



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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Office open Monday-Friday
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S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$1,050

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JULY 31, 2022 – AUGUST 6, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. July 31	10:00	Margaret & Peter Hickey+	Angela Hickey
	12:00	Felix Labay+	Martha Paladino
Mon. Aug. 1	9:30	Deceased Members of the McCarthy Family	
	11:45	Felix Labay+	Prayer Group/Rosanne
Tue. Aug. 2	9:30	Deceased Members of the Guiney Family	
	11:45	Felix Labay+	Darleen May Go
Wed. Aug. 3	9:30	Special Intention Doris Moreno (Liv.)	
	11:45	Special Intention Victoria Costa (Liv.)	Victoria Ann Costa
Thurs. Aug. 4	9:30	Joseph Lee - Birthday (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	11:45	Lilia R. Tocker+	Friend
Fri. Aug. 5	9:30	Gertrude Burns Elliott+	
	11:45	Thanksgiving	Rosanne
Sat. Aug. 6	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Jimmy Virtucio+ Josephine Aniciete+	Linda Rubio

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

The Preacher reflects on the vanity of human endeavour.

Second Reading Colossians 3:1-5. 9-11

Paul tells the Colossian Christians to let their thoughts be on heavenly things.

Gospel Luke 12:13-21

Jesus warns us to be on our guard against avarice of any kind.



18th Sunday Ordinary C

THE MAN IN THE BARN

This man in the Gospel, gathering his wheat into the barn, you know, he looks very unsecure to me. What does he think he's buying, when he tears down his barns and builds larger ones? Logically speaking, having more and more grain is going to be of benefit, ONLY if he lives long enough to eat it. ... But, you know, there's more at stake here than merely being prudent and saving for the future. I think there's also an attempt on the part of the man in the barn, to fight back against the vulnerability of his existence, to keep the contingency of his life at bay.

Each of us can insert himself into this story with very little difficulty. MY financial advisor, when we were discussing how to invest my untold millions, asked me what I wanted to do with the money. "What do you mean? What do I want to do with it? I want to HAVE it. I feel safer that way. What do I want to do with it, indeed?" ... Of course, his question was very sensible. Contrary to whatever fantasies of longevity I may entertain, I'm not going to live forever.

Maybe the issue we're looking at goes beyond what I've just sketched out: I want you to notice that the theme of INHERITANCE runs through the reading from Ecclesiastes and the passage from Luke. ... OK, so if I can't buy security for myself, then maybe I can purchase it for my children. Shouldn't I be allowed to do that? ... Well, if you can't buy security in THIS day and age, what makes you think you can guarantee it fifty years down the road?

It might be more profitable, in the long run, if you asked yourself what kinds of things you want to leave your children? What kinds of intangible things can we leave them as a legacy? You know, those things that moths cannot destroy and thieves can't break in and steal? Some folks might say a sense of humor to deal with the uncertainties of life would come in handy. Or maybe the ability to think on your feet and outside the box. We might think in more serious terms and stress the role of values: honesty, dependability, perseverance, staying true to your commitments, fairness, sobriety, thrift, generosity, cool-headedness—I'm sure each of us could come up with his or her own list.

We might think of our faith—how we approach the things of this world. Pope Pius XII, when preaching to the victorious allied soldiers after World War II, urged them to remain close to Christ, and maybe that's what we would want our children to do. To have Christ's compassion, to exercise his care for the world and its peoples, to be able to clearly state what life is all about. Perhaps the man in the barn wouldn't need larger barns after all.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA