



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: \$1,110.

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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of NOVEMBER 6, 2022 – NOVEMBER 12, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 6	10:00	Brody Ascrate Sullivan (Liv.)	Erly Cortez
	12:00	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Ann Costa
Mon. Nov. 7	9:30	Ellen Elliott+	
	11:45	Geraldina Sozio+ Birthday	Susan & Bob Iacullo
Tue. Nov. 8	9:30	Glenn Shulte+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Janina Musak+	Richard & Lydia
Wed. Nov. 9	9:30	Catherine McQueeney Elliott+	
	11:45	Beatrice & Patrick Kenny+	MacKenny & Family
Thurs. Nov. 10	9:30	Fr Raphael Jose Vicente Perez+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Souls in Purgatory	Victoria Ann Costa
Fri. Nov. 11	9:30	Catherine Elliot+	
	11:45	Henryk Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
Sat. Nov. 12	9:30	Sung Choi Family and Mariana Cho (Liv.)	
	11:45	Andrej Mikulak+	Family

MASS INTENTION BOOK: The 2023 book for announced Masses is open.

Today's Readings: *First Reading 2 Maccabees 7:1-2. 9-14*

In this book, new ground is broken in that people are prepared to die rather than submit to pagan worship, because they believe that the virtuous rise to new life, which will never end.

Second Reading 2 Thessalonians 2:16 – 3:5 Paul reminds his readers that God is faithful and will guard them and keep them safe even if difficulties exist.

Gospel Luke 20:27-38 Sadducees did not believe that the dead rise; many Pharisees did believe in the resurrection. It is strange to learn that Pharisees could actually agree with Jesus on occasion.

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Reflection

WHAT'S IT ALL ABOUT

We've just heard Luke's Gospel. What's this controversy about marriage all about? ... Well, I think it's about life, and what life really means. I will admit that on the surface, the CONTROVERSY seems to be about marriage, but that's not what's happening here folks. Take a good look at Luke's Gospel, chapter 20 near the end, and you will quickly realize that it's a trap. They're out to get Jesus. This controversy is really about the resurrection, AND, incidentally, it's also about Jesus's authority to teach in the Temple precincts, or perhaps I should say, it's about Jesus's credibility. Do we believe Jesus, and why?

Resurrection is about life, so what's life all about? First off, I would say that life, as we understand it in Christian terms, is about more than just breathing in and out. Even when you're unconscious in the ICU, and your conscious mind hasn't a clue about what's happening around you, we still say that the Holy Spirit is praying through you. ... So, I think we've got to look for a broader understanding of what life means, or the meaning of life, or what's life all about, phrase it as you will.

The first place to look is in God's creation of everything that has a being. God created the heavens and the earth. God gave life to the plants and the trees. God breathed life into Adam, fashioning him from the dust of the earth. In this sense, the real opposite of life is not death; it's nothingness or non-being. The God Jesus is talking about is the God of the living, because he has given life and existence itself to everything that is. The Saducees got off on the wrong foot.

The next place to look is in what we proclaim about the God whom we worship. God for us is trinity—Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Our God is a God of relationship. The early Christian theologians conceived of God as a dance that was continually in motion. This God of ours is dynamic. He can't keep still but is always active. And here's the punch line: our God invites us to participate in the inner life of God. And this is true whether we are breathing or not. For this reason, too, our God is a God of the living.

We have just observed the Day of the Faithful Departed. This is not a funeral observance for everyone who has died. If we believe that, then we too are getting off on the wrong foot. The feast, following as it does on All Saints, is a proclamation of our life in God. God gives and restores life. Although we cannot give a description of what resurrection looks like, we do believe it.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

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.

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

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

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