



Society of African Missions

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Mass Schedule

Sundays
 11:45 am
Weekdays & Holy Days
 11:45 am

Confessions

By appointment. Contact
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Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
 from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm

S.M.A. Vocation Office

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 551-449-4357

Sunday Collection: \$921

Thank you for your support.
 Please remember to support
 your local parishes.

Please note that the
 Mass Intentions are being
 honored in private by our
 Priests.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Masses for the week of September 20 — September 26, 2020

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Sept. 20	10:00	The LaCosta Family+	Susan/Bob Iacullo
	11:45	Susan McKay+	Martha Paladino
Mon. Sept. 21	9:30	Catherine M Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Fr. Joe Casclang+	Rosanne Ambulo
Tue. Sept. 22	9:30	Edmundo Llaguno+	Minene Pacia
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Wed. Sept. 23	9:30	Angelica Fernandez+	Daughters
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Thurs. Sept. 24	9:30	Spec. Intentions Rosalba Vasquez (Liv.)	
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	Lawler Family
Fri. Sept. 25	9:30	Happy Birthday George T. Neill (Liv.)	
	11:45	Jonas Tolentino+	Erly Cortez
Sat. Sept. 26	9:30	Theresa & Michael Martin+	John Tietjen
	11:45	Muriel Gawlik+	

Today's Readings: *First Reading* Isaiah 55:6-9

Isaiah preaches to the people, urging them to return to the Lord who is rich in forgiving.

Second Reading Philippians 1:20-24. 27

The apostle calls us to avoid anything in our everyday lives that would be unworthy of the Gospel.

Gospel Matthew 20:1-16

Even at the eleventh hour the Lord calls people to work in his vineyard.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: 61 Armour Pl. Dumont. RSVP REQUIRED
 Call 516-220-9333 or email KofC1345Reservations@gmail.com. **Saturday September 26th – ITALIAN FESTIVAL** with Panorama Music 5PM-9PM. This will be an authentic Italian Street Festival. \$40/per person. Face coverings are required and social distancing will be practiced.

“You go into my vineyard too.”

Illustration

At election time political parties make promises, and we know what we expect them to say. Taxation will be reduced; more money will be available for schools, for health care and welfare. A new and ambitious house-building programme is on the cards. Public transport will be a top priority and more will be spent on infrastructure, including road repairs and building new ones. But suppose a political party presented this: “We are going to introduce a revolutionary new wage policy. Instead of an hourly rate of pay, we shall pioneer a daily rate for the worker. By this we mean that whether you spend just one hour a day at work or a full eight hours, you will be paid the same wage. Just to make this crystal clear: we are proposing an enhanced daily minimum wage, which workers will receive whether they work for one hour or eight. It is a progressive new deal. Employers will be compelled to comply”.

Such a suggestion would be met with outrage. It would not be fair; it would not be right or just. Unsurprisingly those who worked for a whole day in the field or factory would be furious and envious of those who had worked for only an hour.

Gospel Teaching

Jesus, however, was not advocating some strange new social teaching when he told the story of an employer who did this. The key to his parable is in the words, “Why be envious because I am generous?” It is a parable about the extraordinary generosity and love of God. It is not about human rights; it is, Jesus said, about what the kingdom of God is like.

So in the parable there are people waiting around the marketplace, idle, lost and unemployed, maybe misbehaving. Although they do not know it, they are waiting for the Gospel. Along comes the landowner who, of course, is Jesus, and a group of them take up his invitation to work in his vineyard. A meaning comes to their life at once and they are gainfully employed in the kingdom. They are working for God, in the sense of fulfilling their purpose in life, living life in the way that is pleasing to God. And the wages they will receive will be eternal life. Some hear the call later in life and their reward is the same. Even at the eleventh hour some people respond to his call, and among them we may think about the penitent thief on the cross: “Today you will be with me in paradise.” Here is a wonderful picture of Jesus walking into his Father’s presence, leading this man by the hand: “Here, Father, is the man I have saved.” How completely appropriate that the saviour brings with him the sheep that was lost; that the first to enter the kingdom of God with him was a thief.

The Living Word

NOTICE: My dear friends of the SMA, Blessings and every good wish to you!

Our SMA Mission in the work of *primary evangelization* is to bring others to Jesus in a “hands on” manner. It involves direct interaction with people.

It is widely known that we thrive on this interaction - it is also known that we also enjoy our social gatherings and most especially the annual gala!

During this time of social distancing because of Covid our “annual gala,” which is one of our main fundraisers that keeps the operations of the SMA missions active, cannot occur. Visit our website at www.smafathers.org and go to Blogs - USA. I truly hope you will take time to watch the video posted there, reflect on and consider helping us. You can send a check made out to SMA Fathers—memo: Gala time.

As always we thank you for your support, love, friendship and prayers. Be assured of our continued prayers for each and everyone of you. Thank you and God bless you.

Fr. Dermot Roache, SMA