



Society of African Missions

“The Mission”

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Mass Schedule

Sundays

10:00 am; 12 noon

Weekdays & Holy Days

9:30 am & 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

Contact Fr. Frank Wight

201-450-6586

Perpetual Mass Association

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

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

Director

201-256-0450 Ext. 253

S.M.A. Museum

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

Sunday Collection: \$1,065

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your local parishes.

Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
Provincial Superior

Fr Frank Wright,
House Superior

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of JUNE 18, 2023 – JUNE 24, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 18	10:00	Gerardo Sozio+	Susan Iacullo
	12:00	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Mon. June 19	9:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Louise Coull
	11:45	Ralph Iacullo+	Susan Iacullo
Tue. June 20	9:30	Elsie Koch+	Koch Family
	11:45	Alejandro Ramirez-De-Arellano	Friend
Wed. June 21	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Jack Kenny+	Mae Kenny & Family
Thurs. June 22	9:30	Carmela & Theresa Ambulo (Liv.)	Rosanne Ambulo
	11:45	Margaret Doonan+	Susan Doonan-Murphy
Fri. June 23	9:30	Catherine & Victor Migliaccio+	
	11:45	James Kurpiel & Ann Kurpiel+ Birthday	Michelle Supper
Sat. June 24	9:30	Patrick Co+ & Robert Lee Eckford+	
	11:45	Constance Mathus+	Family

Today’s Readings:

First Reading Exodus 19:2-6

The Lord makes Israel his very own people, a consecrated nation.

Second Reading Romans 5:6-11

Christ has reconciled and saved us through his death.

Gospel Matthew 9:36 – 10:8

Jesus sends out his disciples to labour in his harvest.



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11th Ordinary Reflection

I want to preach on Romans today. This section of Paul's letter is a reflection on Christ dying for the helpless, dying for the sinner, dying for the unjust. Paul says, it might be possible for someone to surrender himself to death for the sake of a just person; maybe he or she would find the courage if the person were really good. Of course, the paradox is that Christ was willing to die for people who didn't fit into the righteous category.

This passage brings to mind the story of St. Maximilian Kolbe, the Polish Franciscan priest who volunteered to die in the place of another prisoner at Auschwitz. I've been there and seen the place. The commandant had selected ten men to die in retaliation for one escaped prisoner, so you can imagine the commandant's surprise when Kolbe requested to take the place of another man who had a wife and child. He feared it was a trick, for as Paul pointed out, it's difficult for anyone to imagine someone giving his life for another.

I certainly think that it's hard for us to imagine. Why do it? What are we proving? Given the brutality of the camps, it was likely that either Kolbe or the saved man would have died under other circumstances. This was a practical situation with far too few eventualities, all of them dependent on the throw of the dice. On the surface, there was a certain futility in the action, because, honestly, no outcome seemed desirable. In Auschwitz, you were supping with the Devil.

If you want to understand why a man—Christ, Maximilian Kolbe, or whoever—is ready to die for another, then you have to go back to the Scriptures. Jesus instructed his disciples to go forth, announcing the advent of the Kingdom of God. The Kingdom of God is at hand! It is the hope of things not seen that allows us, urges us, challenges us, to live and die as Christ did. There is admittedly a certain sense of futility for us in doing so, because we don't know, in terms of factual knowledge, what the outcome will be. We believe. We have faith. And we act accordingly. We are ready as gamblers to bet on the throw of the dice.

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

COME JOIN US FOR A COMMUNITY COOKOUT

AFTER 11:45am MASS

4th OF JULY AT THE MISSION

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

May our God bless all fathers. May those who passed away rest in peace.