



# 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 noon

## Confessions

**Saturdays** 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

## Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar  
201-567-0450 Ext 204

## 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

Theresa Hicks, Lay Associates  
201-496-8394

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA Priesthood

201- 894-8611

SUNDAY COLLECTION: \$1,655.



May the  
blessing of the  
Divine Be an  
especially  
bright benediction upon  
mothers everywhere on  
your blessed day -on  
Mother's Day!

Local and Provincial superior:

Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests  
out to perform a sacramental  
function please make sure he is  
informed. 201-567-0450 x 218

## 5th Week of EASTER May 14-20

Sun. to Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. May 14	10:00	Gerarda Mauro+	Susan & Bob Iacullo
	12:00	Rosario Ambulo & Benita Maduramente+	Rosanne
Mon. May 15	9:30	Czuba Fam+	Barbara & Joe Mulheren
	11:45	Rose D'Ermes+	Robert J. Latino
Tues. May 16	9:30	Spec. Int.	Breda & Benny Walsh
	11:45	Frayda Ascrate+	Erlinda Cortez
Wed. May 17	9:30	Isadore Tudy+	Rosemarie & Tom Micklas
	11:45	Herman List+	John Tietjen
Thur. May 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Peter and Tommy Murphy+	Michael Murphy
Fri. May 19	9:30	Louis Vierno+	
	11:45	Soo Kyung Anne Kee (Liv)	Mother
Sat. May 20	9:30	Daniel Broy, Spec. Intentions	Peter & Millette Broy
	11:45	Sam Gold+	Ray Pruzinsky

### Today's Readings

**First Reading** Acts 6:1-7 The ministry of deacons is established for the care of those who are poor in order to free the apostles for the ministry of the word.

**Second Reading** 1 Peter 2:4-9 Close to Jesus, we are a holy priesthood, offering with Jesus the spiritual sacrifices he has made acceptable to God.

**Gospel** John 14:1-12 Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. He leads us to the Father's house, where there is a place for all of us.

Armed Forces mass will be this Saturday at 3 PM followed by refreshments.

The week of May 21 to 27 we will be having our "Flores de Mayo" Novena (**Sun. to Fri. every evening at 7:30**) with the closing Mass and Novena beginning at 4 pm on Sat. the 27th. All are welcome.

We Congratulate Millie Sutter on her 103rd Birthday this gone May 10th.

After the Noon mass today the Little Way prayer group is meeting for their novena.

*“We have been called by God. Rekindle, constantly, an awareness of your divine vocation. God asks us to be missionaries where He himself places us: in our own countries or wherever he has chosen for us. Ask for the grace to preserve the memory of this first call: Called by God; called to be with Jesus, united with Him! In reality, this living, this abiding in Christ marks all that we are and all that we do. This life in Christ ensures our apostolate is effective and that our service is fruitful. What ensures our fruitfulness is our being faithful.” --Pope Francis*

In today’s Gospel, Philip says to Jesus, “Master, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.” Jesus, replies, “Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me, has seen the Father. Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in Me?” Jesus is speaking to us too! When He entered into human history, it was the infinite and unconditional love of God that He lived and shared with us. Sharing fully in our humanity, He invites us to share fully in His divinity—to be one with Him.

**On Unity and Oneness:** In John 17:21, Jesus prays: “I pray that they will all be one, just as You and I are one--as You are in Me, Father, and I am in You. And may they be in Us so that the world will believe you sent me.”

During the civil war in Liberia, there was an experience that spoke to me of this unity. In those days as the war moved closer to Monrovia, civilians of some ethnic groups were being targeted by some of the soldiers. They were in grave danger of being arrested and killed. It was the Churches (Catholic, Lutheran, Methodist, and others) that offered refuge to the targeted groups. Despite the danger to themselves, they sheltered over 900 brothers and sisters. In this most sacred task of protecting lives, **we were united!** Every life is sacred. Every person is a child of God. This is the truth that guided the Churches. When I remember this time in Liberia, I see that unity and oneness are possible. I saw Jesus’ prayer was answered that day: “that they will all be one . . . .”

#### Mother’s Day Reflection

Our readings today speak to us of God’s command to love. We are called to:

Listen to God. Care for the needs of others.  
Lay down our lives for the good of another.

This is, in a unique way, the very vocation of motherhood: Listening. Caring for the needs of others.

Laying down one’s life for another.

A mother’s love is first seen even before a woman becomes a mother. A husband and wife’s mutual desire to conceive a child in itself demonstrates their fatherly and motherly love. And their love for one another extends to the child they lovingly desire to conceive.

Not much is stronger than a mother’s love for her child.

Our mothers, together with our fathers, are the ones who first teach us about love and how to respond to those in need.

The Church, in many ways, is also a mother to us.

She teaches us how to love and to respond to those in need. From her we receive the grace of the sacraments, are taught to hear the word of God, and receive teaching to guide our steps in the truth and freedom of the children of God.

Today, in a special way, let us be grateful for:

- \* Our mothers, by birth or adoption, who nurtured us and supported us through life.
- \* Our Church who takes on the maternal role of guiding us through life.
- \* And our Blessed Mother, who protects both the Church and all her children.

*(United States Catholic Conference of Bishops)*