



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 Saturdays:

After 11:45am Mass.

Or by appointment.

Contact Fr. Frank Wright

201-567-0450 Ext 225/231

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

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA
Director

201-256-0450 Ext. 253

Fr. Eliecer Sandoval, SMA
551-449-4357

S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$892.

Thank you for your support.

Please remember to support
your local parishes.

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of OCTOBER 30, 2022 – NOVEMBER 5, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Oct. 30	10:00	Maria Carrillo (Healing)	Sister
	12:00	Salvatore DiPaolo+	Martha DiPaolo
Mon. Oct. 31	9:30	Joseph Elliott+	
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Tue. Nov. 1	9:30	Rosario Pino & Enrico Andy Saliturno+	Enrico & Filomena Family
	11:45	Stefania & Jan Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
Wed. Nov. 2	9:30	Catherine McQueen Elliott+	
	11:45	Rosario Ambulo+ (Memorial)	
Thurs. Nov. 3	9:30	All Deceased Members of The Saliturno Family	Enrico & Filomena Family
	11:45	Virginia & Braulio Monroy+	Richard & Lydia
Fri. Nov. 4	9:30	Matthew Elliott+	
	11:45	Lilia R. Tocker+	Friend
Sat. Nov. 5	9:30	Special Int. Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Int. Stoever & Mongiello Families	

PLEASE NOTE: WEEK DAYS.- Starting the first week of Advent,
SMA will once again offer the daily **9:30 Mass.**

Today’s Readings:

First Reading *Wisdom 11:22 – 12:2*
Our patient God is a lover of life, whose spirit fills all things.

Second Reading *2 Thessalonians 1:11 – 2:2*
Paul prays that God will make us worthy of our call.

Gospel *Luke 19:1-10*
Zacchaeus meets Jesus, who comes to seek out and save those who are lost.

MASS INTENTION BOOK: The book opens on November 1st, 2022.

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

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

ZACCHAEUS AND THE SYCAMORE TREE

This episode in Luke's Gospel is about the search for meaning, and it's about the search for God in our lives. I want you to notice that it's another episode with an ambiguous character. What do I mean? Well, Zacchaeus is the chief tax collector. He's the head of the IRS; he's the bogeyman. Why should HE go running after Jesus, even to the extent of climbing a tree to see him? Go and figure!

What's he up to, this Zacchaeus? What makes him tick? What's going on inside his head? What's going on inside his heart? Does his story have anything to do with our story? Do we recognize in him someone with longings just like our own? The answer to these questions depends of course on who we think this man is. Go back and look at the story, and remember who he is. He's the great pooh-bah. His life is assured. He wants for nothing; and yet he climbs the sycamore tree.

I'm going to go out on a limb here and suggest that his actions are not the result of mere curiosity. Something's pushing, or maybe even pulling him up that tree. I've used the word 'longing' to describe what's going on inside him. He feels a longing for something more than he has, something real, something reflective of value, something authentic to himself. He can't quite put his finger on it, but he thinks that he may have found this something in the man Jesus of Nazareth. If we want to call this longing 'a call', then Zacchaeus answers this call in his innermost being. ... His situation is instructive, because all of us possess a longing in OUR innermost being, to find that which is most real, most true of our values, most authentic in who we are.

The hard part for us comes in recognizing this longing when it happens. It sneaks up on us unawares when our attention has been drawn elsewhere. How then do we recognize it? ... You know, we don't really go around thinking in complete sentences. Instead, we have in our mind individual words, or individual pictures, or symbols. Sometimes we try to put these all together into logical patterns, but sometimes we just go with the flow. We act, as Zacchaeus did, even though we can't express our motivation in words. Nevertheless, we recognize something that is real, authentic, and of value in what is happening. If we're lucky we pay attention and respond to God's call.

Well, Zacchaeus climbs the tree, and Jesus reaches out to him. And even in our own longings, and our own responses, Jesus is always there to reach out to us as well, if we pay attention.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

NOTICE.- The Knights of Columbus will be at the chapel next Sunday, offering roses for donations to assist in their right-to-life work.

SPECIAL REQUEST. -The Office of the Concern Food Pantry of Englewood is requesting Turkeys to support families this Thanksgiving. (201) 568-1465

SAVE THE DATE: HOLY HOUR will take place **Saturday, November 19th at 8pm**