



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

Director

201-567-0450 Ext. 253

S.M.A. Museum

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

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Sunday Collection: \$851

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Administration:

Fr Ranees A. Rayappan, SMA

Provincial Superior

Fr Austin Ochu, SMA

House Superior

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Masses for the week of November 17, 2024 – November 23, 2024

Date	Time	Intention	Requested by:
Sun.-Sat.	8:00	Liv. & Dec. Benefactors of the SMA	
Sun. Nov. 17	10:00	Ignacio Imperial Jr.	Martha Paladino
	12:00	Henryk Michalowski+	Richard & Lydia
Mon. Nov. 18	9:30	Sung Whan Choi (Birthday) Liv.	Juliana & Joseph Family
	11:45	Carey Joyce+	Michele Sullivan
Tue. Nov. 19	9:30	Memory of Mariana Cho+	Juliana & Joseph Family
	11:45	Ryszard Kawalek+	Richard & Lydia
Wed. Nov. 20	9:30	William Cole Hackman (Liv.)	Joseph & Noreen
	11:45	Birthday Intentions Breda Walsh	Breda Walsh
Thurs. Nov. 21	9:30	Catherine M. Hamill+	Friend
	11:45	Teresa & Ela Michalowska+	Richard & Lydia
Fri. Nov. 22	9:30	Mary Ann Gentile+ & Paola Coral (Liv.)	Michael Sicatella
	11:45	John Sullivan+	Michael Murphy
Sat. Nov. 23	9:30	Thomas & Jessica Lee Family	Juliana & Joseph Family
	11:45	James Daniel (Liv.) Special Intention	Family

Today’s Readings:

First reading: Daniel 12:1

Wisdom and goodness light up the world with a light which cannot be darkened.

Second reading: Hebrews 10:11-14. 18

Jesus’ sacrifice of himself took away all sins.

Gospel: Mark 13:24-32

Jesus, the Word of God, speaks in human words which will last forever.



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NOTE: Would you like to serve as a lector in our weekly masses?
 Please contact Fr. Austin Ochu at 201-567-0450 Ext 225

“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away.”

Illustration

The young Roman soldier stands in an archway in Pompeii as Vesuvius erupts. Protected only by his armour, a short sword and a spear, he is terrified, but has no permission to desert his station and escape. He will stay on guard duty although his obedience will cost him his life. Faithful unto Death, a painting by Sir Edward John Poynter, hangs in Liverpool’s Walker Art Gallery. We don’t know if the Roman soldier really existed because, almost two thousand years later, archaeologists have only excavated about one-third of Pompeii. They are still discovering what happened on that October day in AD 79. They know much about the ordinary daily lives of the city’s inhabitants, but tangible evidence also reveals the unexpected terror and, sometimes, the heroism of a parent who died protecting a child.

Today, we remember the poor people of this world, conscious that poverty is often unrelated to finance. A student car park attendant commented that some of his clients receive cars from parents who otherwise remain uninvolved in their children’s lives. Busy drop-in cafes and libraries support customers who long for company and recognition. Some torn-apart families struggle to heal the wounds of division. Tragically, we’ve witnessed families who, through war, lose everything they possess – but discover the riches of love, hope and courage. Sometimes affluence and destitution walk together. Today we pray for all those who experience poverty in whatever form, that they will find the security and hope for which they yearn.

Gospel teaching

The earth-shattering events which killed the dinosaurs failed to destroy crocodiles and cockroaches. Although the eruption of Vesuvius killed many inhabitants of Pompeii, some survived. Throughout history false prophets have foretold the date and time of the end of the world. To their surprise and embarrassment, it hasn't happened and life has continued, seemingly unchanged. At this time of year, the Gospel often carries tales of doom and gloom. Today appears to be no different as we hear about stars falling from the sky – and yet we are offered hope. Jesus foretells the end of the known world and presents something beyond anything we can imagine – everlasting life. False prophets can only indicate a vantage point for their followers to watch the world’s destruction before they die. Jesus declares that, yes, the world will end, but life will continue and he can guarantee it. He uses a tree and time-limited human words to teach his listeners that, as the eternal Word, he will accompany them forever and always. In the same way, Jesus’ words will go beyond heaven and earth, into eternity. Our beautiful Planet Earth is only a foretaste of the good things to come.

Application

Ever practical, Pope Francis has supplied the homeless people of Rome with showers, a change of clothing, haircuts, food and somewhere to sleep. He also organised for many to enjoy a day out at the seaside and a pizza meal on the way home. “Why not?” he asked. “We all like a day beside the sea.” Simple things can touch the hearts and lives of the poorest people and situations. Of course, in situations of war, there is often very little that we can do, and yet there is also a contribution to world peace which all of us can make, enriching the lives of those around us. There is nothing to stop us closing a door quietly or finding something good to say about even the most irritating person. Even when we are busy, we can become an island of peace which can radiate to other people. We don't need to become messengers of doom and gloom. The Roman soldier who stayed on duty as Vesuvius erupted gave us an example which echoes today even if his obedience might have been misplaced in the circumstances. Some of the most materially poor people in our world are also the most generous because, having suffered themselves, they learn empathy and strive to lessen the sufferings of others. Today, as we celebrate the World Day of the Poor, we pray for those who are in need and don't know where to look for support. They don't need to feel that they stand on the edge of disaster.

Living the Word

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

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