



# 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.  
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## 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: \$1,045.00

Thank you for your support.

## THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

### Masses for the week of MARCH 24 – MARCH 30, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Mar. 24	10:00	Kathleen Twomey+	James Neary
	12:00	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
Mon. Mar. 25	9:30	Fe. G. Tolentino+	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Catherine Hamill+	Friend
Tue. Mar. 26	9:30	Elanor Curry+	Friend
	11:45	Dominick & Ruth Genario+	Vincent Pruzinsky
Wed. Mar. 27	9:30	Fr. John Robinson+	Friend
	11:45	Lorrie Price+	Diane & Mike Bruno
Thurs. Mar. 28	9:30	Eileen Neary+	Veronica Lee
	11:45	Frank & Lucy Rincaks+	Vincent Pruzinsky
Fri. Mar. 29	9:30	Maria Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Bill Burke+	Duggan Family
Sat. Mar. 30	9:30	Happy Birthday to Lauren N. Forgrave	
	11:45	Lucia I. Correnti +	Martha Paladino

## Today's Readings

### First Reading Exodus 3:1-8. 13-15

The Lord reveals himself to Moses as the one who will always be with his people.

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 10:1-6. 10-12

We are asked to learn from the lessons of the past.

### Gospel Luke 13:1-9

Tragic events are not signs of God's punishment for us but spurs for us to change our ways.

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**Fridays during Lent  
 at 7:00 PM**

## **THE LORD IS KIND AND MERCIFUL**

At the very end of the 2nd Reading today, St. Paul warns us that “Whoever thinks [he/she] is standing secure should take care not to fall”(1 Cor 10:12). While that is sound advice for those of us with leg and hip problems, it is even more important for us who are too sure of our own goodness and righteousness and definite opinions. Such confidence is what got the ancient Israelites in trouble and kept them in slavery to the Egyptians for 400+ years before Moses, then kept them wandering in the desert for quite a few years afterwards, as Paul reminded the Corinthians several times throughout his letters to them.

In today’s Gospel reading, Jesus rattled the secure cages of those caught up in their own judgment about the guilt and suffering of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their own blood in their sacrifices. Jesus warned His people that the sins of the Galileans and of those killed in Siloam were no greater than their own sins. He assured them that unless they repented of their own sins, their fate would see them perishing in the same way as the people they were judging.

Always in need of God’s love and forgiveness, His care and kindness, we are reminded over and over again in the Psalm (Ps 103) today that in the midst of our sinfulness and need, “The Lord is kind and merciful.” . . . The beautiful story from Exodus today (3:1ff), the 1st Reading, lets us know in truth how much God honors and cherishes us, His children, in spite of our sinfulness. Calling to Moses from holy ground, God entrusted him not only with God’s Holy Name “Yahweh” (I Am Who Am, I Am the One Who is always Present), but God also entrusted Moses with the precious burden of caring for His Chosen People. It was not an easy job.

During Lent, the Church asks us to tend to our own fasting and prayer and giving of alms, so that we might win pardon for our own sins and perhaps those of others. But we are asked to take care to forgive others rather than to judge them. Lest we fall.

-Sr. Raphael Drone,

## **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.