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Sundays

11:45 am

Weekdays & Holy Days

11:45 am

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Sunday Collection: \$529

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of October 25, - October 31, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Oct. 25	10:00	Teresa Molloy+	Angela
	11:45	Benny Walsh (Liv.)	Joan & Joe Mallon
Mon. Oct. 26	9:30	Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Sung Choi Family
	11:45	Hilda Devasundavam+	Lewis Family
Tue. Oct. 27	9:30	Emilio Alcazaren	Minierva
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny and Family
Wed. Oct. 28	9:30	D.J. Carey +	Neary Family
	11:45	Deceased Members of the Sciacca Family	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Oct. 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Rodrigo Bontuyen+	Family
Fri. Oct. 30	9:30	Gregorio & Damiana Maglikian	Luz M.D.
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Sat. Oct. 31	9:30	Salvatore Di Paolo+	Martha DiPaolo
	11:45	Mary & Al Pruzinsky+	Pruzinsky Family

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

Today's Readings:

First Reading Exodus 22:20-26

An instruction to look after strangers and avoid exploiting those who are poor.

Second Reading 1 Thessalonians 1:5-10

Paul praises the Thessalonians for their faith and love of God, and their good example for others.

Gospel Matthew 22:34-40

Jesus teaches that we are called to love God and to love our neighbour as ourselves.

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

“On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.”

Illustration

Next month, St Martin-in-the-Fields Church in London’s Trafalgar Square will host its annual Service of Commemoration for those who have died homeless on the streets of London over the past year. Names are read out; there are always more than one hundred of them. More than eighty per cent of the deaths are usually of men, and the average age of the people is around forty-five years for men and forty-three years for women. One speaker at last year’s service recalled a rough sleeper, whom she was used to seeing in the same place, who died one night. When the ambulance came and collected his body, there was no identification and no one locally knew his name. She undertook to remember that everybody has a name and a right to be treated with dignity.

The church provides immediate relief from homelessness, but also long-term support leading to housing, work and independence. In addition, it involves itself in campaigns tackling the causes of social problems in Britain and highlighting issues where vulnerable people are exploited and abused. St Martin’s says, “there’s only one thing better than seeing a person journey from despair to hope, and that’s being part of that journey”. This is one of hundreds of similar church projects showing neighbourliness and love to vulnerable and isolated people: homeless people, but also refugees and asylum seekers. Such projects are inspired by the teaching of Jesus that we must love others as we love ourselves.

Gospel Teaching

In today’s Gospel Jesus says the greatest commandment is a twofold commandment of love: love of God and love of neighbour. He reminds his listeners that they themselves were once strangers in a foreign land and they must show justice and compassion to vulnerable people: those who are poor, strangers, disadvantaged. Generous love of neighbour is an indispensable means of loving God. Jesus expands the meaning of neighbour: the commandment to love includes those in our family and our community, along with elderly people, orphans, outsiders, impoverished people around the world, and even our enemies. In other words: everyone. The authenticity of our faith, our love of God and our relationship with Christ is measured by the way we treat others.

The readings challenge us to seek repentance and forgiveness for our negative attitudes towards others. The second reading suggests that we should abandon our idols – perhaps love of money, consumerism, celebrities – and make a conscious choice to love our neighbours. So many saints have expressed their love for God by seeking out the most wretched, the poorest, weakest members of society, loving them and raising them up, to reveal their intrinsic dignity as persons worthy of love.