



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- 894-8611

Sunday Collection: \$972.00

Thank you for your support.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of **AUGUST 05 – AUGUST 11, 2018**

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. AUG 05	10:00	Joseph Lee (Birthday), (Living)	Thomas & Jessica Lee family
	12:00	Thanksgiving	Rosanne
Mon. AUG 06	9:30	Pearl Grabowski+	Mary Ann Harte
	11:45	Wee-Je Simon Cho (Liv)	In-Goo Yoom
Tue. AUG 07	9:30	Sung Cha Family & Mariana Cho (Liv)	Marianna Cho
	11:45	Fr. Ignatius Lissner+ (SMA-American Province Founder)	SMA
Wed. AUG 08	9:30	Wee-Je Simon Cho (Liv)	In-Goo Yoom
	11:45	Laura and Virgil Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. AUG 09	9:30	William Maher+	Breda Walsh
	11:45	Juliana D'Souza (Liv), Thanksgiving for her birthday	Juliana D'Souza
Fri. AUG 10	9:30	Special Intention	Breda Walsh
	11:45	Bill, Alice & Randy Supper+	Michelle Supper
Sat. AUG 11	9:30	Neal, Hellen & Matthew (RIP)	Veronica McDonagh
	11:45	Feliciano Guinto+	Martha Paladino

Fr IGNATIUS LISSNER, SMA

Fr Lissner helped to establish the SMA American Province in 1941 and also was appointed at the First Provincial. Under the leadership of Fr Lissner a number of parishes and schools were opened in Savannah, Georgia area. Fr Lissner and Mother Theodore Williams founded the Franciscan Handmaids of the Most Pure Heart of Mary (an Order of Black Sisters).

Fr Lissner died on August 7, 1948.

Today's Readings

First Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15

When the people complain in the desert, God gives them bread from heaven to eat.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

Christians are called to give up their former way of life and be renewed in mind so as to become a new person created in God's way.

Gospel John 6:24-35

Jesus is the bread of life, the new sign that God continues to feed God's people on their way in the world of today.

GRATEFUL FOR WHAT WE HAVE

How many of you, when you were growing up, did not want to eat the main meal but wanted to get to the dessert? I know in the Moran household, if we complained about the food and said we didn't like it we were told, "there are a lot of starving children in Africa who would like to have that small bit of food you don't want to eat." The comeback now a days is, "here, mail it to them."

There were a number of lessons, even at the dinner table, that were taught in such a simple thought.

Yes, we felt guilt. Partly because we were complaining about the food and not grateful to the person who took the time to prepare it.

We had forgotten to be grateful that we have food on the table.

We had forgotten how blest we were and selfishly thought our satisfaction was all that mattered.

We had forgotten that there were less fortunate people than ourselves, not by choice but by circumstances.

The lessons around the dinner table carried over to everyday life.

The lesson from Exodus today has a lot of similarities. The people of God, freed from the slavery of Pharaoh, began to complain that they were hungry. Did God bring them into the desert only to die of hunger? They began to say, "it would have been better if we remained slaves to Pharaoh, at least we had food to eat." God says He will test his people to see if they can follow His instructions.

We know how the story goes, They get their food and have more than enough to satisfy their hunger. But soon that was not enough. They were tired of eating the same thing every day. And so those freed from slavery, forgot to be grateful to God for providing for them and protecting them. The sense of gratitude soon became, "what about ME."

Today is a good day to remember those less fortunate than us. Over 10% of the people of the world go hungry. Most of these people are in Asia and Africa. Almost 25% of Africa is undernourished. I remember a good deal of the food coming into Liberia during the war was through CRS (Catholic Relief Service). There was a very generous response by the Church in the US to those less fortunate.

A few years ago we had a Vatican spokesperson here talking about refugees. He commented on how generous the United States was to refugees, receiving far more than a lot of other countries.

As we gather around our table today (our altar of sacrifice) let us be grateful for what we have and remember those who long to be nourished, both physically and spiritually.

God Bless

Fr. Michael Moran

SMA GALA NIGHT AT THE CLINTON INN OF TENAFLY

Friday, **September 21, 2018** - TICKETS AVAILABLE

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