



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

African Art Museum

Open daily. Contact:

Fr. James McConnell

201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Deacon Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

Sunday Collections: \$1,235.00

Thank you for your support.

JUNE 25th

PLEASE JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR FOUNDER

"BISHOP MELCHIOR DE MARION BRÉSILLAC"

11:45 am MASS followed by Barbecue in the Courtyard. All are invited

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST Masses for the week of JUNE 23 – JUNE 29, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. June 23	10:00	Lumen Mendoza+ & Roman Ramos	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Beth Kelly Patterson+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
Mon. June 24	9:30	Constance Mathos+	Family
	11:45	Janice Kelley+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
Tue. JUNE 25	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Mae Kenny
	11:45	BISHOP MELCHIOR MARION DE BRESILLAC	SMA - FOUNDER'S DAY
Wed. June 26	9:30	John Loughlin+	Diane & Mike Bruno
	11:45	James Kurpiel, Sr & Michael Supper (Liv)	Michelle Supper
Thurs. June 27	9:30	Theresa Molloy+	Ann Marie Loughlin
	11:45	Rufino Ambrocio+	Ben/Mely Ramirez
Fri. June 28	9:30	Mary/Joseph Falotico+	
	11:45	John Loughlin+	Vickie Kapal
Sat. June 29	9:30	Eileen Hopkins+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	Maria Valdes+	Friend

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 14:18-20

Melchizedek, priest and king, offers bread and wine to God in thanksgiving for the blessing of peace.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

St Paul hands on to God's holy people at Corinth Jesus' words of blessing at the Last Supper.

Gospel Luke 9:11-17

Jesus takes, blesses and breaks the five loaves and two fish to feed the people with an abundance of food.

Illustration

One of the most remarkable contemporary witnesses to the power of today's feast is Cardinal Nguyen Van Thuan. He was born in 1928 in Vietnam. In 1975, at the age of forty-seven, Pope St Paul VI named him the Coadjutor Archbishop of Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) in Vietnam. During the brutal war, he was arrested by the communist forces. He was subsequently sent to prison where he remained for thirteen years until his release in 1988. Kept under house arrest until 1991, he was then expelled from Vietnam.

The cardinal, who died in 2002, wrote movingly of celebrating Mass secretly in his prison cell. Deprived of all his possessions, he wrote to friends asking for some medicine for his stomach. This was a code-word for the wine that he needed to celebrate the Mass. He also received some hosts, smuggled into the camp along with the wine. He wrote: "I will never be able to express my great joy! Every day, with three drops of wine and a drop of water in the palm of my hand, I would celebrate the Mass. This was my altar, and this was my cathedral! It was true medicine for soul and body, 'medicine of immortality, remedy so as not to die but to have life always in Jesus', as St Ignatius of Antioch says." In the Mass, he united himself with the cross of Jesus, drank the bitter chalice of suffering and renewed the eternal offering of his life to Christ. Increasingly his heart beat with the life of Jesus as he united his life with him. He wrote, "The Eucharist became for me and for the other Christians a hidden and encouraging presence in the midst of all our difficulties. Jesus was adored secretly by the Christians who lived with me, just as happened so often in the prison camps of the twentieth century." Jesus became his "true companion in the Most Holy Sacrament", as St Teresa of Avila says.

Gospel Teaching

The multiplication of the five loaves and two fish is a wonderful miracle pointing to the deep desire of God to feed God's people and the abundance with which God pours gifts on the beloved. This sign points towards the Last Supper when Jesus speaks of the offering of his body on the cross and gives the gift of his body and blood to the disciples assembled with him. St Paul hands on these words to the Christians in Corinth and they are handed on to us every time we celebrate the Mass. Jesus takes bread and says, "This is my body, which is for you." Then he says, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood."

Every time we celebrate the Mass we enter again into the offering of Christ on the cross and proclaim his life-giving death and resurrection. The words "Do this in memory of me" echo across the centuries as priests have offered the Mass with the people in majestic cathedrals, humble parish churches, prison cells, on Mass rocks, both in public and in secret under fear of arrest and death. Cardinal Van Thuan witnessed to the mystery to which the events of the Old Testament look forward: the sacrifice of Melchizedek, the feeding of the people in the desert with manna, and the holy food given to the prophet Elijah as he walked to Mount Horeb. We celebrate this mystery in sacred chants such as "Panis angelicus", hymnody both old and new such as "O Bread of Heaven" or "Bread for the World Broken". This is our "Sweet Sacrament Divine".

Application

The celebration of this feast is both an invitation to adore the Lord in prayer and a summons to love in action. Before the Blessed Sacrament we meet like friends with Jesus, listen to him and tell him our needs. Jesus waits for our prayer, which is an act of trust in him. It is also a summons to action. At the end of Mass, we are sent out as the deacon (or priest) may proclaim: "Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life." These words remind us that Jesus washed the feet of his disciples at the Last Supper. We glorify the Lord by our love in action as we wash the feet of those in need wherever we may meet them. Cardinal Van Thuan, who lived this faithful love with his community of prisoners and guards, is a witness that we are called to bring this love to whosoever we meet.

-The Living Word

Saturday, June 29, 2019 at 4:30pm

Our Lady of Perpetual Help! Rosary & Novena,
Holy Mass to follow.
Join us!

SMA ANNUAL GALA
Friday, September 27, 2019

The Clinton Inn—Tenafly call (201) 567-0450
TICKETS AVAILABLE