



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

Confessions Saturdays:

After 11:45am Mass.

Or by appointment.

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201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

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Perpetual Mass Association

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

S.M.A. Vocation Office

Fr Dermot Roache, SMA

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S.M.A. Museum

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

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Sunday Collection: \$769

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr James McConnell,
 House Superior

TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Masses for the week of JUNE 23, 2024 – JUNE 29, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. June 23	10:00	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family (Liv.)	Juliana & Joseph Family
	12:00	Cindy Lewis	Rudolf & Lynette Lewis
Mon. June 24	9:30	Michael R. Desrochers+	
	11:45	Constance Mathus+	Family
Tue. June 25	9:30	Family Muller (Liv.)	Family Member
	11:45	SMA Founder’s Day	
Wed. June 26	9:30	Gilberto Guinto+	Perpetual Prayer Group
	11:45	Catarina Yuni Rhee	Cecilia Kay
Thurs. June 27	9:30	Willie Molloy+	Eileen Kenny
	11:45	William Cole Hackman (Liv.)	Joseph & Noreen Hackman
Fri. June 28	9:30	Eileen Hopkins+	Mary Quinn & Family
	11:45	James Kurpiel+ 10 years Ann Kurpiel+ 109 Birthday	Michelle Supper
Sat. June 29	9:30	Maria R. Valdes+	Friend
	11:45	Francis Paul Ambulo (Liv.)	Rosanne Ambulo

Today’s Readings: **First Reading** Job 38:1. 8-11 Creation is only a metaphor for God, a sign of something greater than we can know.

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5:14-7 We are a new creation, because God has given us in Christ a new kind of love.

Gospel Mark 4:35-41 It is easy for Christ to have the wind and the sea obey him. The obedience of human beings is harder to obtain.

OUR FOUNDER...On **June 25th**, we commemorate our Founder **Bishop Melchior de Marion Brésillac’s** 165th Anniversary of his death in Freetown, Sierra Leone. His courage and legacy have been recognized by many historians and by leaders in the Catholic Church. The most recent statement was made by Pope Francis on May 26th, 2020, when he assigned a decree on the “heroic virtues” of Melchior de Marion Brésillac, declaring him “Venerable”. Please join us on June 25th at 11:45 for a Mass of Thanksgiving.

“Master do you not care?”

Illustration

The founder of the Passionist Order, St Paul of the Cross, founded his first house on Monte Argentario, from where he could see the sea flowing in and out of a lake, through underground channels. It seemed to inspire a recurrent image of God’s infinite love, which ebbs in and out of the finite suffering of the Son and indeed all the suffering of the world. Love is infinite, but this world will come to an end, with its joys and hopes, its anguish and pain. Christ chose fishermen as his first apostles because of their experience of the sea. Perhaps we remember the beginning of our life, immersed as it were, in a sea of amniotic fluid in our mother’s womb. Rivers also speak of something divine, which is why we must pour water over the head of the baptised. As Aquinas says, the difference between flowing water and stagnant water is that one is still in touch with its source, so flowing water is an image of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel Teaching

In the calming of the storm in the Gospel of St Mark, it is mentioned that there were other boats with either him or the boat. The Greek could mean either. This is worth remembering. The disciples say to Our Lord, “Does it not matter to you that we are perishing?” Whom did they mean by “we” here? Themselves or all the boats that were on the sea? Whichever they had in mind, by calming the sea, Christ protects everyone on the sea, rather than just ensuring that their boat made it to safety.

We pray for safety for those we know and love. This is not unreasonable. Yet the world will always be a dangerous place. It is the safety of the whole world that we seek, yet that will only truly come; at the end of human history. Meanwhile we must trust in what will come, whether we incur evils or avoid evils, we go forward. We must make our way to the kingdom. We should be careful, we should seek what peace we can find, but we will only be truly at peace in this world if we accept that we are looking for a greater peace than surpasses our understanding (Philippians 4:7).

Application

For the Jews, the day began with the evening before the morning. This survives in the Church’s practice of vigil Masses counting for Sunday, even though we tend to think the day begins with the morning. The Gospel account begins, if I may use my own translation by saying, “And he said to them on that day, with the evening coming, let us go across to the other side.” It is not surprising that the translation simply says, “with evening coming”, but in fact this passage is saying that a new day has begun with the coming of the night. Normally the Jews would begin that night by resting, but there was one special night when they began a journey. That was the night they left Egypt. “The night when Yahweh kept vigil to bring them out of Egypt must be kept as a vigil in honour of Yahweh by all Israelites, for all generations.” (Exodus 12:42).

There may be a reference to Exodus here, but the general truth of the Gospel passage is that sometimes there are journeys to be made in the life of Christians, as there were for Jews, which involve danger and uncertainty. We don’t all go on actual journeys, but many Christians have been forced into exile, and have often renewed the faith in our Western countries, where complacency has been our greatest enemy. If we are to make great changes in our life, or great sacrifices, we would do well to look at this Gospel passage. How often we say to God in our own words, something like the words of the disciples. “Don’t you care?” Of course God cares. Yet God’s answer to our prayers is rarely a simple answer. There is always something more, there is always another step to take or another corner to turn. It was a new day. The disciples were being taken to a new place. If they had stayed behind, they would have watched the storm from the safety of the shore but they would not have seen the power of Christ, a power for peace. We only experience the gift of courage when we feel frightened.

Living the Word

APPEAL.- Our audio/speaker’s system is out-of-date and needs to be upgraded. We are turning to our members, friends and faithful supporters for help. We greatly appreciate your financial support. God bless you. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Chapel.