



Society of African Missions

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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

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JANUARY 27 – FEBRUARY 02, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Jan. 27	10:00	Sam & Helen Criscione+	McCarthy Family
	12:00	Boy Lara & Dionisio Igmtat+	Linda Rubio
Mon. Jan. 28	9:30	Dorothy Srimpfel+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Frank Arevalo+	McCarthy Family
Tue. Jan. 29	9:30	John Hamill+	Daughter
	11:45	Maria Valdes+	Friend
Wed. Jan. 30	9:30	Anthony Cortez (Liv), Special Intention	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Juliana & Joseph Lee (Liv)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
Thurs. Jan. 31	9:30	Ancy Palliyathu George & Joseph Jeen Aynathu (Liv)	Jeen Joseph
	11:45	Thomas Micklas+	Rosemary/Stephanie Micklas
Fri. Feb. 01	9:30	Special Intentions: Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae/Family
Sat. Feb. 02	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoever & Mongiello Families	

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 Nehemiah 8:2-6. 8-10

Ezra reminds the people of Moses' Law. He tells them to go and eat and drink, taking care that they share what they have with those who have nothing.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:12-30

We are all different, but we are also one in Christ's body.

Gospel Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

We hear Jesus' manifesto for his mission. In the great Jubilee text, Jesus situates his ministry in the ongoing promise and commitment of God to those who are vulnerable

“Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing”

In today’s Gospel, we see Jesus begin his public ministry. At first, He is well received. We read, “Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all” (Luke 4:1-2). In Nazareth, his hometown, according to Jesus’ custom he goes into the synagogue on the Sabbath day. He reads from the prophet Isaiah where it is written, “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.” After reading this, Jesus sits down and says, “Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing” (Luke 4:21). If we want to know God, we need to look at Jesus. He reveals the love of the Father.

In today’s second reading, St. Paul gives us God’s vision for us—one Body of Christ. “As a body is one, though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons” (1 Corinthians 12:12-13).

This is a challenge. I was at a meeting in the Chancery last month, and one of the Staff spoke about the “spirit” at the Chancery, which is really that of “one body.” She said, “Whether you are the Cardinal or the Janitor, you are valued (respected) the same. Everyone has a different job, but everyone is important to the running of the Chancery.” This is the respect we need to have for all the members of the one body of Christ. Everyone is needed and vital. If one part suffers, the whole body suffers. If one part of the body is disrespected, we are all disrespected.

From the news on the TV, radio and internet, it seems that a high percentage of the human race is still unaware of the incredible gift we have received from God—His Son, Jesus! Humanity is lost and stumbling around in the dark. God sends His Son to save us and lead us back to the Father. God wants unity. God is love! The real transforming power in this world is love.

Jesus said this by contrasting it with the other kind of power: “Jesus called his disciples aside and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their superiors exercise authority over them. It shall not be this way among you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant’” (Matthew 20:25-26). He gave us the example of washing his disciples’ feet, and encouraging them to do the same. His ways are humble and counter-cultural.

So in this one body, how are we caring for one another? Or do we get tempted and allow ourselves to be lured into the world’s ways—seeking power, pleasure and possessions? In news reports about his Christmas homily, Pope Francis was said to have “urged Christians to forego the greed, gluttony and materialism of Christmas and to focus instead on its message of simplicity, charity and love. He lamented that many people find their life's meaning in possessions when the biblical story of Christ's birth emphasizes that God appeared to people who were poor when it came to earthly possessions, but faithful. Standing before the manger, we understand that the food of life is not material riches but love, not gluttony but charity, not ostentation but simplicity.” (The Washington Post)

-Theresa Hicks