



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: \$876.00

Thank you for your support.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of MARCH 17 – MARCH 23, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Mar. 17	10:00	Karen T Forgrave (Liv) Happy Birthday	
	12:00	Dec. Mem. of the Pico Family+	Daughter
Mon. Mar. 18	9:30	Fr. Eamon Treanor+	Friend
	11:45	Martin Cooley+	Michael Murphy
Tue. Mar. 19	9:30	Giuseppe/Carmen Salituro	Enrico/Filomena Salituro
	11:45	Abitante/Falotico Families+	
Wed. Mar. 20	9:30	Elena Van Poznak+	Morelli & Van Poznak Family
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae & Family
Thurs. Mar. 21	9:30	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Vincent Pruzinsky & Family (Liv)	Family
Fri. Mar. 22	9:30	Patrick Twomey, Sr. -Jr+	James Neary
	11:45	Mary Elizabeth Tietjen+	Family
Sat. Mar. 23	9:30	Maureen McDonald+	Friend
	11:45	Mamerto Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

God enters into a covenant with Abraham, the man of faith.

Second Reading Philippians 3:17 – 4:1

Christ will transfigure our bodies into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Luke 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured and the disciples hear a voice from heaven.

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Fridays during Lent
at 7:00 PM

HOPE

Hope is some of the important stuff of human living. Who can live, really, without hope?

We cannot live for the past; it is already behind and within us. We can (ought to) live fully in the present, but it too quickly becomes the past, moment by moment. (Scary!) It is hope, though, that carries us forward into the future, giving meaning to both past and present, full of promise and possibilities – and even excitement and curiosity. St. Paul reminds us today that we “eagerly await the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who will then give a new form to our lowly body” (IMAGINE that, if you can!). In Genesis (1st Reading) God helped Abraham imagine himself and his childless wife Sarah as having many children and his thus becoming the father of many nations. God made that covenantal promise, Abraham believed, and so it happened. Hope is like that!

In the Transfiguration, today’s Gospel story, as the gaping apostles witnessed Jesus’ glorious meeting with Moses and Elijah, they could believe and accept with hearts full of hope, that this Jesus Whom they were following was indeed the Beloved Son of God and was leading them into an unimaginable way of life. Their hope in Him would have been almost tangible after that vision. Their hope in His promises could be real because of what they had seen and experienced. We, too, can hope in Him and His promises because of their witnessing. Hope is hope when there is reason to believe that the thing hoped for is indeed possible. And while our hope in God and God’s promises is “safe”, our hope in others’ promises and words are often not so firmly based. I had the opportunity to do some serious thinking about hope after one incident in Liberia. I have had many chuckles about it since. . . I had been trying to transport a shipment of books from their arrival port to several schools in our diocese which had need of these books.

One day I was transporting about 10 boxes of books to another village and had to wait for a “taxi” to return from a neighboring town. I waited at the waterside with the boxes. I waited and waited and waited, checking occasionally with the man at the site about the time of the car’s usual arrival. Darkness was coming on, and still no car. (I had no “planned” accommodations!) . . . And then it hit me! Several weeks earlier a bridge had flooded out between the towns. Calling over to the man at the site, I asked if the bridge had been repaired; he admitted that it had not. “And so, the car is not coming.” “No, Ma’am.” . . . I choked and sputtered and fairly screeched, of course. “So WHY did you not tell me? I have waited here for 6 hours; I have no accommodations for the night. WHY DID YOU NOT TELL ME THE CAR WOULD NEVER COME?!!” “Well,” he explained calmly, “I wanted to give you a little hope.” (Sigh!) Our hope in Jesus is much more secure!

-Sr. Raphael Drone

**Happy
St. Patrick’s Day!**



SHARE BREAKFAST WITH THE NEEDY

Annual breakfast cereal drive.

The Office of Concern Food Pantry at St Cecilia
Church of Englewood is asking for your help.

Cereal collection between March 25 and April 15.