

society of African Missions



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Local Superior:

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

<u>Sundays</u>

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: \$1,330.00

Thank you for your support.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of JULY 15—JULY 21, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
SunSat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. JULY 15	10:00	John Bruno+	Diane & Mike Bruno
	12:00	Gino Pico+	Sister
Mon. JULY 16	9:30	Joseph Abitante+	
	11:45	Carmela & Guiseppi Salituro+	Enrico & Filomena Salituro
Tue. JULY 17	9:30	Gret & Jack Molloy+	Hickey Family
	11:45	Louise Masucci+ & Mike Jeffers+	Daughter Rosalie
Wed. JULY 18	9:30	Robert Feulner+	Bob & Kathy Jaeger
	11:45	John Murphy+	Winnie Grealish
Thurs. JULY 19	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Antonio Busceti (Liv)	Abbadessa Family
Fri. JULY 20	9:30	Rich Pica (Liv)	Heidi Metzler
	11:45	Ben & Mely Ramirez (Liv), Thanksgiving	Ben & Mely Ramirez
Sat. JULY 21	9:30	Stefy Victor, 7th Birthday (Special Intention)	Victor Family
	11:45	Ana Dumlao+	Martha Paladino

Announced Masses

still available. The donation for a Mass is \$10. If you like to have a Mass said, please stop at the front desk.

Today's Readings

First Reading Amos 7:12-15

Amos is being scolded by the people, but he knows what the Lord has asked him to do and he continues his mission.

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3-14

Long before even the world was made, God chose us to be holy and blameless.

Gospel Mark 6:7-13

Jesus sent the twelve apostles out in twos and they drove out many demons and anointed sick people and cured them.

What does 'to be holy' mean to you?

In the 2nd reading today, St. Paul writes to the Ephesians, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavens, as He chose us in him, before the foundation of the world, to be holy and without blemish before him."

What does 'to be holy' mean to you? Are you aware of the sacredness of your being? God dwells in each of us. Truly, we are temples of the Holy Spirit. It is important to take time with this truth and let this reality sink into our day-to-day awareness. When you know God's presence in you, it will become easier to recognize His presence in all our brothers and sisters. What a gift God has given to each of us! Jesus says "No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not understand what his master is doing. But I have called you friends, because everything I have learned from My Father I have made known to you" (John 15:15).

Your relationship with Jesus is the most important aspect of your call to holiness. We need Jesus to live this call. It is good to start with what Jesus has done for each of us, and in turn, respond with all our heart to His Love. It is all about love. I asked a fellow-missionary recently, "How do you know Jesus is here with us?" We discussed this for a little while and our conclusion was that we recognized Jesus in the love we experienced in our daily lives. Sometimes it was kindness from a stranger, or respect from a community member, or being included. God is love. Wherever you experience love, you are finding God in that moment. These little acts of love may appear small, but they are your connection to the infinite.

In today's Gospel, Jesus begins to send out his apostles two by two, guiding and instructing them for their mission: They are to travel light and stay in the home where they are welcomed. (He also gave instructions of what they should do if not welcomed or listened to.) The Twelve preached repentance and by the power of Jesus, were able to drive out demons and cure the sick. In St. Pope John Paul's encyclical Mission of the Redeemer (Redemptoris Missio), he writes: "The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission . . . The renewed impulse to the mission . . . demands holy missionaries" (RM 90). Since you are Jesus' friend and a missionary, He has entrusted the Good News to you—to share with others.

-Theresa Hicks

CHAPEL RENOVATION

The carpet work in our Chapel is done and in a few days time, the pad kneelers will be replaced.

We apologize for any inconvenience.

Please consider making a donation for our Chapel.

SAVE THE DATE

SMA GALA NIGHT, Friday, September 21, at the Clinton Inn of Tenafly

Tickets available.