



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

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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 551-449-4357

S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$950

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
 House Superior

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JULY 17, 2022 – JULY 23, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. July 17	10:00	Marco Oresti (Liv.)	
	12:00	John and Susan McKay+	
Mon. July 18	9:30	Arthur & Cesar T. Maglikian+	Luz M. DiMacali
	11:45	John & Edythe Sheehy+	
Tue. July 19	9:30	Sung Choi Family and Mariana Cho (Liv.)	Sung Choi Family & Mariana Cho
	11:45	Ruth Kane+	Marilyn and Rich
Wed. July 20	9:30	Anne Keegan+	Mom & Dad
	11:45	Caiden Carter Rubio (Liv.) Emma Uy (Liv.)	Linda Rubio
Thurs. July 21	9:30	Conrado and Dolores Maglikian+	Luz M. DiMacali
	11:45	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
Fri. July 22	9:30	Miguel C, Edilberto, Amparo Maglikian+	Luz M. DiMacali
	11:45	Bindy Fine (Special Intention)	Victoria Costa
Sat. July 23	9:30	Angela Williams & Dominic Francisco (Healing)	Linda Rubio
	11:45	Amy Fine (Special Intention)	Victoria Costa

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Genesis 18:1-10

Abraham and Sarah unwittingly offer hospitality to God and receive God’s blessing.

Second Reading Colossians 1:24-28

Paul unites his own sufferings with those of Christ for the Church.

Gospel Luke 10:38-42

On being welcomed into their home, Jesus teaches Martha and Mary the meaning of true hospitality.

16th Sunday Ordinary Time Reflection

BEING HOSPITABLE IN INHOSPITABLE TIMES

This short vignette about Martha and Mary and the pots and pans is interesting. How come? ... Well, the reason for including an account of a family squabble in both Matthew and Luke does not immediately jump out at you. In fact, various commentators point out that both Martha and Jesus were breaking the rules of hospitality; namely, you don't get mixed up in another family's internal troubles. ... At the same time, we want to ask why this story occurs immediately after that of the Good Samaritan, which we heard last week?

There is a temptation in this reading to leapfrog to a "quick" meaning, but I think we have to go beyond any simple explanations, or simplistic morals in this case. There's an opportunity here to address some questions that might very well be closer to our own concerns than to those of the kitchen in Bethany. What does it mean to offer hospitality in one's own home? What kinds of limits do we place on our hospitality, either in terms of the generosity of what we offer, or as regards the people we choose to lavish it upon?

This question of hospitality is of particular importance to the SMA, because one aspect of OUR charism is to mirror the tradition of open hospitality present in traditional African societies. When you came to a new village, you were welcomed. As we say in KiSwahili, 'Wageni ni baraka.' (Guests are a blessing!) Nevertheless, how can we continue to welcome people from outside, when COVID is spreading in all directions? And just remember this: by our very calling, Christians are NOT isolationists.

There is no simple answer. To arrive at an answer, where you can be prudent AND faithful to our Christian calling at the same time, requires the employment of our imagination. Pope Francis, in his latest book, "Let Us Dream", comments on the need for the use of our imagination in order to confront the problems of today's world. A question, such as hospitality, needs to be wrestled with. We have to think outside the box. How do we welcome in the stranger—be he the man who fell among thieves or Jesus? The Good Samaritan, Mary, and Martha are all trying to come up with answers, each in his or her own way. We can do no less.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA



MEMORIAL DONATION

The Altar Bread and Wine this week is donated by Marilyn & Rich in memory of Ruth Kane.