



# Society of African Missions

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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. Dermot Roache

201-567-0450 Ext. 212

### 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

Fr. Michael Bova

201-567-0450 Ext. 207

### Sunday Collections: \$1,199.00

Thank you for your support.

**SMA KARAOKE NIGHT**  
**Saturday,**  
**November 30<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30PM—10:30PM \$20**

## SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE Masses for the week of NOVEMBER 24—NOVEMBER 30, 2019

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
<b>Sun.-Sat.</b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>Liv &amp; Dec Benefactors of SMA</b>	
Sun. Nov. 24	10:00	Giuseppe/Carmen Saliturno	Enrico/Filomena Saliturno
	12:00	Bill Rypkema+	Vincent Pruzinsky
Mon. Nov. 25	9:30	John & Zuzana Balascak+	Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrenta Lawler+	Lawler Family
Tue. Nov. 26	9:30	Mario Fata+	Alexandria Fata
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrenta Lawler+	Lawler Family
Wed. Nov. 27	9:30	Maureen Hamill+	Sister
	11:45	Dominador Guinto+	Guinto Family
Thurs. Nov. 28	9:30	Special Intentions Neill and Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Edgar Ambulo (Liv.) Josefina Martinez Birthday	
Fri. Nov. 29	9:30	Maria Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Michael Peltier+Caesar Reno, Isadori (2 Anniv)	Michelle Supper
Sat. Nov. 30	9:30	Marian Kaszynski Family	Alexandria Fata
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrenta Lawler+	Lawler Family

## Today's Readings

### First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

The Israelites anoint David as their king and shepherd. He had led them to victory; he was their own flesh and blood; more importantly, God had chosen him.

### Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

Jesus was first-born of creation and first-born from the dead. Through him and for him all things were created and reconciled. In him all things come to unity and perfection.

### Gospel Luke 23:35-43

The crucified Jesus would not save himself; he saved, instead, the criminal at his side who made confession of his sins. Jesus assured him of a place in his heavenly kingdom.

## Administration:

**Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,**  
 Provincial Superior

**Fr Dermot Roache,**  
 House Superior

# The Feast of Christ the King

On the 11th day of the month of December, in the holy year 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the “Feast of Christ the King” in his encyclical *Quas Primus*. The encyclical was written “in response to growing nationalism and secularism around the world.” It was a time when “manifold evils in the world were due to the fact that the majority of people had thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law **out** of their lives; these had no place either in private affairs or in politics.” It was a response to “people and nations cut off from God.” This included kings and other leaders who had lost their way. I wonder if we may not be facing some of the same issues today? In any case, the pope felt that any remedy to this crisis in the Church and the world “could not be more effectually restored nor fixed upon a firmer basis than through the restoration of the Empire of our Lord.” The encyclical of Pope Pius XI, celebrated in the Vatican Basilica, marked the sixteenth centenary of the Council of Nicaea in which the Church added to the Creed the words ‘*of his kingdom there shall be no end,*’ thereby affirming the kingly dignity of Christ.

Jesus resisted the title of ‘King’ so that “when the populace thronged around him in admiration and would have claimed him as King, he shrunk from the honor and sought safety in flight.” His kingship was understood as “a spirit of detachment from riches and earthly things; it was understood in the spirit of gentleness.” In conclusion, Pope Pius XI writes that “*it is necessary that the kingship of our Savior should be as widely as possible recognized and understood, and to that end nothing would serve better than the institution of a special feast in honor of the Kingship of Christ.*” The declaration and celebration of this feast of Christ the King was said by Pope Pius to speak with ‘inner joys’ and far “more effectually by the annual celebration of our sacred mysteries.” And so today, once more, we rejoice and proclaiming our annual celebration of the Feast of Christ the King, reminding us of our ‘one source of salvation’ whose kingdom will never end and whose reign and rule surpasses all earthly kings, leaders and rulers.

Fr Daniel Lynch, SMA

**SAVE THESE DATES...**

**Saturday, December 14 at 8pm**

**God’s Mercy is Here!**

Please join us for a powerful holy hour of praise and worship.

SMA Chapel

THE SMA  
COMMUNITY  
WISH YOU ALL  
A VERY HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup> 9am—12 noon**

**SMA ADVENT REFLECTION** by Fr Michael Bova

**MASS INTENTION BOOK**

The book for announced Mass is open.

**The Knights of Columbus Council #1345 of Bergenfield/Dumont**

**Adult Christmas Party.** - December 7 from 7 pm to 11 pm the Knights of Columbus will present Panorama Music for our Adult Christmas Party. We are also asking for a donation of non-perishable food item for local food banks. **RSVP REQUIRED** by calling or texting Ken A. at 516-220-9333 or emailing [kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com](mailto:kofc1345Reservations@gmail.com). \$40 per person.