



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: \$1,175

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local Parishes.

**Stations of the Cross:
Fridays during Lent at
7:30pm**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of MARCH 1—MARCH 7, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. March 1	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Peter Quinn Sr.+ 12th Anniversary	Mary Quinn & Family
Mon. March 2	9:30	Michael R Desrochers+	
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Rich & Marilyn
Tue. March 3	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Maria Palmares+	Elinda & Emanuel Palmares
Wed. March 4	9:30	Theresa Hicks (Liv.)	Hanna & Mary Lee
	11:45	Peter Quinn Sr. + Happy Birthday in Heaven	Mary Quinn & Family
Thurs. March 5	9:30	Gerard Sozio+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	John Sullivan+	Mary Lee
Fri. March 6	9:30	Special Intention Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	John & Edward Martin+	John Tietjen
Sat. March 7	9:30	Special Intention Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intention Stoever & Lukchis Families	

Today's Readings

“First Reading *Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7*

A way to lie is to tell people what they want to hear, for pride makes us gullible.

Second Reading *Romans 5:12-19*

Death entered the world through sin; God's life entered the world through Jesus.

Gospel *Matthew 4:1-11*

Friends do not use each other, but if he cannot make us deny God, Satan wishes us to use God, so we will not be friends with God.”

As we begin the first week of Lent, we are invited to make use all our resources either spiritual or human to strengthen our relationship with the Lord. In the Gospel of this first Sunday the Lord said: “The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.” These words of Jesus speak volumes to me. My work as Vocations Director of the SMA Fathers in USA is to discern with people their call for service as missionaries especially in Africa. To worship is to serve Jesus with whatever talents or skills that we might have. I want to share with you how Francesco Andaloro and his wife, are using their skills to change lives in my country Togo.

“After several months of preparation and prayer, working on our project, and seeking to discern what the Lord wants from us, at the end of July 2018 we left for our mission in Kolowarè, Togo.” Thus, begins the story of Francesco Andaloro, a Catholic dentist, who, together with his wife, started the first dental-health mission in the Togolese village.



“The project came from our heart,” explains Andaloro, “after some reflections which arose from a previous experience in the Democratic Republic of Congo and after participating in the ‘School of the Word’ held by the priests of the Society of African Missions (SMA) and Missionary Sisters of Our Lady of the Apostles (OLA).”

“The reception received by the SMA priests and OLA nuns was fantastic and so we developed the details, buying all the equipment that we considered important and necessary and planned the first mission in Kolowarè”, says the Italian dental surgeon.

“Once we arrived on the spot,” he continues, “people came from all the nearby villages and also from the city. We assisted more than 130 people, noting that in people over 30, there is an absolute need for dental care. Above all we noted that there is no form of prevention or education for oral hygiene. Moreover, the population is so poor that most of them cannot afford to pay any kind of treatment.

“During our stay, in addition to treating the patients who presented themselves, we held a small course for nurses at the center on dental prevention, another for children with AIDS. In addition, we also went to Sokodè to visit patients who subsequently came to be treated in Kolowarè”.

The Andaloro’s mission lasted 24 days. The village was founded in 1935 to treat lepers and became an important health center, as well as a point of reference for people suffering with AIDS.

“We have now equipped a dental clinic. The goal is to go at least twice a year to places that will be reported to us by SMA and OLA missionaries”, concluded Dr. Andaloro.

The goal of the project is to create mobile structures able to treat the “poorest of the poor” who live in the mission areas served by the SMA and OLA and to organize information campaigns on dental health and prevention methods.

Fr Julien Esse

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, March 14, 2020

GOD’S MERCY IS HERE!

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

SMA Chapel — 8PM

APRIL 26, 2020

SMA LUNCHEON

After the 12 O'clock Mass. Mission Hall 23 Bliss Ave. Tenafly, NJ 07670

\$25 per person

Memorial Donation.- The Altar Bread and Wine donated this week is in memory of Peter Quinn, Sr. requested by the Quinn Family.