



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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Fr. Julien Esse, SMA
 551-449-4357
Sunday Collection: \$586
 Thank you for your support.

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 your local parishes.

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of October 11, - October 17, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Oct. 11	10:00	Gerarda Mauro+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Alfonso Pico and Family	Daughter and Grandson
Mon. Oct. 12	9:30	Beth Kelly Paterson+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Naciansino Bontuyen+	Family
Tue. Oct. 13	9:30	Peter A. Lynch+	Dominic Porto
	11:45	Elaine Ong, Rani Ponce De Leon (Liv.)	Rosanne Ambulo
Wed. Oct. 14	9:30	Fr James Hickey, SMA	Anne Giotta
	11:45	Virgil and Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Oct. 15	9:30	Marie Keegan+	Airgeadmores Club
	11:45	Anthony Walsh	Joan & Joe Mallon
Fri. Oct. 16	9:30	Olive Hay+	Anne Giotta
	11:45	Maureen Portmann+ and Peltier Family+	Michelle Supper
Sat. Oct. 17	9:30	Michael Giotta+	His Mother
	11:45	Billy Hickey+	Family

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

Today's Readings:

First Reading Isaiah 25:6-10
 We exult and rejoice because the Lord in whom we hoped has saved us.
Second Reading Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20
 The Lord gives us the strength to be ready for anything, anywhere.
Gospel Matthew 22:1-14
 The Lord invites us all to his celebratory feast.

NOTICE: St. John's Council hosts
Roses for Life Drive –
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[charity.gofundme.com/KofC1345RoseDrive](https://www.charity.gofundme.com/KofC1345RoseDrive)
 and accept a Rose virtually.
 Contribute \$10 (or any amount you would like for this important cause) Please send a check payable to St. John's Council #1345, 61 Armour Pl., Dumont, NJ 07628.

NOTICE: It is with immense joy and thanksgiving to our Lord Jesus that we announce the safe release of our confrère Fr. Luigi Maccalli, SMA.

Fr. Macalli was abducted in September 17th 2018 while serving in Niger. He was released October 8th 2020 along with 3 other people who were also in captivity.

Thank you for your prayers, support and belief in the mighty works of God.



“Tell those who have been invited that I have my banquet all prepared... Come to the wedding.”

Illustration.- The German composer Carl Maria von Weber wrote his Invitation to the Dance originally for the piano. It begins majestically, reflecting the formality of the request being made between the partners. Once acceptance is assured the music changes completely, sweeping the couple away in a crescendo of melody and movement. There can be successful invitations, a delight to all concerned. However, invitations may also be fraught with complications. Think of weddings: who is to be invited, who excluded? Modern weddings in the Western world can be expensive and very demanding of all involved. There are lists of desired presents sent out on behalf of the bride and groom.

For parents, there are children’s parties to think about, where again the problem of whom to invite comes to the fore. Again there’s the question of what present should be brought, and the parents of the child whose party it is have to sort out fun bags of gifts for those attending. Now there are even professional party organisers, who are intended to take away the burden of these decisions, organize the fun in a venue of choice and allow the parents to sit quietly chatting and nursing a drink.

Gospel Teaching.- Against such a background it is reassuring to know that Jesus himself had problems with invitations. Not that he disliked or refused them; rather the opposite. In the Gospels he accepts invitations whenever offered, is accused by his detractors of dining with public sinners, and even, as is the case with Zacchaeus, engineers an invitation before it has been offered. Nor is he always the easiest of guests. When dining with Pharisees he never misses an opportunity to upbraid them for their behavior, which might seem rather churlish in our polite world of dinner parties.

It is in his parables that Jesus faces up to the big problem in certain invitations. Normally we would be only too eager to accept an invitation to an important event, but he gives examples of kings or lords holding prestigious weddings, and those invited refusing to come. Not only do they refuse to come but can go so far as to maltreat and kill the messengers sent to tell them of the event. Today’s story runs two parables together, one with the conclusion that all are to be invited now that the original guests have refused, the second to do with how we are expected to respond to an invitation with good faith. What Jesus is really exposing is how God constantly invites us to come and celebrate, and how we resolutely refuse.

The Living Word

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