



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
 Director

201-567-0450 Ext. 253

S.M.A. Museum

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

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Sunday Collection: \$732

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan,
 Provincial Superior

Fr James McConnell,
 House Superior

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Masses for the week of AUGUST 4, 2024 – AUGUST 10, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Aug. 4	10:00	Lilia R. Tocker+	Friend
	12:00	Joseph Lee (Liv.) Birthday	Juliana & Joseph Family
Mon. Aug. 5	9:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Louise Coull
	11:45	Spec. Intentions of Victoria Costa	Victoria Costa
Tue. Aug. 6	9:30	Joseph Tolentino (Liv.)	Erly Cortez
	11:45	Georgina Moreno+	
Wed. Aug. 7	9:30	William Cole Hackman (Living)	Joseph & Noreen
	11:45	Fr. Ignatius Lissner, SMA+	
Thurs. Aug 8	9:30	All my students past, present and future (Liv.)	Caron
	11:45	Maria Korda+	Paul LaGreca
Fri. Aug. 9	9:30	Holy Souls in Purgatory	Ms. Caron
	11:45	Supper Family+ Randy, Bill Sr. Bill Jr, Alice, Joseph Kurpiel Sr.+	
Sat. Aug. 10	9:30	Georgina Moreno+	Josie Martinez
	11:45	Gaetano Varrella+	Paul LaGreca

Today’s Readings: *First Reading Exodus 16:2-4. 12-15*

In the desert, the Israelites forgot the blessings of escaping from slavery, and instead grumbled that they were hungry.

Second Reading Ephesians 4:17. 20-24

We are called to a new life in Christ.

Gospel John 6:24-35

The people whom Jesus fed followed him in the search for more bread, not realising that they should have been looking for bread which would last forever.

HOLY HOUR: NEXT SATURDAY, August 10, 2024 at 8pm

Rosary at 7:30pm

“Do not work for food that goes bad but work for food that endures for eternal life.”

Illustration

Ancient Egyptian grave robbers knew that great riches were buried with important people and became increasingly ingenious in gaining access to tombs to steal valuable items which could be sold or melted down. They were so good at hiding their tracks that today, when archaeologists begin their excavations, they often unexpectedly discover that the thieves had been there before them. However, in their search for riches, the robbers didn't know that some of the seemingly trivial things they left behind would be priceless archaeological evidence 3000 years later.

Yuya and Thuya were buried in Egypt's Valley of the Kings in about 1390 BC, roughly 70 years before their great-grandson, the Pharaoh Tutankhamun. Their tomb, although sealed against raiders, was known to be very richly supplied with goods to accompany the couple into the afterlife. The thieves removed the gold and jewellery but ignored the food storage pots and boxes which had been left for Yuya and Thuya's journey through the underworld.

Centuries later, archaeologists discovered that the seventeen carved boxes, carved into the shape of their contents, had contained a leg of veal, a shoulder of antelope, three geese, two ducks, and several small birds. The clay pots contained grain and other staples – and all this happened before refrigeration and our “sell by” and “use by” dates!

History and archaeology show us that people have always thought of everlasting life and food that would last into eternity. It was Jesus who turned these human longings into reality.

Gospel teaching

Jesus knew that when he fed five thousand people on five loaves and two fish, they wouldn't be satisfied. They were interested, not in listening to Jesus, but in eating another free meal. We all like freebies and it's easy to imagine that Jesus didn't supply stale bread and rancid fish when he distributed the boy's food. Whatever the crowd said to him, Jesus was not afraid to be blunt and to tell the people that they had only followed him because they wanted another hillside picnic.

Jesus reminded the crowd that when the Israelites were travelling to the Promised Land with Moses, they remembered their time in Egypt and the good food which was not available in the desert. They nagged Moses to supply food and water. He took their complaints to God, who supplied manna and quail, but they would soon grumble that they were bored with their limited diet. Some people are never satisfied! It was a familiar story to everyone present – but they were unprepared for the sequel.

Jesus took the story one step further, telling his listeners of the bread that would last for eternity if they only took the time and made the effort to find it. He would soon tell them that he was the bread that would last forever. However, they would take his words at face value, not seeing the deeper meaning and not bothering to ask Jesus to explain what he had just said – and so they left him.

Living the Word

SYMPATHY.- The SMA Community send our sympathy to Sean and Kathleen and the Dunn Family on the passing of their dear mother Jane Dunn. She died July 27, 2024.



May the soul of Jane Rest in Peace.

Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.