



# 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

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## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of JANUARY 21-27, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 21	10:00	Giorgio Busceti+	Abbadessa Family
	12:00	Fr Terry Doherty, SMA	Florence
Mon. Jan. 22	9:30	Anna Lee (Liv.)	Mother
	11:45	Elizabeth and Roland—R.I.P.	Veronica McDonagh
Tue. Jan. 23	9:30	Pio Lee (Liv.) Birthday	Mother
	11:45	Edward T. Mullins III+	Bon and Kathy Jaeger
Wed. Jan. 24	9:30	Patrick Lee+	Neary Family
	11:45	Cristine Sarnier (Liv.)	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Jan. 25	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Leticia Lawler+	John and Children
Fri. Jan. 26	9:30	Special Intentions	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Edmund Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Sat. Jan. 27	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Neary Family
	11:45	Emilia Ambrocio+	Ben and Mely Ramirez

## Today's Readings

### **First Reading** *Jonah 3:1-5. 10*

*Jonah is asked by God to go to the city of Nineveh and call upon the people to repent. They renounce their evil behaviour and God is merciful to them.*

### **Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

*The world as we know it is passing away and we should not be too engrossed with material things.*

### **Gospel** *Mark 1:14-20*

*Jesus calls his first disciples and they follow without having any idea where it will lead them.*

## SUNDAY COLLECTION:

\$1,254

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## **Gospel Teaching**

“Lots of motives and events influence people who switch their path in life for a new one. In today’s Gospel we hear of four fishermen – Simon, Andrew, James and John – who dropped their fishing nets when Jesus called them to follow him. They left behind their daily routine at the Sea of Galilee as soon as they heard the call to a new life.

God has a way of showing up in the ordinary places of life and interrupting the daily routines. This was also the experience of Jonah in today’s first reading, who was sent on a mission by God to the city of Nineveh. When these men accepted the invitation, their lives were different for ever. God’s call led them into an uncertain but inspirational future.

## **Application**

Whatever your life is, however you spend your time, whatever circumstances affect normal living, there is in that life Jesus’ call to “Follow me”. It is the call to participate in God’s saving work and the building up of the kingdom of God. That work is always about moving to a larger vision, orienting life in a new direction and experiencing that our own story of life is connected to a much larger story of life, God’s life. It happens in the casting and mending of nets. It happens in the context of our everyday activities: work, school, families, paying the bills, running errands, fixing dinner, relationships and trying to do the right thing. These are the times and places Jesus shows up and calls us into a new way of being, and our world changes.

The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. If we take Christian discipleship seriously it is a challenging path. It was not easy then and it will not be easy now. To follow Jesus, in other words, is to follow the one who turns the world upside down. Christian discipleship is the commitment to live a Gospel life, a marginal life in this place, at this time, whatever the cost. True discipleship takes the side of those who are poor, minorities, outcasts, people who are reviled and rejected. True discipleship means being a witness for justice and peace even in situations of injustice or war. When we enter into our callings we have no idea how it will all end up. We choose our careers and jobs hoping that we can use the gifts and talents God has given us.

What might God be asking you to leave behind? What is standing in the way of you following Jesus today? The call to follow Jesus is the call to discipleship. Christ is calling you. How will you respond?”

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