



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
 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

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S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$1,062

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

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 House Superior

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JULY 10, 2022 – JULY 16, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. July 10	10:00	Kevin Martin+	Diane & Mike Bruno
	12:00	Tom O’Malley+	Mary Quinn & Family
Mon. July 11	9:30	Spec. Intentions of Ralph Cerbasi	George Cerbasi
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Tue. July 12	9:30	Deceased Members of the McCarthy Family	
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Wed. July 13	9:30	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Thurs. July 14	9:30	Deceased Members of the Guiney Family	
	11:45	Sally Rivera+	Prayer Group
Fri. July 15	9:30	Albert & Helen Fleckenstein+	
	11:45	Rose Peltier+ - Larry Peltier+	Michelle Supper
Sat. July 16	9:30	Carmela & Giuseppi Saliturno+	Enrico & Filomena Family
	11:45	Jack & Coreg Molloy+	Angela Hickey

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Although God is surrounded by mystery, nevertheless God chooses to be known and the divine is revealed among us.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20

All things were created through Christ and for him.

Gospel Luke 10:25-37

Jesus recounts the parable of the good Samaritan in answer to a question about who we should see as our neighbour.

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

I want you to notice that the Gospel passage from Luke, with the story of the Good Samaritan, is all of one piece. It's highly structured. It begins with the question, perhaps even a challenge, from the lawyer, and when it finishes, and Jesus' asks his question, "Which of the three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?", the question is directed to the lawyer, and he's the one who answers. Don't ignore how the story is told.

There's a lesson, or a modeling if you will, in the very framework of the passage. The lawyer wants to engage Jesus in debate, and Jesus turns the tables on him by countering with his own question, "What is written in the Law?" He (Jesus) is establishing a common ground on which to reflect. While the lawyer agrees to Jesus' answer, I think he is uneasy in the implications of his own answer.

The story is brilliant. Forget the watered-down interpretation we learned as children; i.e. if someone's in trouble, well, then try to extend him a helping hand. This is not a story for children. We're talking violence here, something we're very familiar with from our own place and time. There's no way to candy-coat what happened. The traveler got beaten up and despoiled of his possessions.

Forget the contemporary meaning of the word Samaritan. For us, he's a do-gooder, someone who goes beyond the bonds of family and neighborhood to offer assistance. The Samaritans weren't do-gooders; they were pariahs! You don't eat with them; you don't worship with them; you don't talk to them (John 4); they are the scum of the earth for the Jewish people.

The answer from the lawyer is really a miracle of sorts. He understood very well the context and the players in the story of the man who fell among thieves. We know that he wanted to justify himself, to be a good Jew, an observer of the Law, but Jesus was able to get through to him, to get him to go beyond the boundaries that his culture had set for him. Whether he was able to get beyond those barriers to his own humanity, as time went by, I don't know. The seed of God's Word reaches deep into his and our hearts. Can we be as good listeners as was the lawyer? Can we imitate Jesus by engaging people in honest debate?

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA