



# 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

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

#### **Administration:**

**Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,**  
Provincial Superior

**Fr Frank Wright,**  
House Superior

## TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### Masses for the week of JUNE 25, 2023 – JULY 1, 2023

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv & Dec Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 25	10:00	Angela Lee (Liv.)	Juliahna Park
	12:00	<b>SMA Founder’s Day—MASS OF THANKSGIVING</b>	
Mon. June 26	9:30	Timothy John Martinez (Birthday) (Liv.)	Josie Martinez
	11:45	Joyce Clark+ & Gil Pajela+	
Tue. June 27	9:30	Francis Allen Martinez Birthday (Liv.)	Josie Martinez
	11:45	Yolanda Young+	Josie Martinez
Wed. June 28	9:30	Gustavo Moreno+	Family
	11:45	Eileen Hopkins+	Mary Quinn & Family
Thurs. June 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Holy Souls	Victoria Costa
Fri. June 30	9:30	Rosalba Vasquez+	Family
	11:45	John & Susan McKay+	
Sat. July 1	9:30	Mercedes Cantor+	
	11:45	Francis Kabanda+	Daughter

### **Today’s Readings:**

**First Reading** *Jeremiah 20:10-13*

*The prophet lives in fear of his foes and calls on God’s help.*

**Second Reading** *Romans 5:12-15*

*Adam’s fall is redeemed by the life of Jesus.*

**Gospel** *Matthew 10:26-33*

*We are worth hundreds of sparrows.*

The SMA Community  
wish you all a safe and  
happy Independence Day!

God Bless America

## TWELFTH ORDINARY REFLECTION

For all of us living in anxious times, the readings this morning are meant to reassure us. Jeremiah in the first reading is about to be thrown into the cistern; yet he tells people “Sing to the Lord. Praise the Lord, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!” Paul in the Letter to the Romans tells us “How much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many?” And Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew tells the disciples, “Fear no one!”

It's a good thing that all the readings point us in one direction. I say this because the voices of the readings have to be able to rise above the many discordant voices we hear around us, voices telling us that the rule of international law is of no relevance in the conflict in the Ukraine. Voices on the computer-feed that tell us that the cultural wars in the US are reaching new impasses. Voices that tell us that the value of human life, including our human lives, are like dust in the balance. Can the voices of Jeremiah, Paul, and Jesus outshout all the voices that beat in our ears like an incessant drum tattoo?

Many folks come to me because they somehow feel responsible for the state of the world. ... I don't get it! I have enough trouble of my own making on my plate without adding the international and national situations to my rap sheet. I am not under the illusion that I control the world.

At the same time, we are not like so many fallen leaves, blown hither and yon by the wind. Just remember, we have been created in the image of God as dynamic creatures who have been endowed with reason. For do we not have the treasury of Scripture, of the liturgy, and of the tradition of the Church to help us and reassure us, and to suggest ways in which we might find our center and fight against all the forces that seek to tear us apart? And above all, do we not have the power of prayer?

God gives us reassurance in the face of these inimical forces. If there is a battle to be fought, if there are lines to be drawn in the sand, saying, “Thus far you shall go and no farther.”, the battle and the lines have to do with what it means to be human and creatures of God, and conversely what it means to not be human. Can we pay attention to the difference?

By Fr Frank Wright, SMA

**CELEBRATE WITH US...**

**4th OF JULY AT THE MISSION**

**COMMUNITY COOKOUT AFTER 11:45am MASS.**