



# 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

### 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: \$1,068.00

Thank you for your support.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

### Masses for the week of JUNE 3—JUNE 9, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. JUNE 3	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Norma Campbell+	Flynn Family
Mon. JUNE 4	9:30	Souls Most in need of God's Mercy	Veronica McDonagh
	11:45	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
Tue. JUNE 5	9:30	Catherine Hamill (Liv.)	Angela
	11:45	Ann Martin+	John Tietjen
Wed. JUNE 6	9:30	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Mariana Cho
	11:45	Laura & Virgil Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. JUNE 7	9:30	Bernard Kelly+	McGowan Family
	11:45	Marcelo Tavormina (Liv.)	Gilbert Guinto
Fri. JUNE 8	9:30	Mary & Joseph Falotico+	
	11:45	JoAnn DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Sat. JUNE 9	9:30	Brian Mulligan+	Neary Family
	11:45	Lydia Ramirez	Ben & Mely Ramirez

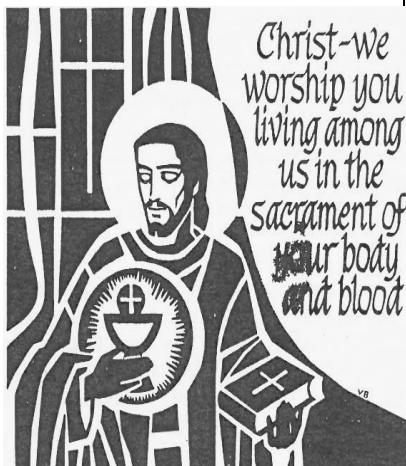
Local Superior:

Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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.  
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## *Today's Readings*

### *First Reading Exodus 24:3-8*

*Worship is a matter of obedience, because only God can reveal God.*

### *Second Reading Hebrews 9:11-15*

*In Christ death, which was the end, becomes the way to eternal life.*

### *Gospel Mark 14:12-16. 22-26*

*Old wine for new wine. Old lives for new lives. That is the kingdom.*

## THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

What happens around the sacrament of Christ's blood and body that was broken open for us, breaks us open. We don't go forth in mission for any greater reason than what happens right here. The love and sacrifice of Christ becoming broken open for us is what breaks us open for the sake of the world. In the face of the sin and injustice we see present in our communities and in our world, the Eucharist "plants a seed of living hope in our daily commitment to the work before us," challenging us to live "Eucharistic" lives. It affirms our role as citizens and as men and women in various professions at different levels of society in "contributing with the light of the Gospel to the building of a more human world, a world fully in harmony with God's plan" (Ecclesia de Eucharistia, no. 20).

Up to 163 years ago, the tribal peoples of the Central and North East India had not yet heard of JESUS. They were poor and totally illiterate. The rich landlords and the powerful people oppressed and exploited them mercilessly. The poor Tribals were left without any hope of justice. Many fled to the Assam Tea Gardens or to the forests of the Andaman Islands in the search for survival. Those who remained in the ancestral lands were on the verge of extinction, and had lost the very will to live.

At this juncture in their history, God heard their cry and in 1845 sent some Christian missionary to Ranchi, the heartland of the Tribals. For four years the missionaries labored in vain. Then one fine day four Tribals approached them because they had heard that these missionaries were preaching about a man who was killed and is still alive. So they wanted to see him. They came to the missionaries and said: "We want to see JESUS". Their constant question was: where is JESUS? We want to see Him? The missionaries did not know what to do and these tribals got angry and called them cheats and liars. Then the missionaries invited them to the eucharistic celebration. They encountered Jesus in his Body and Blood and finally they were baptized.

*Telesphore P. Cardinal Toppo Archbishop of Ranchi, India told a story:*

"When I was a young Bishop, one day I had the privilege to take Mother Teresa in my car. She was accompanied by three of her Missionaries of Charity Sisters. From them I came to know that Mother Teresa had worked till past midnight re-organizing their community. She was sitting next to me in the front seat and naturally I was feeling timid sitting next to someone like her. But being a true mother she told me to sit comfortably. This gave me courage. I said: Mother I was told that you worked very late last night. You are not young any more. From where do you get the strength to do all that you are doing?"

Her reply came with the speed of bullet: JESUS in the Eucharist. I believe this has been and is the secret of the success of Mother Teresa and of the Missionaries of Charity. Whenever she opened a new community anywhere in the world, she always called it one more Tabernacle. Mother Teresa is an example of how much the Mission of the Church is nourished and driven by the Eucharist."

Fr Julien Esse

**THANK YOU...** The SMA Community would like to thank the sponsors, donors and friends for making the Filipino Festival "Flores de Mayo" a big success. Thank you also to the organizers of the event for sharing their time, talents and enthusiasm.

**SAVE THE DATES:**  
PERPETUAL HELP MASS, **Saturday, June 23.**  
SMA GALA NIGHT, **Friday, September 21.**