



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
 Fr. Frank Wright
 201-567-0450 Ext 225

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Sunday Collection: \$965

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of March 20, 2022 – March 26, 2022

| Date | Time | Intention | Requested by: |
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| Sun.-Sat. | 8:00 | Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA | |
| Sun. March 20 | 10:00 | Julian Gomez Purificacion+ | Family |
| | 12:00 | Virgil & Laura Costa | Victoria Ann Costa |
| Mon. March 21 | 9:30 | Jack Kenny+ | Mac Kenny & Family |
| | 11:45 | Catherine M. Hamilton+ | Friend |
| Tue. March 22 | 9:30 | Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (liv.) | Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho |
| | 11:45 | Mary Tietjen+ | Family |
| Wed. March 23 | 9:30 | Lauren Widner+ | Martha Di Paolo |
| | 11:45 | Maureen McDonald | Friend |
| Thurs. March 24 | 9:30 | John & Edythe Sheehy+ | |
| | 11:45 | Cutro & Clemente Families | Maria & Ron Cutro |
| Fri. March 25 | 9:30 | Fe Tolentino+ | Erly Cortez |
| | 11:45 | Catherine M. Hamill+ | Friend |
| Sat. March 26 | 9:30 | Tim O’Mahoney+ | Duggan Family |
| | 11:45 | Fr John Robinson+ | Friend |

Today’s Readings: *First Reading Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15*

The Lord hears the cry of his people’s suffering and sends Moses to lead them to the promised land.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12 *Be vigilant in living the life of faith.*

Gospel Luke 13:1-9 *Jesus calls us to repent and patiently waits for our response.*

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.

3rd Lent Reflection

In Lent, we want to know about this God of ours, so let me point out that there's an issue about the very name of God in the first reading from Exodus. Did you notice that? Moses asks God, present in the burning bush, for his name, and God replies in what may seem like a riddle: his answer is translated as "I am who am" or "I am who will be." ... We may be tempted to inquire, "And who is this God when he's at home?" What's his real name?

As I have pointed out, this question is very much a part of our Lenten journey. Why? Because we want to know about this God who accompanies us. Go back to the Old Testament for a moment: all the gods in the Mideast had names—Baal, Marduk, Astarte, etc. ... Well, then why shouldn't the God of the Hebrews have a name too? If Moses was going to go and make a fool of himself before Pharaoh, he'd like to feel that he could count on someone who was really there. When pressed, God refuses to give Moses a proper name. How come? Was it a big secret? Was God afraid of having his name bandied about by name-droppers at a cocktail party? But truth be told, the God of the Old Testament DOESN'T have a proper name.

The philosophers who study the use of language have debated the issue of proper names for a long time now. A proper name is something that points to someone in the universe, to someone who can be picked out, from all the other people in the crowd. The proper name helps us distinguish one person from another. In the language of the philosophers, it refers.

Theologians, in their turn, have posited that the word God isn't really a proper name at all; instead, it's a description. You might be tempted to say, "So what!" But the point is that when we say God, we're not talking about one entity among many others in the universe, someone you can pick out in the crowd. I know sometimes, in our talking, we get sloppy and say, "God's in his heaven, and all's right with the world.", but what we REALLY believe is that God is everywhere. The Scholastic philosophers of the Middle Ages tried to express this idea by saying that God is "essence" or "being itself."

In Lent, and especially during Holy Week, we accompany God the Son, to whom we CAN assign a proper name, but it is a proper name that participates in this ultimate reality of God, the God who is and who will be, in whom we live and move and have our being.

By Fr. Frank Wright, SMA

Knights of Columbus St. John's Council

CONVERSATION WITH GERRY COONEY - March 27th. Doors open 1PM.

Come to the Knights of Columbus (61 Armour Pl. Dumont) to hear **Gerry Cooney** speak about his life's challenges including reflections and highlights of his Faith and Championship bouts with Larry Holmes. The presentation will be followed by a **Q&A session**, as well as an **autograph signing**, sales of Gerry's award winning book **Gentleman Gerry**, 50/50 raffle, and a raffle for an autographed boxing glove. Light refreshments included and cash bar available. \$10 donation per person (age 13 and up). RSVP required by calling or texting Anthony M. at 917-602-3797 or emailing KofC1345reservations@gmail.com.