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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; 12:00 noon

Confessions

Saturdays 4:30 pm to 5:00 pm

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Dermot Roache
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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

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Masses for the week of June 28 — July 4, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 28	10:00	Thomas and Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family
	12:00	Theresa Blasco+	Flynn Family
Mon. June 29	9:30	Maria R Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Eileen Hopkins+	Mary Quinn & Family
Tue. June 30	9:30	For Our Armed Forces	Neary Family
	11:45	David Wilson+	Mary Fischbach
Wed. July 1	9:30	Patrick Fleming+	Millie & Larry Fleming
	11:45	Catherine & John Moccio+	Victoria Costa
Thurs. July 2	9:30	Kathleen Barbour+	Neary Family
	11:45	Lauren Abrams+	Vincent Pruzinsky
Fri. July 3	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Sat. July 4	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Thomas Lee (Liv.) Birthday	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family

Today's Readings: *First Reading 2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16*

Elisha receives a warm welcome. His host is richly blessed.

Second Reading Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Death has no more power over Christ. We must live as if dead to sin and alive for God in Christ.

Gospel Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus identifies completely both with the Father who sent him and with the disciples who follow him.

“Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me.”

“Illustration

The whole world is on the move. In recent years we have seen huge numbers of people fleeing warfare and violence in the Middle East, crossing over from Turkey to Greece, and others seeking to escape poverty in sub-Saharan Africa, making the perilous crossing from Libya to Italy in flimsy boats. In Asia, the Rohingya people have fled violence in Myanmar, or Burma, to live in refugee camps in Bangladesh; in the Americas, peoples from many countries head northwards, seeking a better life in the United States. Sometimes these people are welcomed and find refuge; sometimes they are turned away or encounter hostility and violence when they reach the land of their dreams; sometimes, tragically, they find death, drowning in the waters of the rivers and seas they try to cross.

No one would claim that there is a simple solution to the issue of mass migration; yet few could remain unmoved by the desperation that leads people to leave their homes and take their families on such perilous journeys. The question of just how welcoming to be is one which many host nations grapple with. The scale of mass migration is especially challenging for countries that pride themselves on being liberal democracies with a long tradition of welcoming people who are poor and oppressed. The quality of our welcome – or our lack of welcome – is making many take a hard look at their core values and their self-understanding.

Gospel Teaching

The letter to the Hebrews tells us: “remember always to welcome strangers, for by doing this, some people have entertained angels without knowing it”. From Abraham and Sarah onwards, the scriptures show how people who extend hospitality to strangers are often the ones who actually end up receiving the hospitality of God. In today’s first reading, the prophet Elisha wants to give some kind of recompense to the unnamed woman who is so generous in her welcome to the holy man and his companion. She declines his offer, saying that she has everything she needs. Her generosity is not given for any hope of reward but simply as an expression of her kindness, of the sort of person that she is. However, the prophet is able to promise her the one thing that she truly desires: the gift of a son. In the Gospel, Jesus intensifies this teaching on the importance of welcome and hospitality. Christ identifies so closely with his disciples that he states that anything done to help them will be regarded as done to him personally – even something as trivial as offering a cup of water. And by welcoming him, we welcome the Father who sent him. God is never outdone in hospitality. We give different names to that hospitality: salvation, eternal life, wholeness, healing, mercy, redemption, forgiveness, holiness. These are the ways in which we experience the hospitality of God. Always, when we welcome God into our lives – in our prayer, in our service of others, in faithfulness to our calling – we find ourselves blessed, enriched by that encounter.”

The Living Word

NOTE: As Rome’s proclamation of declaring our founder Bishop Marion de Brésillac to *Venerable*, let us persevere in asking his intercession for a miracle that will allow us to continue the journey towards beatification.

The Founder’s Day Mass of June 25th 2020 will soon be updated for viewing on the website. Stay tuned. Thank you for your support.



On Behalf of the SMA Fathers we wish you all a
Happy Fourth of July!
Have a safe weekend. God Bless America!