



# Society of African Missions

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Local and Provincial superior:  
 Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.  
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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

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA

201- 894-8611

## SUNDAY COLLECTION:

\$1,494

Thank you for your support.



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of JAN 28—FEB 3, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 28	10:00	Nancy Doyle+	Breda and Benny Walsh
	12:00	M.K. Maziarz+	Barbara Mulheren and Family
Mon. Jan. 29	9:30	John Hamill+	Catherine
	11:45	Leticia Lawler	John and Karen Lawler
Tue. Jan. 30	9:30	Catherine Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Mrs. Maureen Cooney+	Martha Paladino
Wed. Jan. 31	9:30	Anthony Cortez (L) - Spec. Int	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Thurs. Feb. 1	9:30	Special Intention	Jack and Mae Kenny
	11:45	Benjamin Ramirez Jr (L) Benjamin Ramirez Sr+	Ben and Mely Ramirez
Fri. Feb. 2	9:30	Special Int. Neill, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Int. Stoever, Mongiello Families	
Sat. Feb. 3	9:30	Special Int. Neill, Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Charles and Josephine Sivori+	Florence and Family

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

God will send a prophet who will speak God's words to us.

### **Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:32-35**

Paul advises people to give undivided attention to the Lord.

### **Gospel Mark 1:21-28**

Jesus in the synagogue demonstrates the power of God's word to heal and save us.

## Gospel Teaching

In the synagogue at Capernaum Jesus begins to speak. He makes his voice heard for the first time as a preacher and teacher and healer. The listening people, who are experts on voices – after all, they spend their life listening to preachers and teachers – quickly recognise that this voice is something new. This is not one of the regulars, quoting scripture and rabbinic authority to deliver a sermon, good as that may be. This voice and the man it belongs to are something entirely new. They are deeply impressed.

That morning in the synagogue there is a man who is very disturbed and who begins to shout and disrupt proceedings. Not only is the man a troubled soul, but he recognises that this Jesus is a powerful man, a man who is able to deal with his troubled mind. Fearful of what might happen to him – he is accustomed to his wilful ways – he begins to shout at Jesus to ward him off.

In response Jesus, by the power of his word, his voice, quietens the demon of torment and brings the grace of calmness and peace to that person. The voice that speaks to teach us is also the voice that speaks to heal us. In a world of so many voices raised and often shouting, in a world where human suffering and torment are rampant, here is something new and with authority behind it. No wonder the fame of Jesus spread.

## Application

“What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth?” That question, put to Jesus by the tormented man, is a question for us today. In our tormented world, so often unstable and full of fears and miseries, it is easy for us to hide away in our own little lives, safe perhaps from the dramas all around us. But the Lord set out on his journeys through Galilee to find us and to step into our lives and to speak to us.

His voice is powerful today to enliven our lives, to change our settled ways and to heal our hurting hearts. “What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.” It is this knowledge that often sends us running for cover. Love and goodness can be very demanding things and we sometimes feel we are no longer able to live by them.

The tormented man’s cry, for all its bravado, truly was a cry for help and healing. The Lord knew that and the Lord spoke to bring a peaceful spirit into that man. Cry out today, therefore, and ask the Lord for that same healing power in your life. Why go on tormented in spirit when the Lord is close at hand? “Oh mammy, his voice!”

The Living Word

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253 KNICKERBOCKER ROAD, TENAFLY, NJ**

WILL BE CLOSING IT'S DOORS IN MID MARCH AFTER OVER 50 YEARS OF SERVING THE PEOPLE OF THE SURROUNDING TOWNS. STARTING THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST.THERE WILL BE A GIANT GOING OUT OF BUSINESS SALE. EVERYTHING WILL BE REDUCED 50% TO 80% OFF. ALL RELIGIOUS STATUES, ROSARIES, MEDALS CHAINS AND JEWELRY WILL BE ON SALE, ALSO A GOOD SELECTION OF GIFT ITEMS, BELLEEK, WATERFORD, WEDDING, BABY, BOOKS, PAINTINGS PICTURES AND IRISH GIFT ITEMS WILL BE ON SALE. . WE HAVE A LARGE SELECTION OF COMMUNION AND CONFIRMATION ITEMS COME EARLY FOR BEST BARGAINS.

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