



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
10:00 am; 12 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
11:45 am
Christmas & New Year’s Day
10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact
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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of March 6, 2022 – March 12, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. March 6	10:00	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
	12:00	Gerardo Sozio+	Susan & Bob Iacullo
		Peter Quinn+	Mary Quinn & Family
Mon. March 7	9:30	Teresa Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Ann Costa
Tue. March 8	9:30	Laura & Assoero Passarelli+	Enrico & Filomena Family
	11:45	John Paladino+	
Wed. March 9	9:30	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	11:45	Pricing Buqing+	Linda Rubio
Thurs. March 10	9:30	Cutro & Clemente Families	Maria & Ron Cutro
	11:45	Adeline Fantozzi+	Mary Fischbach
Fri. March 11	9:30	Albert & Helen Fleckenstein+	
	11:45	Joan Kelly+	Cogan Family
Sat. March 12	9:30	Mario Lardizabal (Speedy Recovery)	Mida & Vincent Batac
	11:45	Jack McElrone+	Rich Kane

Today’s Readings: *First Reading Deuteronomy 26:4-10 We are to walk in the ways of God and listen to God’s voice. Second Reading Romans 10:8-13 Paul says that everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*

Gospel Luke 4:1-13 Jesus, like Moses before him, retreats into the wilderness, where he fasts for forty days and rejects the temptations put before him.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS. There will be Stations of the Cross in the Chapel each Friday during Lent at 7:30 pm

LENTEN REFLECTION. There will be short Lenten presentations/reflections on the Saturdays during Lent at 11:15 am before the 11:45 am mass. Mass as usual at 11:45 am.

CONFESSIONS. Starting on the first Saturday of Lent, there will be confessions every Saturday afternoon from 4-5 pm.

First Sunday of Lent Reflection

People tend to forget that, in terms of liturgy, the Lenten season is a time of preparation, specifically a time of preparation for the baptism of those adults that have a new-found faith in Jesus Christ and have asked to come into the Church. For that reason, it is a time of intense catechesis, learning the faith both by imbibing it in words and by learning it in practice, by conforming ourselves to the image of Christ. It need not surprise anyone that it is also a time for “old-time” or “cradle” Catholics themselves to engage in a program of renewed catechesis.

We are all invited to learn our catechism all over again; however, we no longer do this as children; rather we are now people who have seen the human condition, the evil of the world. We have changed and have become cynical: most things that displease God WE now take in stride. When we see the world we live in, we react with indifference, thick skins, and hardened hearts. We just shake our heads and ask ourselves, “What is this world coming to?”

Well, it's not a bad thing to know what the world is really like. There's an advantage to not going around with tinted glasses, trying to transform a broken world into one that has just been created. Too much water has gone under the bridge. All the king's horses and all the king's men ...! Nevertheless, we run the risk of letting this outlook, which I have just outlined, become our own default attitude.

I am of the opinion that, as Christians, we have another response available to us; namely, a renewed catechesis, and the season of Lent is the appropriate time to put that response into gear. What do I mean by a renewed catechesis? Some suggestions: first, take the time to read over the collect for the mass. Also take the time to read over the prefaces for Lent. The focus for the season is encapsulated in these prayers. Second, pray with the readings for the Sundays of Lent, and ask yourself why the Church has chosen to foreground these passages out of the entire Bible? What descriptions do the Gospels use to portray Jesus? What passages from the Old Testament has the Church matched with the Gospel readings and why?

And finally, what would it really mean to say that we are striving to conform ourselves to the image of Jesus? In what way can we see our lives and his along parallel lines? This is where our reflections on the readings can be of great assistance. Do we dare to love as he did?

By Fr. Frank Wright, SMA

MEMORIAL DONATION.- The Altar Bread and Wine are donated this week in memory of Peter Quinn by Mary Quinn and Family.

SYMPATHY.- Our deepest sympathy and prayers to Fr. Julien Esse, SMA and family on the passing of his mother, Mrs. Lokou Marie Esse. She died on February 24, 2022. May the soul of Lokou Marie rest in peace.

The SMA Community is saddened by the death of Robert Koenig. He was a Director of our African Museum for nearly 20 years before he retired. Our prayers are with his family.

May God grant him eternal rest.

