



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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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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Sick

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of October 3, 2021 – OCTOBER 9, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Oct. 3	10:00	Joseph Lee (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee
	12:00	Helen Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Mon. Oct. 4	9:30	Fr Benedict Groeschel, CFR & Fr Andrew Apostoli, CFR	Pruzinsky Family
	11:45	Joseph Falotico+	
Tue. Oct. 5	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	John Lanigan Ryan+	Mae Kenny
Wed. Oct. 6	9:30	Ted & Fe Vela—Thanksgiving	Fe Vela
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Costa
Thurs. Oct. 7	9:30	Dominic Jose (Liv.) Holy Mass for blessings	Jose Tom
	11:45	Theresa Corcoran+	Diane & Mike Bruno
Fri. Oct. 8	9:30	Robert J Chiocca+	Dominic & Teresa Porto
	11:45	Eva DeRossane+ & Yung Kim+	Linda Rubio
Sat. Oct. 9	9:30	Millie Sutter+	Family
	11:45	Eva Camba Miraflores+ & Juan Laguer+	Nimfa Gali

Today's Readings:

First Reading Genesis 2:18-24

God's original desire for humans is to find in each of us a bond of love that runs so deeply that we never feel alone.

Second Reading Hebrews 2:9-11

Jesus was fully human and lived a human life, understanding all human needs.

Gospel Mark 10:2-16

Jesus had deep concern for the welfare of wives and children, supporting the institution of marriage for the sake of the whole family's well-being.

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

When couples are about to get married, they often ask themselves what it will be like to be married, not just for the first few months of the honeymoon but for the rest of their lives. In sacramental theology, we try to give them a hint in the form of a metaphor—that of the “covenant”—in order to describe what they’re getting themselves into; however, very often, this ancient Near East metaphor doesn’t do the trick.

Sometimes I use the image of a neighbor who gives you a Christmas present on Christmas Day, but when the day is past and gone, he comes back to your door and says, “Yesterday was Christmas, and I gave you a present, but that was yesterday. I want my present back, if you don’t mind.” Sometimes, of course, we would be quite happy to give back the present, which we didn’t like in the first place, but let’s be serious about our culture: in the rules of Christmas, asking for your gift back is a no-no! In the Old Testament world, the covenant was irrevocable. When God chose the Jewish people, it was a done deal. Even the coming of Christ couldn’t break the covenant that God had made with Israel.

And yet, let’s be honest, the couple are taking a risk. Why? There can always be the sneaking suspicion in the back of your mind that your affections are not being returned. It’s a risky business, marriage. Maybe that uncertainty is part and parcel of what we mean by the word “love.” Each half of the couple is looking for a level of intimacy, of assuredness, of an end to the loneliness that can only be found in marriage. Well, what they must be aiming for is to have each other as the axis of their universe, to have their world center around the other person, because it is in the safety of this confidence in each other that they can raise children. In theological terms, we say that when they look into each other’s eyes, that’s where they see the clearest image of Jesus. Adam said it best in the first reading from Genesis, “This one, at last, is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh.”

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

PRAYER FOR SMA VOCATIONS

God our Father, we pray that you would bless our Church, and especially the Society of African Missions, with many members who are filled with a missionary spirit. Extend your call to our youth, and instill in them the desire to devote themselves to you and to the service of your people, especially in the most abandoned areas of Africa. Strengthen us in the vocation we have received.

May our lives give witness to others of the joy of serving you.

We ask this through Christ your Son, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen

Mary, Mother of All Missionaries, Pray for us