



# CONSOLATA SHRINE EASTER SUNDAY YEAR A



## FIRST READING

Acts 10:34a. 37-43

***"We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead."***

### **A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

In those days: Peter opened his mouth and said, "You know the word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John preached: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, how he went about doing good and healing all that were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnessed, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name."

### ***The word of the Lord***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2.15-17.22-23 (R.24)

**Response. This is the day the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Give praise to the Lord, for he is good;  
his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,

"His mercy endures forever." **(Response)**

"The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds;  
his right hand exalted.

The Lord's right hand has done mighty deeds."

I shall not die, I shall live and recount the deeds  
of the Lord. **(Response)**

The stone that the builders rejected has  
become the cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done,  
a marvel in our eyes. **(Response)**



## SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

***"Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be new dough."***

### **A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians**

Do you not know that a little leaven leavens all the dough? Cleanse out the old leaven that you may be new dough, as you really are unleavened. For Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed. Let us, therefore, celebrate the festival, not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

### ***The word of the Lord***

## SEQUENCE...

Christians, to the Pascal Victim  
Offer your thankful praises!  
A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless,  
Reconciles sinners to the Father.  
Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:  
The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.  
Speak, Mary, declaring  
What you saw, wayfaring.  
"The tomb of Christ, who is living,  
The glory of Jesus' resurrection;  
Bright angels attesting,  
The shroud and napkin resting.  
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen: to Galilee he goes before you."  
Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.  
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!  
Amen. Alleluia.



## ALLELUIA

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed; let us, therefore,  
celebrate the festival in the Lord.

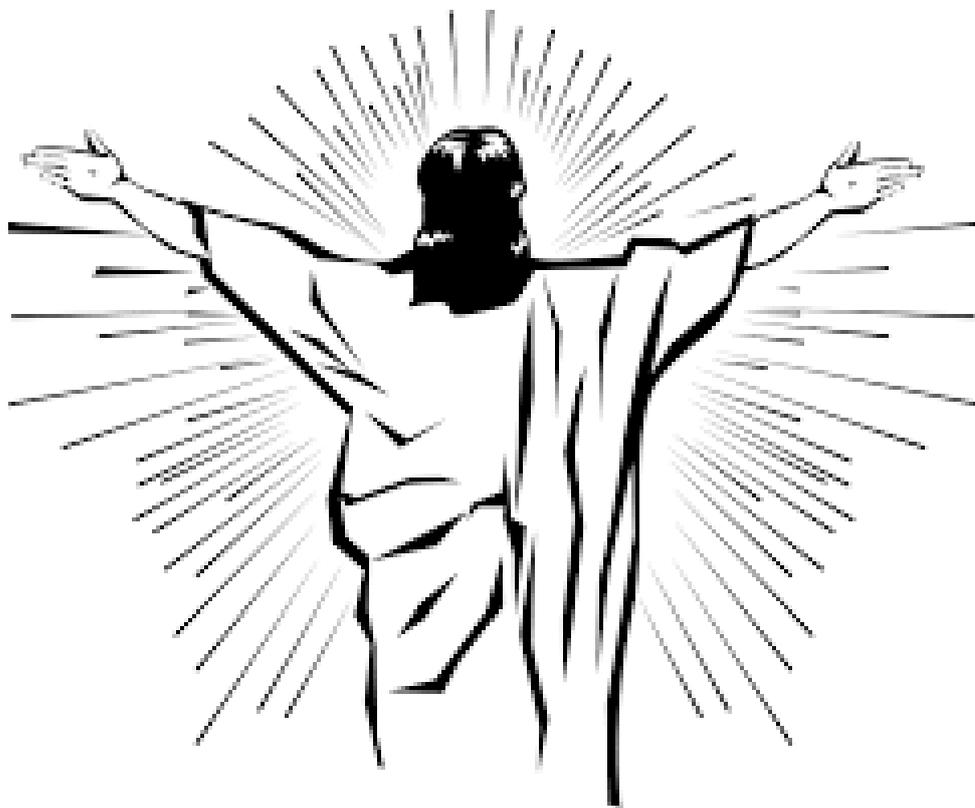
## Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 20: 1-9

*"He must rise from the dead."*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



**O**n the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciples, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." Peter then came out with the other disciples, and they went towards the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciples outran Peter and reached the tomb first, and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in.

Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went

in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

## *The Gospel of the Lord*

### REFLECTION

**THEY SAW AND BELIEVED BY** Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb" - seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned...to preach...and testify" to all that they had seen - from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan - to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him. Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them - that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," which today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation. We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the



risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come - the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

This year the Universal Church celebrates 100 years since the Fatima Apparitions on **13th May 2017**. Please save this date.

Consolata Shrine in conjunction with Our Lady of Fatima Small Christian Community is organising the Centenary Celebrations here at the Shrine.

Pope Francis granted the Shrine of Fatima the right to offer a plenary indulgence to pilgrims – according to the usual conditions - during the jubilee year of the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, starting on November 26, 2016 . The indulgence may be granted to Catholics who participate in a celebration or a prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in another church where the image of the Virgin is exposed, on the anniversary date of the apparitions, namely the 13th of each month between May and October 2017. Join us on **13th May** in honoring Our Mother. We shall have several activities on this day in union with the Universal Church. The highlight of the day is a grand procession with Our Lady and the climax will be the celebration of the Holy Mass in Her honor.



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Tomorrow is Easter Monday, a Public Holiday. Masses will follow the Saturday schedule (7am, 9am and 5.30pm).
2. Catechism classes for children boarding school have started. Classes are held on Tuesday to Fridays 11am to 1pm. See the catechist for more information.
3. Ecumenism Committee has invited St. George Greek Orthodox Church & St Mark ACK next Sunday for 12noon Mass and there after a discussion on the message of Easter. All parishioners are invited to attend.
4. All children ages 5 – 12 years are invited to take part in the PMC Drama Festivals on Saturday 22nd April. The PMC will be rehearsing from 9am – 4.30pm everyday next week starting from Tuesday. Please come with packed lunch and wear comfortable clothing.
5. Construction of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking has begun. We kindly request you to stop by the tables at the entrances of the church and get detailed information about the project. we also invite you to give your contribution or make a pledge towards the project.

### EASTER MESSAGES:

The Pastoral Team of Consolata Shrine

(Fr. Daniel Berteau, Fr. Evans Mochama & Fr. Joseph Caesar)

wishes all the Parishioners of Consolata Shrine and St Joseph Deep Sea a joyful Easter as we celebrate with the Risen Christ.

May the Risen Lord Bless you and protect you this Easter Season and always.

May He smile upon you

and be gracious to you; show you His favour and give you His peace. Happy Easter!

### PRAYER FOR THE ALLAMANO CENTRE

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121:1)

All-powerful and all-merciful father, you have created all things through your Son and have made him the unshakable foundation of your kingdom. Through the gift of your eternal wisdom, grant that the undertaking we begin today for your glory and the benefit of the Parish may progress day by day to its successful completion. May the Allamano Centre be the expression of our faith and of our missionary zeal to reach more people and in a better way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Consolata, pray for us! Blessed Joseph Allamano, pray for Us!

### DAILY READING

**Monday:** Acts 2:14.22-32; Ps 16:1-2a.5.7-8.10-11;

Mt 28: 8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5.18-20.22;

Jn 20: 11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4.6-9; Lk 24:13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2a. 5-9; Lk 24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118: 1-2.4.22-27a.; Jn 21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118: 1.14-21; Mk 16:9-15

### SCHEDULES FOR MASSES:

**Sunday:** 7.30 am **Kiswahili**

9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon and 5:30 pm **English**

**Saturday: English** 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 5.30 pm

**Monday to Friday: English** 7:00 am and 1.15 pm, 5.30 pm **Kiswahili**

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