



Society of African Missions

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**May you all have a blessed and holy
Christmas!**

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.

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

Christmas & New Year's Day

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

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

551-449-4357

Sunday Collections:

\$1,452.00

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses for the week of DECEMBER 23 – DECEMBER 29, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Dec. 23	10:00	Pio Lee (Liv)	Mother
	12:00	Mulheren & Maziarz Families+	Barbara Mulheren & Family
Mon. Dec. 24	9:30	Thomas & Mary Grealish+	Winnie Grealish
	11:45	Iacullo, Mauro & Sozio Families (Christmas Intentions)	Susan & Bob Iacullo
Tue. Dec. 25	9:30	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Christmas Day	11:45	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Wed. Dec. 26	9:30	Abitante & Falotico Families	
	11:45	Benita Maduramente	Rosanne Ambulo
Thurs. Dec. 27	9:30	Molloy Family+	Angela & Family
	11:45	Braulio Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
Fri. Dec. 28	9:30	Kavin Victor (5th Birthday-Special Intention)	Victor Family
	11:45	Ronnie & Mickee Pacia Family (Thanksgiving Mass)	Mickee Pacia
Sat. Dec. 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friends
	11:45	Annie Murphy+	Michelle Sullivan

Today's Readings

First Reading Micah 5:1-4

Micah the prophet looks to a new age, set against the background of King David's birthplace of Bethlehem.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:5-10

The writer of the letter to the Hebrews focuses on the obedience of Jesus to his Father's will.

Gospel Luke 1:39-45

Mary and Elizabeth meet, and each proclaim Mary's child – as does Elizabeth's unborn child. This story, usually called the visitation, could also be classed as another annunciation.

Carmela Abitante donates
Sanctuary Candle,

Altar Candle,

Altar Bread & Wine

**in memory of Abitante &
Falotico families.**

Can You Hear This Baby Cry?

The Father sent His own true son
To be born of Mary's womb.
And yet as Joseph and Mary searched
For this child there was no room.

How can this be, dear Joseph thought,
"no room for Yahweh's son?"
Dismayed and sad He tried again
And finally just this one.

A drafty damp and smelly stable
Where sheep and mules abide.
As Joseph looked with love at Mary
He wanted to give up and cry.

I know God will take care of you,
After all it is His Son.
But deep inside anxiety grew
For her time had finally come.

So tired and so wear now,
Concern showing on her face.
She looks about in disbelief
Can this stable be my birthing place?

Amidst the odor and the cold
Was born the King of kings.
Snuggled in His Mother's arms
For warmth against the winds.

This little tiny Holy Child
was truly "God Most High".
How could His mother comprehend
That for the world He would die?

I shall name this child "Jesus,"
Joseph was heard to say.
His heart swelled for love of Mary
As she laid Him in the hay.

This new born infant baby boy
Who was born of Mary's flesh
Had His little sacred heart
Tucked in His tiny chest.

Oh can you see Him yawning now
Or stretching in the manger?
This tiny boy of Mary's,
This tiny little stranger.

This little baby Jesus
With His charismatic heart
Had no place to rest His head
Right from the very start.

Mary kissed His outstretched hands
And caressed His little feet.
Being unaware of course,
That nails would pass through each.

This warm and tender baby boy
so flawless and unmarred
would one day hang upon a cross
Bloody, pain-racked and scarred.

Can you hear this baby cry?
He cries for you and I
For all the sins we will commit
For you and I He'll die.

He will do it so each of us will live
Forever, through His birth.
So we will never ever forget
What each of us is worth.

By: Kathleen McCarthy



Schedule for Christmas Celebrations

Christmas Eve Mass—Monday, December 24: 8:00pm

Refreshments after Mass.

Christmas Day Masses—Tuesday, December 25: 8:00am, 10:00am and 12 Noon

New Year's Eve Mass—Monday, December 31: 10:00pm

Refreshments after Mass to welcome in the New Year.

