



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:

Dec. 22: \$1,381

Dec. 29: 1,042

Christmas: 8,663

Thank you for your support.

SOLEMNITY OF THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of JANUARY 5—JANUARY 11, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 5	10:00	Romeo Suresca+ Paulina De Leon Reyes+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Conrad Bing Felix+ Pania Augustin Andaya+ & Family	Linda Rubio
Mon. Jan. 6	9:30	Richard Averso+	Millie & Larry Fleming
	11:45	Bridie Frawley (Liv.)	G McGowan
Tue. Jan. 7	9:30	Phyllis McGowan (Liv.)	G. McGowan
	11:45	Nancy Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Wed. Jan. 8	9:30	Rosario Llantada+	Richard & Lydia
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Jan. 9	9:30	Slezak Family+	
	11:45	Elizabeth Morgan+	
Fri. Jan. 10	9:30	Rose Iacullo+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Alexander McGraph+	
Sat. Jan. 11	9:30	Yolanda Davis+	
	11:45	Pauline Schweitzer+	Paula

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 60:1-6

The light of the Lord's glory shines out and draws people from all over the world: they come to worship and to praise the Lord.

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

The writer tells how the non-Jewish nations now share in the same inheritance and promise as the chosen people, through Christ Jesus.

Gospel Matthew 2:1-12

The magi, who represent the Gentile nations, come to Jerusalem as they search for the recently born king of the Jews; they are sent on to Bethlehem, the city of King David.

Beloved, Arise and Shine!

There is no better season to ask one to arise and shine than during this glorious season of the birth of the Messiah and the New Year. This is the best time to call to mind once more the story of the rusty shield which said to the Sun: "Dazzle me!" While the Sun responded: "Polish yourself, and I will dazzle you!" Therefore, this season we must rise and shine because: "In His (Christ's) light we see light" (Ps 36, 9).

The prophet Isaiah enjoins us to: "Arise and Shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you." This glory of the Lord is Christ himself who has come to dwell amongst us. He is the source of all lights in the world. He is like the Sun, the source of all natural and earthly lights. We are called to be like the moon, lenses and mirrors that pick up the light and reflect it without of course diminishing its intensity or brightness. For this to be possible, we must first position ourselves on the same axis with Christ the source of our light and life.

St. Paul makes a very important salvific point. This is the fact that this light which Christ shines upon us does not segregate or discriminate. He writes: "It means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel." Paul simply affirms the scripture which says that God allows his light/rain to fall on both the good and the bad. He allows it upon the good in order to make him better and upon the bad in order to transform him to good.

We are reminded therefore that, Christ revealed himself to us through his stars. So, we are called like the three wise men in to follow and adore him because: "All nations shall fall prostrate before you O Lord!" (Ps 71, 3). However, our worship must be sincere like the Magi's as opposed to the false proposal of king Herod. It must be a genuine worship devoid of deceit. In light of this, we must offer ourselves completely to Him. If we humbly adore and pay our newborn king fitting and sincere homage, our own light and star will equally shine forth and others will see it and search for us in order to pay us homage.

Today, God reveals himself to us because he is good and loving. The light that shines forth upon us today is the light of life. Today the Lord Jesus Christ further extends and expands the horizon of his love to us by not being selfish. Rather, he allows his light to shine on us in order to illumine the darkness of our lives. The lesson today is that as Christ illumines our lives this New Year with his own light and divine presence, we too must pass on the light. Another is that if we must get to our heavenly destination, we must continue to follow the star and light that Christ shows us.

Finally, we must not allow ourselves to be deceived or distracted. Trusting that God will not mislead or misguide us, we must continue to look out for his star and light along the part of our journey to eternity. Any time we are confused or come to the cross-roads of life, we must seek divine guidance and counsel in our lives. Let implore the Lord: Father, guide us with your light. Help us to recognize Christ in the Eucharist and welcome him with love, for he is Lord forever and ever. Amen!

Fr Anthony Korir, SMA

THANK YOU! to those who arranged and prepared the Chapel and the House for the Christmas celebrations. Thanks also to those who sent Christmas cards, messages and goodies for everyone to enjoy the Christmas. With sincere gratitude to all of you who always show us your love and support, especially after the passing of Fr Daniel Lynch, SMA. A special thank you to all those who donated for our Christmas flowers anonymously as well as in memory of the following: Consuelo M & Anastacio G. Nacito, Reynaldo & Victorio Gatal, Zaida Abanilla, Mary & Al Pruzinsky, Nicholas Turro, Josefina & Antonio Pada, Ruth Kane and Linda Bishop Rivera, Manuel Llaguno Sr & Jr., Cresencia, & Luis Martinez, Guillerma & Teofilo Victorino, Corazon Castillo, Elisa & Amado Martinez, Zorahayda & Edmundo, Mary & Jim Higgins, Stella & Madelene, Jack Kenny, Ann & Jack McNamara, Betty & Howie Enders, Jane Jennings, Walter Anderson, Elizabet Garn, Reg & Vincent DeBlasio, Feliciano Guinto, Maria & Catherine, Robert Murphy, Isabel Manuel, Manny Manuel, Buenaventura Manuel, Pauline Schweitzer, Laura & Virgil Costa, Annie Murphy, Margaret & Gerald Connolly, Justin Lamorena & Lutgardo Atienza, Bernie & Mary Brogan, Tom & Toni Powers, Severo and Benita Maduramente, Ramon & Rosario Ambulo, Rosemary Morgan, Gerard Patrick Lee Jr., Jeanette & Ernie Clemente, Angelo & Lucy Cutro, our beloved deceased family and friends, Lee & Richard Aruso, Irene & Patrick Fleming, Edna Atteo, Maria Brady, Marianna McCasidy & Katherine Hamill and the following Families: Zagorda & Colombo, Pada, Lee, DiPaolo & Wesolowski, Eustace, Jung, Mallon, Walsh, Chavez, Botana, Lopez, Viego, Rooney, Flynn and Foself, and all our deceased loved ones.

May the Lord bless you all!