



Society of African Missions

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Fr. Anbu Kumar, SMA

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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

Sunday Collections:

01/20/2019: \$781.00

01/27/2019: \$1,249.00

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of FEBRUARY 03 – FEBRUARY 09, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Feb. 03	10:00	Vito Ortaglia+	Rosa Ortaglia & Daughter
	12:00	Marie Checchi+	Amy Rodriguez
Mon. Feb. 04	9:30	Muala Henry+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Susanne Castelein+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
Tue. Feb. 05	9:30	Emma G. Haggerty+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Memory of Joseph Choi+	Mariana Cho
Wed. Feb. 06	9:30	Marie Checchi+	Emma Looby
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Feb. 07	9:30	Michael James Harte+	Family
	11:45	Bill Rypkema & Family (Deceased)	Vincent Pruzinsky
Fri. Feb. 08	9:30	Art Conway+	Breda/Benny Walsh
	11:45	Sara & Dan Riney+	Cogan Family
Sat. Feb. 09	9:30	Mary Quinn+	Karen Emanuele
	11:45	Ramon Ambulo+	Rosanne Ambulo

Today's Readings

First Reading Jeremiah 1:4-5. 17-19

God has appointed Jeremiah to be his prophet and promises to be with him.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 12:31 – 13:13

Paul's hymn to love – the greatest of all gifts.

Gospel Luke 4:21-30

Approval quickly turns to hostility as Jesus preaches the good news in his home town.

God's Mercy is Here!

A Holy Hour for Healing

February 16, 2019

At 8pm

SMA FATHERS CHAPEL

Powerful holy hour of praise,

Worship and healing.

Gospel Teaching

Recognizing the presence or the voice of God is often something we human beings struggle with. Perhaps even more difficult is daring to speak in God's name, whether speaking God's truth to power or simply to our contemporaries. When God commissions the prophet Jeremiah as "prophet to the nations", God promises to equip him with the strength and courage he will need to withstand the inevitable opposition: "They will fight against you but shall not overcome you, for I am with you to deliver you."

In the Gospel, Jesus' authority to speak in God's name is challenged. An initial favorable response gives way to hostility as the people realize that they know this man Jesus and have watched him grow up. How can this son of an ordinary carpenter dare to speak in God's name? Jesus' neighbors were unable to see the good – to see the God – at work in him. They couldn't see past their own prejudices. Ultimately, they couldn't see the presence of God in the ordinary humanity of Christ. The lens through which they viewed him was warped in such a way that they were blind to the divine and saw only the mundane.

St Paul offers us a different lens through which to see the world: love. Being a prophet, an eloquent preacher, a person of great knowledge or of great faith – even being a miracle worker or a martyr – is of no avail unless love is the touchstone of our lives. Love is to be the source from which our actions spring, the lens through which we see the world, the means by which we interact with the world and the goal towards which our lives are heading.

We do not have a description of what Jesus looked like. But Paul gives us something much more important: a description of the kind of person Jesus was and continues to be. If we replace the word "love" in Paul's hymn with the name "Jesus", we get a powerful description of Christ – the core of his being: he is always patient and kind, not jealous or self-obsessed, never boastful or conceited, rude or selfish, always delighting in the truth, always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes.

Application

By our baptism, we, like Jeremiah, were consecrated and appointed as prophets to the people of our own time. It is a challenging vocation. Inevitably, in our broken and messy world, God's voice is hard to recognize and God's presence often resisted – not just by the people to whom we are sent, but we ourselves can easily fail to recognize God's voice and, consciously or not, be blind to God's presence. God calls us to be more than simply "a gong booming or a cymbal clashing". For us to be genuine prophets – true witnesses to the presence of God in our world today – then the person of Jesus, love made flesh, must be the foundation stone on which to build our lives, the lens through which to view the world and the guiding star which leads us on our journey through life.

A challenging exercise would be to replace the word "love" in Paul's hymn with our own personal Christian name so that we can see the path that we are called to walk: to be patient and kind, not conceited or self-centered, never resentful but always ready to excuse, to trust, to hope and to endure whatever comes. Love does not come to an end – it is the one sure way to eternal life.

-The Living Word

The SMA Community is saddened by the death of **Rolando Dumlao**. He was a guitarist and singer of the SMA Choir "La Pieta" for many years.

We extend our condolences to his wife, Carol Dumlao, family and friends. May he rest in peace.

Announcement

Blessing of the Throats in honor of Saint Blaise will take place today, February 3, 2019, after all Masses.