



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 Saturdays:

After 11:45am Mass.

Or by appointment.

Contact Fr. Frank Wright

201-567-0450 Ext 225/231

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

Office open Monday-Friday
 from 9:30am to 3:00pm

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S.M.A. Museum

Open Monday-Sunday from
 9:00am –5:00pm

Sunday Collection: \$819.

Thank you for your support.
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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
 House Superior

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

Masses for the week of NOVEMBER 20, 2022 – NOVEMBER 26, 2022

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 20	10:00	Ryszard Kawalek+	Richard & Lydia
	12:00	Dijohn Rubio (Liv.) Caiden Rei (Liv.)	Linda RUBio
Mon. Nov. 21	9:30	Ellen Elliott+	
	11:45	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
Tue. Nov. 22	9:30	Bill & Billy Rypkema+	Vincent Pruzinsky
	11:45	Jan & Zuzana Balascak+	Family
Wed. Nov. 23	9:30	Catherine Elliott+	
	11:45	Fely Guinto (Liv.)	Family
Thurs. Nov. 24	9:30	Special Intentions Neill & Forgrave Families	
	11:45	Special Intentions Stoever & Mongiello Families	
Fri. Nov. 25	9:30	Giuseppi & Carmela Salituro	Enrico & Filomena Family
	11:45	Leticia Ricafrente Lawler+	John Lawler
Sat. Nov. 26	9:30	Matthew Elliott+	
	11:45	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend

Today’s Readings:

First Reading 2 Samuel 5:1-3

All the tribes of Israel choose David as their king.

Second Reading Colossians 1:12-20

The Son holds all things in unity and reconciles everything in heaven and everything on earth.

Gospel Luke 23:35-43

Jesus promises the gift of the kingdom to the criminal who believes in him.

CRISTO REY REFLECTION

There is such ambivalence in the readings for the feast of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, so much so that I don't really know where to begin. I mean, is Jesus the king of the universe or isn't he? look at the second reading from Paul's Letter to the Colossians. "He delivered us from the power of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his Beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. ... He (Jesus) is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation." I could go on doing a dramatic reading from Paul's letter, but you get the point.

These are EXTRAVAGANT claims really. ... But then, look AGAIN, and this time, at the picture we're given in Luke's Gospel: In today's reading, we're standing on the hill of Calvary, right there under the three crosses. "He saved others. Let him save himself IF he is the Chosen One, the Christ of God." Even the soldiers, who were just doing their job, thank you, jeered at him. So, who's right? It's quite clear that not everyone, either of Jesus's time or ours, is convinced that Jesus is king.

The early Christians got caught in the middle. When they announced that Jesus is Lord, before the Roman authorities, they knew that there would be consequences—lions and crosses and burning pyres. Think of Peter and Andrew, Felicity and Perpetua, Lawrence and Stephen. In recent times things have been no different. Think of Maximilian Kolbe, Miguel Pro, Alfred Delp, Titus Brandsma. ...

Contrary to where you think this reflection is going, I'm not urging you to go out and look for ways to become martyrs. We already have enough people being killed in the world today as it is. ... Still, there are consequences in any age for being willing to proclaim that Jesus is Lord. This claim is not, and should not be, an idle statement. It's got to mean something! Well, be ready to consider the implications of saying Jesus is Lord. Think it through; and don't whittle down the thought process to something that appears simple but isn't.

The place where the life of a Christian disciple is lived out is in the bosom of the family, in the constant give and take of the workplace, in the tensions of living in community, in the struggle to find a job and put food on the table. If Jesus is king, then that allegiance needs to be evident in our choices and in our actions. If Jesus is king, then our choices need to be thought through, weighed in the balance, and tested. Life in the kingdom needs to be lived reflectively.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

MASS INTENTION BOOK: The 2023 book for announced Masses is open.

PLEASE NOTE: Starting November 29, 2022, SMA will once again offer the daily 9:30 Mass Monday through Saturday.

NOTICE.- Each Saturday of Advent, we are offering an Advent Reflection at 11:15am prior to the 11:45am Mass.

The SMA Community wish you and your loved ones a blessed Thanksgiving