



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

Fr Frank Wright

201-567-0450 Ext 225

Bereavement & Visit to the

Sick

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201-450-6586

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Sunday Collection: \$1,061

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of November 14, 2021 – November 20, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 14	10:00	Mary Jean Quinn+	Lisa McCarthy
	12:00	Janina Mojak+	Richard & Lydia
Mon. Nov. 15	9:30	Rita Kintanar+ Birthday	Fe Vela
	11:45	Andrej Mikulak+	Family
Tue. Nov. 16	9:30	Alsberge/Olson Families+	Maryann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Costa
Wed. Nov. 17	9:30	Joseph Elliott+	
	11:45	Henryk Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
Thurs. Nov. 18	9:30	Max Paul Pruzinsky (Liv.)	Maryann & Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Mary Higgins+	Diane & Mike Bruno
Fri. Nov. 19	9:30	Gertrude Burns Elliott+	
	11:45	Julia Little+	
Sat. Nov. 20	9:30	Pruzinsky/Maher Families+	Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Daniel 12:1-3

There will come a time of great suffering and distress, but the Lord will protect his faithful people.

Second Reading Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Christ has offered himself as the supreme sacrifice to forgive all sin, and awaits the fulfilment of God’s kingdom and glory.

Gospel Mark 13:24-32

Jesus speaks to his disciples about the coming of the Son of Man in glory and its consequences.

MASS INTENTION BOOK.- The book for announced Masses for 2022 is open.

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

Several years ago (I forget how many), a minister in California predicted the day on which Jesus would come in his glory (the Second Coming.) As a result, all his followers closed up their businesses, sold their homes, and hunkered down to await the Rapture. Well, guess what? It didn't happen. The minister came back and said that there were faults in his calculations. He had crunched his numbers wrong. So, he set a new date, but again nothing.

Back in the year 2000, many people predicted that the world was going to end. I was working in a parish in Nairobi, Kenya at the time, and one or two of my more foolish students declared that there was no point in taking the Kenya Primary Certificate Examination, which is administered after 8th grade, if the world was going to end. So, why bother studying? ... You might remember that we were still here on January 1, 2000.

I don't know why people keep setting dates and keep delighting in the thought, and I do mean delighting here, that all of creation is going to come to a grinding halt in one great ball of fire. Of course, when we look at the world around us, we might very well surmise that the last days, according to Daniel, are upon us. Wars, famine, earthquakes, extreme weather, pestilence (that means COVID for all those in the know.) ... If we lacked the eyes of faith, if we had never heard of the Good News of Jesus Christ and of our salvation, then we might very well sell our businesses, close up our bank accounts, and wait for the end with hurricane proof windows. But, make no mistake about it! That is not our Catholic faith.

The Catholic view of the last things is one of exultation. Next week, when we celebrate the feast of Christ the King, we shall be celebrating the culmination of history, the fulfillment of all God's plans for creation and for us. When the end finally comes, in God's time and not in ours, we shall see new heavens and a new earth. We shall all possess glorified bodies and walk this renewed creation of ours with joy in our hearts. The dead will rise from their graves, and time will be no more. Our story of the last things invites us into wonder. The African-American spiritual had it right when it said,

My Lord, what a morning. My Lord, what a morning
My Lord, what a morning,
When the stars begin to fall.

It's part of the Good News.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

ALL SOULS INTENTIONS

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