



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

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Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

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Sunday Collection: \$1,111

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

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House Superior

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Masses for the week of February 21, 2021 - February 27, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Feb. 21	10:00	Bill Moran+ (11 th Anniversary)	Jinnie Moran
	12:00	John McKay+	
Mon. Feb. 22	9:30	Christopher Cortez (Liv.)	Erlinda Cortez
	11:45	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
Tue. Feb. 23	9:30	Jessica Lee-Birthday	Thomas & Jessica Lee
	11:45	Mary & Joseph Falotico+	
Wed. Feb. 24	9:30	Helen & Robert Jaeger+	Kathleen Jaeger
	11:45	Deceased Members of the Costa Family	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Feb. 25	9:30	Robert Murphy+	Susan Murphy
	11:45	Richard Kane, Sr+	Marilyn & Rich Kane
Fri. Feb. 26	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	Ann Kurpiel+ Bill Portmann+	Michelle Supper
Sat. Feb. 27	9:30	Albert & Helen Fleckenstein+	
	11:45	Mary E. Martins (Liv.)	Sister

STATIONS

OF THE CROSS

There will be Stations
of the Cross in the
Chapel each Friday
during Lent at 7:30pm

Today's Readings

First Reading Genesis 9:8-15

After the flood, the rainbow is described as God's promise not to destroy the earth.

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:18-22

St Peter reminds his readers that the Noah story now takes on a new meaning. The water of baptism is not the means of washing off dirt or destroying what is unclean, but a source of new life, a life with and in God.

Gospel Mark 1:12-15

After his temptations in the wilderness, Jesus begins his ministry with the call to repentance.

“Repent, and believe the Good News.”

Illustration.- *It was around a year ago, during Lent, that many of us entered a sort of wilderness as we began the experience of lockdown, as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic. Our ways of communication changed significantly. The things we took for granted – communicating with handshakes, hugs and kisses, gatherings with family and friends around the dinner table, worshipping together in church buildings – were replaced for many people by virtual meetings and group discussions using social media and smartphones.*

As we become more reliant on such devices, we’ve probably had to become acquainted with the language that accompanies them: for example, “restore factory settings” – whereby phones and other computing devices are calibrated to their original settings – and “software updates”, when they are enhanced with the most recent settings, supposedly to make them more secure and effective. We could apply these two concepts to today’s readings, with the “factory settings” being the ancient stories which helped the Hebrew people fix their identity as God’s chosen people, and the “software upgrade” offered by Peter in his first letter, in which he updates that ancient story in the light of the ministry of Jesus.

Gospel Teaching.- *The word “repent”, which we heard in today’s Gospel, is derived from the Greek word metanoia, which means a change of heart, seeing things differently, a new direction, a fresh beginning. The Gospel writers tell us that it was after John the Baptist had been arrested that Jesus began his mission with the message, “Repent, and believe the Good News.” Jesus prepared for this by spending time in the wilderness, where he was, in Mark’s words, “tempted by Satan”. Matthew and Luke give more details of his temptations, telling of how the devil tried to persuade Jesus to turn stones into bread, or to seek political power and influence, or to abandon his commitment to the kingdom of God.*

Our first two readings use images relating to water to convey the idea of a new start. The covenant between God and Noah, made after the great flood, is symbolised by the rainbow, which is itself caused by light refracting through water droplets. Through the water of baptism, referred to by Peter in his letter, we are saved by a pledge “made to God from a good conscience”, not from fear. This is the repentance, the change of direction, which Jesus preached – going forward with joy, knowing that the Lord is with us.

The Living Word

The Secrets of Success in Life – A Lenten Reflection

“When I woke up this morning lying in bed, I was asking myself: What are some of the secrets of success in my life?

I found the answer right there, in my very room.

The Fan said...Be cool; The Roof said...Aim high. The Window said...See the world. The Clock said...Every minute is precious. The Mirror said...Reflect before you act. The Calendar said...Be up to date. The Door said... Push hard for your goals.

THE CARPET SAID NOT TO FORGET TO KNEEL DOWN AND PRAY!!!

Carry a Heart That Never Hates. Carry a Smile That Never Fades. Carry a Touch That Never Hurts.”

HOLY HOUR

March 6, 2021 8:00pm

NOTE.- Mass intentions still available. The 9:30am Mass intentions are being honored in private by our Priests.