



Society of African Missions

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Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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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- 894-8611

Sunday Collection: \$1,288.00

Thank you for your support.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JUNE 17—JUNE 23, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. JUNE 17	10:00	Ralph Iacullo+ & Gerardo Sozio+Father's Day	Susan & Bob Iacullo
Fathers' day	12:00	Gino Pico+	Godson
Mon. JUNE 18	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Eulani Labay (Liv)	Labay Family
Tue. JUNE 19	9:30	Connor McGowan (Liv)	G. McGowan
	11:45	Marina Maduramente+	Rosanne
Wed. JUNE 20	9:30	Alejandro Ramirez-de-Arellano+	A Friend
	11:45	Philip McGovern+	Mae & Jack Kenny
Thurs. JUNE 21	9:30	Manuel Llaguno+	Mickee Pacia
	11:45	Apolinaria Munsod+	Aurora M Valones
Fri. JUNE 22	9:30	Anna Lee (Liv)	Mother
	11:45	Margaret Doonan+	Susan Murphy
Sat. JUNE 23	9:30	Pio Lee (Liv)	Mother
	11:45	Mary Gallagher+	G. McGowan

Today's Readings

First Reading Ezekiel 17:22-24

All that is life flourishes by the power of God who creates and sustains us.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:6-10

In faith we focus our life on Christ Jesus, on his justice and his love.

Gospel Mark 4:26-34

The reign of God is utterly certain. God's kingdom grows in our midst.

Happy Fathers Day!

"When a man walks in integrity and justice, happy are his children after him!"

Proverbs 20: 7

Lift high the lowly tree, (First reading)

The readings of this Sunday illustrate how a small beginning can lead to a greater end. SMA missionary work in Africa stands as an example to this reality. The commencement of our missionary work in Africa was attended by many hardships and trials. The average life expectancy of early missionaries in Africa was very low, after a very short time many succumbed at a youthful age to the unhealthy tropical climate, were killed or had to be invalidated home. This small beginning God led it to a greater end with the growth of the African Church today. I want to share with you the story of one of our missionaries from Ireland. John O’Hea is a Corkman, born into a farming family at Woodfield about four miles from Clonakilty on 2 May 1932. He worked in Oke Ado parish, Ibadan, Nigeria (West Africa).

John was ordained in December 1960, one of a class of 24. His brother, Jim, was ordained as an SMA, eight years earlier. Between them, the two brothers have given 107 years to the service of the Church in Nigeria. After ordination he was appointed to the Region of Nigeria South and posted to the now Archdiocese of Ibadan where he has worked for the last 52 years. In his missionary career, he has had a variety of postings including teaching English at Fatima College, Ikire; building the Science laboratory at St Patrick’s Basorun; teaching in the Minor Seminary at Oke Are. Fr John arrives at the OLA Maryhill Primary School, Ibadan to teach Catechism. In his time he has seen the Church in Ibadan grow from small beginnings to what it is today. One example of its growth is that when he came in 1961 there were only three African priests. Today there are over ninety local priests with their own African Archbishop.

Fr John has developed a programme for schools and parishes based on his 27 years of experience of teaching religion, called “Pass on the Faith” to be used by priests, parents and teachers. It follows the three year cycle of the liturgical year and is based on the Sunday Readings with questions from The Catechism of the Catholic Church at the end of each lesson, in three languages: English, Yoruba and Ibo. He has produced separate books for each to the three years as well as a Sunday Bulletin for Children and Youth which is circulated to all parishes in the Archdiocese. He spends much of his time going from parish to parish, from school to school trying to get priests, sisters and catechists to follow the programme. Each month, he has a monthly meeting with catechists and teachers to help them to teach the programme in the following month. Of his missionary journey, Fr John has many stories which he tells with his own unique sense of humor. He tells of the occasion that he brought back some apples from Ireland for his older brother only to be held up by a customs officer at Lagos airport and told that he could not import fruit into the Nigeria and that the apples would have to be demolished but that he would have to pay a fee for their demolition. John took one of the apples, began to eat it, saying “I will demolish them myself” much to the glee of the custom officers who joined him in the demolition.

-Fr Julien Esse, SMA

SAVE THE DATES:

PERPETUAL HELP MASS, Saturday, June 23.

FOUNDER’S DAY, Monday, June 25.

SMA GALA NIGHT, Friday, September 21. See flyers for details.

CONDOLENCES.-

We extend our most sincere condolences to the Umali/Castillo Families on the passing of Estela D. Umali.

May She Rest in Peace.