



Society of African Missions

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

8:00 am; 9:30 am; 11:45 am

Christmas & New Year's Day

8:00 am; 10:00 am; 12 noon

Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Anbu Kumar

201-567-0450 Ext 204

Our Lady of Perpetual Help

Rosary

Every Wednesday at 11:00 am

Followed by Mass, Adoration and Benediction at 5:30 pm

The Little Way of St. Therese of Lisieux

2nd Sundays after 12 pm Mass

Bible Reflection Group

Thursdays: 7:30 pm in the hall

Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Theresa Hicks, Lay Associates
 201-496-8394

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SUNDAY COLLECTION:

Thank you for your support.

Vocations are born in the family and the faith of the family So let's do it.



PRAY!!!!

Local and Provincial superior:

Fr. Michael Moran, SMA.

If you invite one of our priests out to perform a sacramental function please make sure he is informed. 201-567-0450 x 218

27th week in Ordinary time

Masses for the week of Oct. 8-14

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. Oct 8	10:00	Conrad Bing+ & Estefania Larry+	Linda Rubio
	12:00	Alfonso Pico+ & Family	Daughter & Grandson
Mon. Oct. 9	9:30	Colleen Looby +	Breda & Benny Walsh
	11:45	Joseph Valente+	Patricia Lefevere
Tue. Oct 10	9:30	Maziarz Fam.+	Barbara & Joe Mulheren
	11:45	Mary & Al Pruzinsky	Family
Wed. Oct. 11	9:30	Gerarda Mauro+ Anniv	Susan & Bob Iacullo
		Thomas & Jessica Lee Fam.	Thomas & Jessica Lee Fam.
Thurs. Oct. 12	9:30	Julia McCaffrey+	Breda & Benny Walsh
	11:45	Naciansino Bontuyan+	Family
Fri. Oct. 13	9:30	Nelly Conroy+	Barbara & Joe Mulheren
	11:45	Ethan S. Ella Naima (Liv) Spec. Int.	Victoria Ann Costa
Sat. Oct. 14	9:30	S. & S. Maziarz+	Barbara & Joe Mulheren
	11:45	Brother Jobin Panthup (Liv) Spec. Int	Victoria Ann Costa

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7 God's people, the Lord's own vineyard, prove unfaithful.

Second Reading Philippians 4:6-9 Paul urges us to persevere in goodness all our days.

Gospel Matthew 21:33-43 Jesus confronts his enemies with their murderous intentions.

Announcements:

Raffle tickets for the drawing on Dec. 2nd are now available. The ticket costs \$5 and 1st prize is \$2,200 gift certificate from Liberty Travel and second prize is an iPhone 7plus. So if you are looking to travel take a chance. Contact Ms. Paladino if you want more information.

This coming Sat. there will be a living Rosary in the main Chapel. Assembly will be at 2:30 PM and pot luck afterwards. Questions contact Carol Dumlao.

Illustration

The American politician Adlai Stevenson II was born in 1900 and died in London in 1965. He was an able and intelligent politician, and a gifted speaker. The last four years of his life he spent as US Ambassador to the United Nations. After his death, the writer and broadcaster Alistair Cooke said of Stevenson, "What he left behind was something more splendid, in a public man, than a record of power. It was simply an impression of goodness. He had mastered the art, far more difficult and rarer than that of a successful politician, writer, musician, actor: success as a human being."

When he was a boy of twelve Stevenson had been involved in a tragedy. He accidentally shot dead a sixteen-year-old friend while demonstrating drill technique with a rifle that had been accidentally left loaded. Stevenson was devastated by this event. Years later, in 1955, he heard of a woman whose son had experienced a similar tragedy. He wrote to her and told her to tell her son that "he must live for two". Here we have an insight into the spiritual force that lifted Stevenson into the ways of justice and goodness that came to mark his life. "We will not lose faith in the United Nations," he said in 1952. "We want it to become what it was intended to be – a world society of nations under law, not merely law backed by force, but law backed by justice and popular consent."

Gospel Teaching

The integrity and the spiritual vision of an Adlai Stevenson are missing in characters portrayed in the Gospel story we read today. Jesus is telling a parable to the chief priests and elders of his time, but it is not just a story. It is the foretelling of the deceitful and murderous intentions of his listeners, who before long will turn to violence in order to rid themselves of this turbulent preacher. The story Jesus tells describes workers in a vineyard who, although they are tenant workers, behave as if they owned the place. When the owner, now abroad, sends servants to collect the produce, these workers are not impressed. It is their land now, they feel. The owner is not here. We do the work. We make the rules. They claim what they feel is theirs by violent action.

The parable will be played out most cruelly when Jesus is arrested, put on trial and sent to his death. Perhaps the elders, listening to the story, did not believe that they would do such a thing and did not recognise themselves in the tale. But the story came true and they did commit a crime of violence. For when people feel threatened by someone else they quickly resort to arms to defend what they feel is theirs, rightly or wrongly. Any climate of fear breeds repression and we will justify our actions simply because we are afraid.

Application

The teaching of the Lord for us today in a world where fear and favour jostle for advantage is that we persevere in goodness and never let go of it. In the face of the forces gathering against him, Jesus reminds his listeners of the old saying, "It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone." Violence will never win the day. Wrongdoing contains within itself the seed of its own destruction, and the Lord who went to the cross rose that we might live.

St Paul, writing to the Philippians, promotes this way of goodness today. "Fill your minds with everything that is true," he tells us, "everything that can be thought virtuous." "Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me," he says. It is in this way that the God of peace will always be with us. This is no easy commitment and we will need stout hearts to do as Paul urges us.

In our own times the temptation to act like the workers in the vineyard is ever present, to resort to power politics to sort out the world. Let the words of Adlai Stevenson be heard again. He said, "The early years of the United Nations have been difficult ones, but what did we expect? That peace would drift down from the skies like soft snow? That there would be no ordeal, no anguish, no testing, in this greatest of all human undertakings?" Let prayer be our habit so that peace may be our reward.