



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: \$1,249.00

Thank you for your support.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of MARCH 10 – MARCH 16, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Mar. 10	10:00	Catherine Neary+	James Neary
	12:00	Adeline Fantozzi+	Mary H. Fischbach
Mon. Mar. 11	9:30	Dec. Mem. of Quiney & McCarthy Families	
	11:45	Andrej Mikulak+	Family
Tue. Mar. 12	9:30	Rev. Msgr. Thomas Neary+	James Neary
	11:45	Mary Ann Pruzinsky (Liv)	Family
Wed. Mar. 13	9:30	Bridget Twomey+	James Neary
	11:45	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Mar. 14	9:30	Col A. F. Story+	James Neary
	11:45	Nancy & Barbara Eppley+	Vincent Pruzinsky
Fri. Mar. 15	9:30	Mary Sozio+, Death Anniversary	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Benjamin Ramirez, Jr (Liv) & Benjamin Ramirez, Sr (+)	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Sat. Mar. 16	9:30	Robert J. Jaeger+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Tessie & Donal Riney+	Chris Cogan

Today's Readings

First Reading Deuteronomy 20:4-10

Moses instructs the people to give an account of their heritage as they bring their offering to God.

Second Reading Romans 10:8-13

Confession of faith in Christ brings the assurance of salvation.

Gospel Luke 4:1-13

Tempted by the devil, Jesus stands firm in his trust in God.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Fridays during Lent at 7:00 PM

IT'S ALL ABOUT POWER

It's all about power! When the author of Genesis wrote the story of Adam and Eve's choice to disobey so that they could be like God, he showed them lowering the standard of what it means to be human. Humans have been trying ever since — through various kinds of disobedience, greed, moral/ethical compromise, selfishness, disrespect and just plain meanness—to climb into God's "throne" and pretend to be all-powerful, like God. We humans glibly disguise these efforts by claiming cleverness, striving to be the best, the brightest, the wisest, the most educated, the richest, the strongest, the smartest, the most helpful, the most beautiful, etc. and all such pathetic nonsense. In our efforts to be God, we have forgotten who we truly are, who we were created to be – beloved children of God, created in God's own Image and Likeness, loved unconditionally and forever. In the mad rush to be God, we of course lost our true Likeness to God, and now in Jesus are slowly learning to become our full, true selves.

When Jesus came to John the Baptist to be baptized, the Spirit descended upon Him and the Voice of God told Him: You are My Beloved Son in Whom I Am well pleased!" And the Spirit then "drove" Him into the desert to discover how to do what He was meant to do. Scripture tell us He was driven into the desert to be tempted by the devil.

Tempted how? As the Messiah, He was to bring the world back to God's Ways. Having just been assured that He is God's Beloved Son and perhaps feeling Himself filled with a newly-realized power, Jesus would be tempted to use that power to ACT NOW. But is "now" always the best time? (Even though I CAN do something NOW, is NOW always the best time? We, like Jesus, have such decisions to make. Every story about Jesus is also a story about ourselves!) So, when Jesus was tempted to take the fast and easy way out, He rejected these three suggestions:

Economic power. Win the world perhaps with food, with riches, with possessions and property security, with good bank accounts, etc.? But Jesus knew, there is more to life than food and money! No lasting future for our world here.

Social/Political Power. Popularity? Entertainment? Get them laughing? Clapping? Chanting slogans? No lasting future for the world here, either.

Military Power. Subdue the earth thru violence and death? Get the whole world bowing down in awe and fear before you? They will of course be looking /working for ways to become stronger than you eventually--and they will succeed! How useless! No lasting future for the world here, either.

How, then? Every baby sitter will recognize the uselessness of these three kinds of "power" attempts! It is, in the end, only LOVE that is strong enough, powerful enough, and lasting enough to win over hearts to the good. Jesus knew that; He died to prove it!

-Sr. Raphael Drone,

We extend our condolences to Irene Freda and Christopher Freda
on the passing of Frederick Freda.

Rest assured of our prayers.

