



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

Sunday Collections: \$.873.00

Thank you for your support.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT Masses for the week of MARCH 31 – APRIL 06, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Mar. 31	10:00	Mary Quinn	Maria Morelli
	12:00	Marilyn Santos+ & Patrocinio Castillo+	Linda Rubio
Mon. Apr. 01	9:30	Antonio Fernandez+	Daughters
	11:45	Victor Migliaccio & Catherine Migliaccio	Maureen Rega
Tue. Apr. 02	9:30	Patrick Neary+	James Neary
	11:45	Mary M O'Connell+	John O'Connell
Wed. Apr. 03	9:30	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	11:45	Virgil and Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Apr. 04	9:30	Elena Van Poznak+	Morelli & Van Poznak Family
	11:45	Alejandro & Maria Ramirez-de-Arellano+	Friend
Fri. Apr. 05	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Rose Peltier+ & Joyce Supper+	Michelle Supper
Sat. Apr. 06	9:30	Special Intentions: Neil & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions: Stoeve & Mongliello Families	

Today's Readings

First Reading Joshua 5:9-12

The people prepare to celebrate Passover – a final act of the nation prior to possession of the promised land.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

We are reconciled to God through Christ.

Gospel Luke 15:1-3. 11-32

The story of the prodigal son – a story of repentance and mercy.

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

FORGIVENESS + RECONCILIATION = AND HARMONY

Traditionally in the Church, this 4th Sunday of Lent was called Laetare, that is, “Rejoice” Sunday. It’s a cousin to Gaudate Sunday (3rd week) in Advent. These Sundays mark the half-way marks through these two seasons set aside for special reflection, self-denial and repentance. The themes for the Readings, therefore, include forgiveness and reconciliation -- new beginnings, with a joyful change of attitudes and efforts in our daily living.

In 1st Reading, Joshua 5:1ff, The Lord said to Joshua at the brink of the Promised Land: “Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you.” How exciting that must have been for those who, at long last, would be able to celebrate their sacred Passover in their own land, this land promised to them so many hundreds of years before.

In the 2nd Reading, these words of Paul are filled with the excitement of the people’s new calling in life: “Brothers and Sisters, whoever is in Christ is a new creation. . . . God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Christ, and given us the ministry of reconciliation (!), . . . God is reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, NOT counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us”. . . , carrying God’s gift of reconciliation to others! With such a gift we have been entrusted and have every reason to rejoice!

What a contrast to the attitude of the elder son in the Gospel Reading of today (Luke 15:1ff) Rather than being an ambassador for his father’s love and forgiveness to his younger brother, he chose to stand in judgment of his brother’s failures and sinfulness, demanding recognition for his own goodness. Probably we have all “been there” at some time in our lives. As I reread the opening line of the Gospel, I wondered where I might find my own face among the gathering crowd: (Imagine the scene; can you find your face?) “Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, ‘This Man welcomes sinners and eats with them.’” So Jesus then told the story of the Prodigals. . .

(A lovely poem by St. Thomas Aquinas might make appropriate reading and musing right now):

WE ARE FIELDS BEFORE EACH OTHER
*How is it they live for eons in such harmony— / the billions of stars—
When most men can barely go a minute
without declaring war in their mind against someone they know.
There are wars where no one marches with a flag,
though that does not keep casualties / from mounting.
Our hearts irrigate this earth.
We are fields before each other.
How can we live in harmony?
First, we need to know
We are all madly in love
with the same God.*

-Sr. Raphael Drone,

**MARK YOUR
CALENDARS!**

**God’s Mercy is
Here!**

April 6, May 18 & June 15 at 8:00PM

SMA Fathers Chapel

**Powerful holy hour of praise, worship
and healing.**

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.