



Society of African Missions

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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

Mass Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

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
 201-567-0450 Ext. 253

Sunday Collection: \$1,090.00

Thank you for your support.

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

Masses for the week of MAR 25—MAR 31, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Mar. 25	10:00	Fe Tolentino+	Erlinda Cortez
	12:00	Mary Doris+ & Fred Ibe+	Linda Rubio
Mon. Mar. 26	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill (Living)	A Friend
	11:45	Jozef Slimak (Living), 75th Birthday	Family
Tue. Mar. 27	9:30	Fr. John Robinson (Living)	Catherine
	11:45	Stefania Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
Wed. Mar. 28	9:30	Happy Birthday Lauren N. Forgrave	
	11:45	Mary & Timothy O'Connell+	O'Connell Family
	7:00 PM	Evening Prayer - Soup and Bread Supper - Confessions	
Thurs. Mar. 29	8:00PM	Holy Thursday "LORD'S SUPPER"	
Fri. Mar. 30	3:00PM	Good Friday "PASSION OF THE LORD"	
Sat. Mar. 31	8:00PM	Holy Saturday "EASTER VIGIL"	

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 50:4-7
 God's servant bravely faces his foes.

Second Reading Philippians 2:6-11
 A hymn proclaims the glory of Christ.

Gospel Mark 14:1 – 15:47
 The sky is darkened, the veil of the Temple torn in two and a soldier recognises the Son of God.



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday

@ 7:00PM

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Today marks the beginning of Holy Week, the celebration of our Lord's Paschal Mystery—His Passion, Death and Resurrection! These events occurred more than 2000 years ago, yet with God, they together are one ever-present event, done once, for all, for all time.

On the original Palm Sunday, Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on a donkey must have been breath-taking. The news of the wondrous deeds He had performed in their region (curing the sick, raising the dead) thrilled the people in Jerusalem. The crowd was wild with joy, showing reverence and respect for Jesus, laying their cloaks on the ground in front of Him. They were singing Hosanna! Hosanna in the Highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! So, for that moment, the people recognized Jesus for His mighty deeds!

By faith, we know that Jesus is truly the Son of God, Second Person of the Blessed Trinity. He is God! Yet in scripture we read that Jesus, "though He was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." (Philippians 2:6-8)

Sharing fully in our humanity, Jesus suffered to the depths of his being. We have a glimpse of the depth of His suffering and feelings of annihilation in Psalm 22:6, which says, "But I am a worm, and no man; a reproach of men and despised of the people." A Biblical commentary on the word 'worm' notes that this is seemingly the most miserable of all creatures, yet it is referred to Christ, and in this appears the unspeakable love of God for us, that his Son would accept to be thus abased for our sakes.

A Prayer Recalling Christ's Passion

Last summer, I came to know and love the Divine Mercy prayer, and I encourage everyone to make this a part of their prayer life. This is the prayer that Jesus taught Sr. Faustina (now St. Faustina) to bring to the world. It is remembering the infinite, unconditional love of God and His Divine Mercy. In this prayer we offer to the "Eternal Father the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity" of His dearly beloved Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ, "in atonement for our sins and the sins of the whole world." Then on the beads of the chaplet, we pray: "For the sake of his sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."

In this simple prayer, the Eternal Father receives the best offering we have, His Son; we remember Jesus' sacrifice for the salvation of the world; and we are called to pray for ourselves and the whole world. This Holy Week, let us spend time in prayer and accompany Jesus through His darkest moments as we commemorate His infinite, unconditional love—dying to save us all!

Theresa Hicks

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28, 2018: Daily Masses: 8:00am; 9:30am and 11:45am

7:00pm Evening Prayer followed by Soup and Bread Supper (with Almsgiving) and Confessions (The Sacrament of Reconciliation).

HOLY THURSDAY, MARCH 29, 2018: 8:00pm THE LORD'S SUPPER followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

GOOD FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2018: 3:00pm THE PASSION OF THE LORD

4:30 Confessions and 7:00pm Stations of the Cross

HOLY SATURDAY, MARCH 31, 2018: 8:00pm EASTER VIGIL

NB: There will be no morning Masses on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of Holy Week.

MEMORIAL DONATION.— The Altar Bread and Wine this week are offered by Catherine and Rosa in memory of Friends and Family members, especially Alex and Maria.