



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

Contact Fr. Frank Wight

201-450-6586

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

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Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

Director

201-256-0450 Ext. 253

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S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from
 9:00am –5:00pm

Sunday Collection: \$1,342

Thank you for your support.

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
 House Superior

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JUNE 26, 2022 – JULY 2, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 26	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Thomas O’Malley+	Martha Paladino
Mon. June 27	9:30	Loretta B. Zabinski+	Dom & Terri Porto
	11:45	Conrad Bing+ Perla Roque+	Linda Rubio
Tue. June 28	9:30	Deceased Members of The Guiney Family+	
	11:45	Michael Griffin+	Chris McDonnell
Wed. June 29	9:30	Eileen Hopkins+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
Thurs. June 30	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	David Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Fri. July 1	9:30	Spec. Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Spec. Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Sat. July 2	9:30	Spec. Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Ed Eustace+	Patricia Lefevere

Today’s Readings:

First Reading 1 Kings 19:16. 19-21

Elisha leaves behind his parents and his farming lifestyle and follows the itinerant prophet Elijah as his servant.

Second Reading Galatians 5:1. 13-18

We are called to be free, not to a life of selfishness and sin, but to one of generous service of others.

Gospel Luke 9:51-62

Following Jesus requires a wholehearted commitment.

13th Ordinary Reflection

REVENGE

We have a slice from life in the readings. There's something very human about the Gospel reading we heard this morning. The Apostles arrive in a Samaritan village, and when they get there, they aren't welcome. Why? Because they're on their way to Jerusalem. Only the hated Jews went to Jerusalem. The Samaritans were drawing lines in the sand, stating who's in and who's out. Very human! We may find ourselves doing this every day, unless we're particularly careful about how we lead our lives.

So, what do the Apostles do? They ask Jesus if they can call down a firestorm from heaven to destroy the village, turn all the houses in it into ash, and obliterate the inhabitants from the face of the earth. On a human level, I'm sure it would have been very satisfying.

Jesus would have none of it! He wasn't a proponent of revenge, no matter how satisfying it would taste in the mouth. And he held true to this right up to the cross. Instead, Jesus offers his disciples a new way of looking at the world. He offers them a new place to stand, a new stance.

Jesus and the disciples are on a journey. I'm sure all of them had homes from which they started their journey, but in a sense, they no longer have a place to call home, a place to lay their heads. Also, and I want you to notice this: they aren't carrying their American Express cards. Of course, Jesus doesn't say it this way, because there were no Amex cards at that time, but the fact remains that they are traveling without baggage, and they don't really know where their next meal is coming from. They are vulnerable.

Personally, I find this scary. I find this vulnerability scary. I don't leave the house without my credit cards in my wallet, and I ALWAYS know where my next meal is coming from. (I would have made a very poor member of the Twelve.) ... Well, what both you and I have to do is to keep these two stances in tension with each other—our exercise of prudence and our openness to the precariousness of life. Even when we are sure we have the wherewithal to meet today's needs, we have to be open to meeting the unexpected and the surprises in our lives. It may be in those unexpected adventures—pleasant or unpleasant, as the case may be—that we meet Jesus on the road to Jerusalem.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA



CONDOLENCES.- Our deepest condolences go out to Peggy Tallier and her family at the loss of her mother Claire Irene Ganley Meisenbacher. She passed away on June 14, 2022. Claire worshiped with us since early 2000's. May She Rest in Peace.