



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.

Contact Fr. James McConnell

201-567-0450 Ext. 242

Bereavement & Visit to the Sick

Contact Fr. Austin Ochu

201-567-0450 Ext. 225

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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201-567-0450 Ext. 253

S.M.A. Museum

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

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan, SMA
Provincial Superior

Fr Austin Ochu, SMA
House Superior

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Masses for the week of November 10, 2024 – November 16, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 10	10:00	Connie Gabriel+	Richard & Lydia
	12:00	Virgil & Laura Costa+	Victoria Costa
Mon. Nov. 11	9:30	Karen Campareale+	Michael Sullivan
	11:45	Departed Souls	
Tue. Nov. 12	9:30	Mary Ann Gentile+ & Paola Coral (Liv.)	Michael Sicatella
	11:45	Denis & Johanna Hickey+	Angela & Family
Wed. Nov. 13	9:30	Andrej Mikulak+	Family
	11:45	Rosemarie Bryda (Birthday)	Breda Walsh
Thurs. Nov. 14	9:30	Mary Ann Gentile+ & Paola Coral (Liv.)	Michael Sicatella
	11:45	Ignacio Imperial Jr.+	Rosanne Ambulo
Fri. Nov. 15	9:30	Mary & Joseph Falotico+	Steven
	11:45	Gerald Nigro+	Judy Robbins & Jo S.
Sat. Nov. 16	9:30	Napoleon Ramirez+	Fely Guinto
	11:45	Ignacio Imperial Jr.+	Yanie Maria Estacio

Today’s Readings:

First reading: 1 Kings 17:10-16

God rewarded the hungry widow’s generosity to Elijah.

Second reading: Hebrews 9:24-28

Jesus’ death triumphed over sin and brought redemption to humanity.

Gospel: Mark 12:1-12

An elderly widow was prepared to give all that she had.



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“For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.”

Illustration

Today is Remembrance Sunday. Are you wearing a poppy? Will you watch the Service of Remembrance at the Cenotaph or perhaps visit your local War Memorial? What are your thoughts as you see veterans of great age and youngsters who bear the wounds of war? What of their families?

Do you remember the Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance in 2011, when the Military Wives choir sang “Wherever You Are”? In the Royal Albert Hall and on television, people were moved to tears as they shared each singer’s longing for a loved one who was perhaps on deployment thousands of miles away from home. Perhaps in some remote barracks, those for whom the Military Wives sang were also tearful, knowing that the song was for them. Perhaps you remember, in 2013, The Poppy Girls singing “The Call” and saw a little girl unexpectedly reunited with her father who, as a surprise, had returned from operations in the Indian Ocean. The child forgot the presence of the Queen and the huge crowd in the Royal Albert Hall as she raced across the arena to throw herself into her father's arms.

War memorials across the world bear similar words in many languages. The horror and tragedy of war, whatever its cause, hurts the families of combatants and non-combatants. The Royal British Legion Festival of Remembrance always ends with a cascade of poppies. Remembrance Sunday is a family affair.

Gospel teaching

The elderly lady didn't plan to attract attention. She put a tiny coin into the collection box and carried on into the Temple. We know nothing about her. Did she live with her family or was she one of many elderly widows who depended on the Temple authorities for accommodation, food and perhaps a little pocket money in exchange for keeping the Temple clean and tidy? We don't know. She probably thought that nobody had noticed her small donation because she was usually unseen by the many people who came to pray there. They could have helped the widow but didn't. Priests and people alike also walked past beggars, not sparing them a second thought, but Jesus was different. He saw the woman and recognised that she had nothing more than the tiny coin which she gave to the Temple, a coin so small that perhaps it wouldn't have paid for a piece of bread. Many other people could offer more to the Temple treasury but didn't. Instead, Jesus gave the widow a gift that nobody else did: public praise for her generosity. To her contemporaries she remained an unsung heroine but thanks to Jesus, we remember her with pride.

We have all seen examples of tightfistedness: perhaps we are sometimes guilty of it ourselves. There are, however, those who are willing to offer “not less than everything” and we remember some of these people today, who had only one life and gave it on our behalf. We remember them with pride.

Living the Word

MASS INTENTIONS BOOK— The book for announced Masses for 2025 is open.

REMEMBER! HOLY HOUR: Saturday, November 16, 2024 at 8pm—Rosary at 7:30pm