



Society of African Missions

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Sundays
 11:45 am
Weekdays & Holy Days
 11:45 am

Confessions

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

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 551-449-4357

Sunday Collection: \$486

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 Please remember to support
 your local parishes.

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

SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS

Masses for the week of November 1, - November 7, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 1	10:00	Michael Giotta+	His Mother
	11:45	Deceased Members of the Pico Family	Daughter
Mon. Nov. 2	9:30	All Family Mamper	Enrico & Filomena Saliturno
	11:45	Rosario Ambulo+	Rosanne Ambulo
Tue. Nov. 3	9:30	Fr Dermot Twomey+	Neary Family
	11:45	Todd Alsberge (Liv.)	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
Wed. Nov. 4	9:30	Souls in Purgatory	Jim O'Brien
	11:45	Virginia and Braulio Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. Nov. 5	9:30	Liz Ramos+	Vincent & MaryAnn Pruzinsky
	11:45	Stefania and Jan Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
Fri. Nov. 6	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Sat. Nov. 7	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Geraldina Sozio+	Susan/Bob Iacullo

MASS INTENTION BOOK: The book opens on November 2nd at our front desk.

Today's Readings:

First Reading Apocalypse 7:2-4. 9-14

The apostle John sees a vision of the life in heaven.

Second Reading 1 John 3:1-3

As children of God, we are promised that one day we will see God face to face.

Gospel Matthew 5:1-12

The Beatitudes show the way to become holy.

PLEASE NOTE:

We hope to provide
 you with an additional
 Sunday Mass starting in
 the Advent Season.

November, the Month of the Holy Souls

The Catholic Church sets aside November as the *Month of the Holy Souls in Purgatory*. Who are the Holy Souls? They are those people who died in grace but who failed in this life to make satisfaction for all their sins. To be sincere, I believe that this definition fits just about all of us! When they reach purgatory, these Holy Souls cannot pray for themselves. God removes that grace from them as an act of justice for their unfinished business on earth. This becomes for them a great suffering, as they see the light of heaven in front of them and must wait. The Holy Souls in purgatory depend on solely on the Mercy of God, the prayers of those here on earth as well as those already in heaven to get to paradise. They can pray for us while they suffer in purgatory, but cannot pray for themselves. That is why every single Mass which is celebrated remembers the dead in a special way. It is a great act of charity.

The Roman Catholic teaching on purgatory reflects its understanding of the communion of saints. The month begins with *All Saints Day and All Souls Day*, connecting a triangular motion (if you will) to the saints in heaven, the saints-in-waiting in purgatory and we believers here on earth.

In November we are encouraged to pray for those who have gone before us, family and friends. However, it does not end there for we are asked also to pray for those who may have no one to pray for them. In this way, we are joined to others in the Christian family and reminded that we are a wide community united in our belief in Jesus and his Resurrection. Pope St John XXIII wrote “The devotion to the memory of the dead is one of the most beautiful expressions of the Catholic spirit.” How true it is. Let us be people of spiritual charity praying for the dead not just in November but every day of our lives.

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ALL SOULS.- The lists with the names of our deceased loved ones will be placed in the main altar for the whole month of November.

NOTICE: My dear friends of the SMA, Blessings and every good wish to you!

Our SMA Mission in the work of *primary evangelization* is to bring others to Jesus in a “hands on” manner. It involves direct interaction with people.

It is widely known that we thrive on this interaction - it is also known that we also enjoy our social gatherings and most especially the annual gala!

During this time of social distancing because of Covid our “annual gala,” which is one of our main fundraisers that keeps the operations of the SMA missions active, cannot occur. Visit our website at www.smafathers.org and go to Blogs - USA. I truly hope you will take time to watch the video posted there, reflect on and consider helping us. You can send a check made out to **SMA Fathers**—memo: **Gala time**.

As always we thank you for your support, love, friendship and prayers. Be assured of our continued prayers for each and everyone of you. Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA