



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

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: \$1,368. 00

Thank you for your support.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JANUARY 20 – JANUARY 26, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 20	10:00	Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
	12:00	Velasquez & Torres Families	
Mon. Jan. 21	9:30	Aideen O'Sullivan	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
Tue. Jan. 22	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	SMA Guild
	11:45	Mary P. Quinn+	SMA Guild
Wed. Jan. 23	9:30	Edward T. Mullins+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Isadore Tudy, Jr.+	Rosemary & Stephanie Micklas
Thurs. Jan. 24	9:30	Catherine Hamill+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Dec. Memb. Guiney & McCarthy Families	
Fri. Jan. 25	9:30	Ann Quilling+ & Felicia Garcia+	Erlinda P. Rubio
	11:45	Edmund Wilson+	Mary H. Fischbach
Sat. Jan. 26	9:30	Special Intentions	Martha Paladino
	11:45	Mary P. Quinn+	Martha Paladino

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

God's Mercy is Here!

A Holy Hour for Healing

February 16, March 16, April 6,
 May 18 & June 15 at 8:00PM

SMA Fathers Chapel

Powerful holy hour of praise,
 worship and healing.

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 62:1-5

As a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so the Lord delights in his holy people.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:4-11

Each person is specially and uniquely gifted. These gifts come from God and they are given so that all may benefit.

Gospel John 2:1-11

The wedding at Cana in Galilee was a sign of God's love for us. Jesus transforms us, too, that we might experience the Spirit-filled life.

“His disciples began to believe in Him.”

“No more shall people call you ‘Forsaken,’ or your land ‘Desolate,’ but you shall be called ‘My Delight,’ and your land ‘Espoused.’ For the Lord delights in you and makes your land his spouse. As a young man marries a virgin, your Builder shall marry you; and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride so shall your God rejoice in you.” Isaiah 62:4-5

The above passage from the first reading is speaking about the incredible story of God’s love for us and our salvation. Before Jesus entered into human history, we were forsaken and desolate. With Jesus’ coming, this all changed. The prophet uses very intimate words to describe God’s relationship with humanity—united as in a marriage. Jesus is the bridegroom sent by God to humanity which is his bride. God loves us so much that He sent His Son to become one of us and to save us.

In the second reading we see “there are different kinds of spiritual gifts, but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service, but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.” 1 Cor. 12:4-6 “The Spirit produces all these gifts and distributes them individually as he wishes.” 1 Cor. 12:11 Please take a moment to absorb what is being said in this passage. Look at the many gifts that the Holy Spirit is giving to each person. What are the gifts you have been given? Are you freely using them to build up the Church? Realize your part is very important. Everyone is needed. The gifts and abilities we have received are not for ourselves alone, but are for the building up of the Body of Christ. Using our different gifts, we are all to be united with one another and with Him as one Body.

In today’s Gospel, Jesus, his mother and his disciples are at a wedding feast in Cana, Galilee. When the wine runs short, His mother says to Jesus, “They have no wine.” Jesus responds, “Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come.” And we are told that His mother says to the servers, “Do whatever He tells you.” Then we see the six stone jars are filled to the brim and Jesus turns them into the most delicious wine at the wedding. “His disciples began to believe in Him.”

Isn’t it wonderful that Jesus’ first miracle happens in the middle of a wedding banquet? Our God is with us in all aspects of our lives: the ups and downs, the good times and the bad, in our difficult moments. He is always with us.

Jesus’ own prayer gives us insight into God’s desire for unity and oneness with us. “I pray that they may all be one, Father! May they be in us just as you are in me and I am in you. May they be one, so that the world will believe that you sent me.” John 17:21

Yes Lord, we believe!

-Theresa Hicks