



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

By appointment. Contact

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Perpetual Mass Association

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Sunday Collection: \$699

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of June 20, 2021 – June 26, 2021

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 20	10:00	Alejandro Ramirez De Arellano	Friend
	12:00	Ralph Iacullo+ Gerardo Sozio+	Susan & Bob Iacullo
Mon. June 21	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Joan Johnson+	Jane Dunn
Tue. June 22	9:30	Margaret Doonan+	Susan Murphy
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Wed. June 23	9:30	Beth Kelly Patterson+	Mary Ann Pruzinsky
	11:45	Deceased Members of Sciacca Family	Victoria Costa
Thurs. June 24	9:30	Patrick Fargholi+	John Albanese
	11:45	Constance Mathus+	
Fri. June 25	9:30	Ortenzio & Andrew Albanese	John & Nick Albanese
	11:45	SMA Founder's Day	
Sat. June 26	9:30	All Persecutions again Christians and Antichrist. Protection for Catholic Church and Tom Family by Jose Tom	
	11:45	James Kurpiel+ Peltier Family+	Michelle Supper

Today's Readings: *First Reading Job 38:1. 8-11*

No matter what storms may rage, God has set bounds to them.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-17

Because Christ has died for us, the life of one is to be lived for the life of all.

Gospel Mark 4:35-41

It doesn't matter what we are threatened with, as long as we remember that Christ is with us to put an end to our fear.

SMA FOUNDER'S DAY!

June 25, 2021

Please join us at 11:45 for our annual Mass of Thanksgiving honoring the life and works of our founder
Venerable Bishop
Melchior de Marion Brésillac.

“Why are you so frightened? How is it that you have no faith?”

Illustration

It's an oddity of human existence today that people often travel the world, but never get around to exploring their own country. Whether because of tourism or emigration, we might visit and get to know places that are far away from our home, but never really explore our own vicinity. Sometimes people don't even know much of their own city, let alone their own country. Although some of the apostles whom Christ first called would later travel the known world spreading the Gospel, they might well have been less familiar with places much closer to home. The fishermen, for example, even though they were experienced sailors, would fish so far out into the Sea of Galilee and no further. This would be one reason for their fear when the storm blew up. The other side of the sea was pagan territory – if we read on into the next chapter of Mark's Gospel, this is something we will learn from the presence of pig farmers, since, for the Jewish people, the pig was an unclean animal, to be avoided at all cost.

So in today's Gospel reading the disciples are travelling to pagan territories. This may have been a puzzle to them, as at this point they had no reason to regard Jesus as anything other than a Jew sent to the Jewish people, God's chosen people.

In times of danger, calmness in another person doesn't always inspire calm in others. In the story Jesus is not just calm; Mark tells us that he is actually sleeping in the boat and even gives the detail that he has “his head on the cushion”. The disciples are afraid of the storm, but really their fear is more extensive than that. They are being taken out of the life they know and into a new life, which they cannot yet understand. So when the Lord rebukes them for not having faith, he is not just talking about their fear of drowning. They are afraid of where this Messiah might take them and what he will ask of them.

Gospel Teaching

Throughout his earthly ministry, the true greatness of Christ and his mission eludes the disciples. On this occasion we are told that there are other boats on the sea, with him or with the boat – the Greek admits either translation. When Christ shows his power, he does it in a way that saves all the boats. What he does not do is save just the boat that the disciples are in. This great calm which he brings about is for the sake of all who must take ship and risk their lives on the great sea of life, that is to say, all humanity.

This great calm will not come upon the world until human history is done. When this will be is not given to us to know. What we can trust is that the ship of the Church will make its way through storms until that end comes. The journey may be hard, and much may be lost on the way, but the ship will not be lost.

The Living Word

SYMPATHY.- It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Arthur (Artie) Flynn. He died on Sunday. Artie was a long time supporter and friend of the Mission. We extend our deepest sympathies to his wife Ellen and their family. May He Rest in Peace.



We, here at the Mission, extend to all Fathers a very Happy Fathers Day!