



Society of African Missions

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 201-567-0450 x 218

Mass Schedule

Sundays

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

Weekdays & Holy Days

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

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

Fr. Julien Esse, SMA
 201- 894-8611

Sunday Collection:

\$1,487.00 (On 26-Aug-2018)

\$1,445.00 (On 1-Sep-2018)

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MEMORIAL DONATION

The Bread and Wine, Sanctuary and Altar Candles, this week, are offered in memory of James Canino by Babe and Joe.

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of SEPTEMBER 09 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of SMA	
Sun. SEP 09	10:00	Madeline Halley+	Susan Murphy
	12:00	Gino Pico+	Sister & Nephew
Mon. SEP 10	9:30	Antonio S. Fernandez (Liv)	Sister
	11:45	John Coughlan+	Loobys
Tue. SEP 11	9:30	Victims of September 11	Nearly Family
	11:45	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
Wed. SEP 12	9:30	Colleen Looby	Looby Family
	11:45	Joseph A. Mulheren Jr+ & Mary Jane Mulheren+	Barbara Mulheren & family
Thurs. SEP 13	9:30	Mary Grealish+	Winnie Grealish
	11:45	Carmelo Gonzales+	Mely & Ben Ramirez
Fri. SEP 14	9:30	Happy Birthday Christopher G. Neill	
	11:45	Justin Lamorena+	Family
Sat. SEP 15	9:30	Patrick Twomey+	Nearly Family
	11:45	Annie Murphy+	Mike Murphy

Today's Readings

First Reading Isaiah 35:4-7

The prophet Isaiah says, "Courage, do not be afraid!" The Lord is coming to save us.

Second Reading James 2:1-5

James calls us to be careful not to turn ourselves into judges, judging incorrectly between the rich and the poor.

Gospel Mark 7:31-37

Jesus makes the deaf man hear and speak clearly. The people are full of admiration and say, "He has done all things well."

“God created all of us in his own image and likeness” (Gen 2, 27)

On this twenty third Sunday of ordinary time, we celebrate Christ our Savior who shows no favoritism and makes no distinction between classes of people but, makes all rich in faith. Our first reading is a message of hope for the oppressed people of God. It is a message of hope for all of us in need of God’s saving help. Above all, it is a message of hope from a loving Father who does not show favoritism or, like oppression.

In our second reading today, although James focuses on the sin of showing favoritism to the rich and despising the poor, his words certainly apply to all types of prejudices in our families, churches and societies. That is, whether it is based on economic status, race, or anything else. To favor some people and disregard others based on outward factors is a terrible sin that afflicted the early church. This was why seven deacons were elected to avoid favoritism in the distribution of resources in Acts 6. The message of James is still very relevant to all of us today. This is because today, in our families, communities, churches, states, and indeed all over the world, people still suffer terribly because of who they are, where they come from, the color of their skin, their economic, social, political, religious and cultural status. It is sad to know that in this century, favoritism, discrimination and, racism still plagues our society. This should not be so for us as Christians.

Where and whenever they exist, they are signs that we do not yet know or understand God and his ways. They are expressions of emptiness and shallow spirituality. Their roots are in these twin vices called: pride and selfishness. These two vices are endemic to our fallen hearts and nature. Pride makes one think he or she is better than the other or, that some human beings are superior while others are inferior. So, they should be treated differently. Selfishness makes one think only about ones wellbeing and so, ignore the sufferings and needs of others. It also tempts and actually leads one to take undue advantage of the other person because he or she feels stronger than the other. These twin vices are the forces behind the theory of “Might is Right” which is a negative expression of power.

Today’s gospel tells us that, “Jesus went about from one town to the other doing good.” We were not told that he healed only the poor or the rich. Rather, he allowed his blessings to reach the poor as well as the rich, the good as well as the bad. Jesus did not discriminate or show favoritism. Instead, he identified with all classes of people. Christ visited and eat with Zacchaeus, the sinner and tax collector and, he became a better person. He healed the daughter of Jairus, the Roman centurion who was both wealthy and a gentile. He spoke with, and restored the life and faith of a Samaritan woman, which according to the Jews was a grave sin. Among his apostles was Levi, a very rich tax collector who today is Saint Matthew. On the other hand, He healed many poor blind, lame, deaf and dumb people. “He did all things well” without showing favoritism, or minding the race, the economic, social, religious and, political status of those he helped.

My dear brother and sisters in Christ, we must emulate Jesus today by aiming at doing good to all, healing the wounded, helping others in need without favoritism or, minding their status. We should be motivated by the fact that, “God created all of us in his own image and likeness” (Gen 2, 27). So, we must strive to be better than others in generosity and goodness, rather than in favoritism. God wishes to heal us and our world. As his instruments, we must emulate the generosity of Christ his Son. We must go about doing good and reaching out to those in need irrespective of who they are, their status, and class in life.

-Fr. Anthony Korir

Friday, September 21, 2018 - 7:00pm

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