



Society of African Missions

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
10:00 am; 12 noon
Weekdays & Holy Days
11:45 am
Christmas & New Year's Day
10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

By appointment. Contact
Fr Dermot Roache 201-567-0450 Ext 212

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

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551-449-4357

Sunday Collection:

Thank you for your support.

Please note that the Mass Intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior
Fr Dermot Roache,
House Superior

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Masses for the week of December 20, - December 26, 2020

| Date | Time | Intention | Requested by: |
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| Sun.-Sat. | 8:00 | Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA | |
| Sun. Dec. 20 | 10:00 | Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho (Liv.) | Marianna Cho |
| | 12:00 | Deceased Members of the Pico Family | Daughter |
| Mon. Dec. 21 | 9:30 | Emma G. Haggerty+ | Kathleen Jaeger |
| | 11:45 | Catherine M Hamill+ | Friend |
| Tue. Dec. 22 | 9:30 | Vincent Murphy+ | Michael Murphy |
| | 11:45 | Carmela & Giuseppe Saliturno+ | Enrico & Filomena Saliturno |
| Wed. Dec. 23 | 9:30 | Emilia Ambrocio+ | Ben & Mely Ramirez |
| | 11:45 | Elmer Kim Ken Ong, Aracelyn Paploy (Liv.) | Linda Rubio |
| Thurs. Dec. 24 | 9:30 | Special Intention Neill & Forgrave Families | |
| Christmas Eve | 11:45 | Ruth Kane+ | Rich & Marilyn |
| Fri. Dec. 25 | 10:00 | Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA | |
| The Nativity of the Lord | 12:00 | Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA | |
| Sat. Dec. 26 | 9:30 | Iacullo, Mauro, Sozio Families + | Susan/Bob Iacullo |
| | 11:45 | Abitante & Falotico Families+ | |

Today's Readings: *First Reading* 2 Samuel 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16

David is getting ready for his next big project. Having overcome his enemies, he wonders if he now needs to build a house for the ark of God. God, however, has different ideas of greatness.

Second Reading Romans 16:25-27

In his letter to the Romans, Paul explains that the mystery which has puzzled generations of seekers of truth has now been resolved. The wisdom of God has been revealed in the person of Jesus.

Gospel Luke 1:26-38

We see two sides of Mary's character. She is a meek and humble servant of the Lord but she is also a strong and courageous young woman, able to ask sensible questions, even of an angel, the messenger of God.

Can You Hear This Baby Cry?

The Father sent His own true son
To be born of Mary's womb.
And yet as Joseph and Mary searched
For this child there was no room.

How can this be, dear Joseph thought,
"no room for Yahweh's son?"
Dismayed and sad He tried again
And finally just this one.

A drafty damp and smelly stable
Where sheep and mules abide.
As Joseph looked with love at Mary
He wanted to give up and cry.

I know God will take care of you,
After all it is His Son.
But deep inside anxiety grew
For her time had finally come.

So tired and so weary now,
Concern showing on her face.
She looks about in disbelief
Can this stable be my birthing place?

Amidst the odor and the cold
Was born the King of kings.
Snuggled in His Mother's arms
For warmth against the winds.

This little tiny Holy Child
was truly "God Most High".
How could His mother comprehend
That for the world He would die?

I shall name this child "Jesus,"
Joseph was heard to say.
His heart swelled for love of Mary
As she laid Him in the hay.

This new born infant baby boy
Who was born of Mary's flesh
Had His little sacred heart
Tucked in His tiny chest.

Oh can you see Him yawning now
Or stretching in the manger?
This tiny boy of Mary's,
This tiny little stranger.

This little baby Jesus
With His charismatic heart
Had no place to rest His head
Right from the very start.

Mary kissed His outstretched hands
And caressed His little feet.
Being unaware of course,
That nails would pass through each.

This warm and tender baby boy
so flawless and unmarred
would one day hang upon a cross
Bloody, pain-racked and scarred.

Can you hear this baby cry?
He cries for you and I
For all the sins we will commit
For you and I He'll die.

He will do it so each of us will live
Forever, through His birth.
So we will never ever forget
What each of us is worth.

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MEMORIAL DONATION.-

The Altar Bread & Wine this week is donated by Rich & Marilyn in memory of Ruth Kane.



On Behalf of the SMA Fathers we wish you a most peaceful and joyous Christmas Season. May the Infant Jesus pour out His grace upon each of you. God Bless You!