



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: \$978

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Please remember to support your
 local Parishes.

**Stations of the Cross:
 Fridays during Lent at
 7:30pm**

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of MARCH 15—MARCH 21, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. March 15	10:00	Mary Sozio+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	12:00	Deceased Members of the Pico Family	Daughter
Mon. March 16	9:30	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny and Family
	11:45	Robert J. Jaeger+	Kathleen Jaeger
Tue. March 17	9:30	Happy Birthday Karen T. Forgrave (Liv.)	
	11:45	Fr Eamon Treanor+	Friend
Wed. March 18	9:30	Martin Cooley+	Michael Murphy
	11:45	Virgil and Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Thurs. March 19	9:30	Giuseppe & Carmela Salituro+	Enrico & Filomena Salituro
	11:45	Abitante & Falotico Families+	
Fri. March 20	9:30	Patrick Twomey Sr/Jr+	Neary Family
	11:45	Vincent Pruzinsky (Liv.)	Pruzinsky Family
Sat. March 21	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Kathleen Twomey+	Neary Family

Today's Readings

First Reading Exodus 17:3-7

The Israelites, dying of thirst in the desert, begin to doubt God's love for them. At God's command, Moses strikes the rock with his staff. Out gushes water.

Second Reading Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

God's love is overflowing: that is why Christ came to save us, and not because we deserved it. Trusting in God's love, we face the future with hope.

Gospel John 4:5-42

The conversion of Samaria begins when Jesus stops by a well, where he meets a woman coming to draw water. She gives him a drink; he, in turn, offers her the living water of God's Spirit.

In the Gospel of this third Sunday of Lent we meditate on the Samaritan woman's encounter with Jesus. Jesus knew her, he welcomed her, and he accepted her without judgment. All He wanted from her was to taste the living water, to have real, abundant life, not the life that others condemned her to, but the life of God found in the Spirit.

Redemption for this woman was about Jesus seeing her, knowing her, the way God sees all of us. Redemption for her was the freedom from oppression, the freedom from feeling trapped. Redemption for her was knowing that God was offering her the free gift of grace, through hospitality and welcome. That is what we are all called for, it doesn't matter whether or not we are priests or lay.

Across the world there are angels of light, often working with quiet devotion, fueled by a faith and love inspired by the humble carpenter of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ. One such bearer of light is a Catholic layman named Grégoire Ahongbonon who once considered taking his own life but in the depth of his despair found amazing grace. Gregoire is from Benin Republic (West Africa).

The work of Grégoire Ahongbonon is no less heroic than that first undertaken by Mother Teresa on the streets of Calcutta. The world needs to know more about his work and to be inspired by his Christlike compassion.

The SMA are privileged and humbled to work alongside and support the efforts of Grégoire. Gregoire is the founder of the Saint Camille Association in the Ivory Coast and The Benin Republic. The association supports mental health sufferers who are too often rejected by their families and society.



Grégoire Ahongbonon speaking to a homeless man.

Fr Julien Esse, SMA Vocations Director

APRIL 26, 2020

SMA LUNCHEON

\$25 per person

After the 12 O'clock Mass. Mission Hall 23 Bliss Ave. Tenafly, NJ 07670

Throughout Scripture **God reminds us to "Fear not."** Isaiah 41:10 encourages us, *"Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*

In this strange and most difficult time, let us surrender and place all our trust in Christ Jesus who alone does marvelous things!!

"Pray, hope and don't worry!" - St. Padre Pio

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