture tells us, “can say Jesus is Lord except by the power of the Holy Spirit” (I Cor 12, 3). It is the Spirit of God that helps us in doing the Will of God day by day because, He takes the things about Christ and the Kingdom of his Father and makes it known to us the adopted children of the Father for onward transmission to our brethren’s in real and dare need of salvation. Let us jubilantly shout out to our God and Father as the Psalmist teaches to say: “Hear I am Lord! I come to do your Will.”

Fr Anthony Korir, SMA

SAVE THESE DATES...

St. John's Council #1345

January 26 - Fr. Murray Memorial Dance.

- 12 Noon Mass at the SMA Fathers. Dinner and Dance at the Council Hall—61 Armour Place, Dumont. RSVP REQUIRED at 516-220-9333

or emailing kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com

Saturdays, **February 15 & March 14, 2020**

GOD’S MERCY IS HERE!

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

SMA Chapel — **8PM**