



CONSOLATA SHRINE
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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21st JANUARY 2018

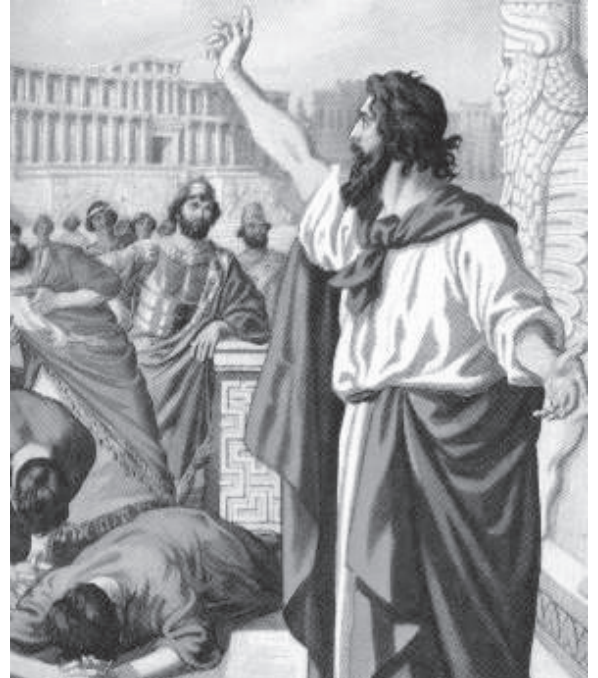
FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5.10

The Ninevites turned from their evil ways.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.



The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:4-9

Response. O Lord, make me know your ways.

O Lord make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;
for you are the God of my salvation. *(Response)*

Remember your compassion,
O Lord, and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.

In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. *(Response)*

Good and upright is the Lord;
he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgment;
to the humble he teaches his way. *(Response)*



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

"The form of this world is passing away."

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

I mean, brethren, the appointed time has grown very short, from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world, as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

The kingdom of God is at hand; repent,
and believe in the Gospel.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

"Repent, and believe the Good News."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel." And passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

FOLLOWING HIM by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise - to make them "fishers of men" - evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16). By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church - a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50). From now on, even our most important worldly concerns - family relations, occupations, and possessions - must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' gospel - repent - means we must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope - that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance - striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

TAZAMA BWANA TUNAKUJA

**{Tazama, Bwana tunakuja kwako (leo)
Twaleta zawadi zetu mbele yako
Tunakuomba Mungu Baba pokea} X 2**

1. Kwa nguvu zako tuliweza kustawisha
Mazao bora, na sasa twakutolea
Mashamba uliyarutubisha kwa
Mvua nzuri mazao mengi yakasitawi

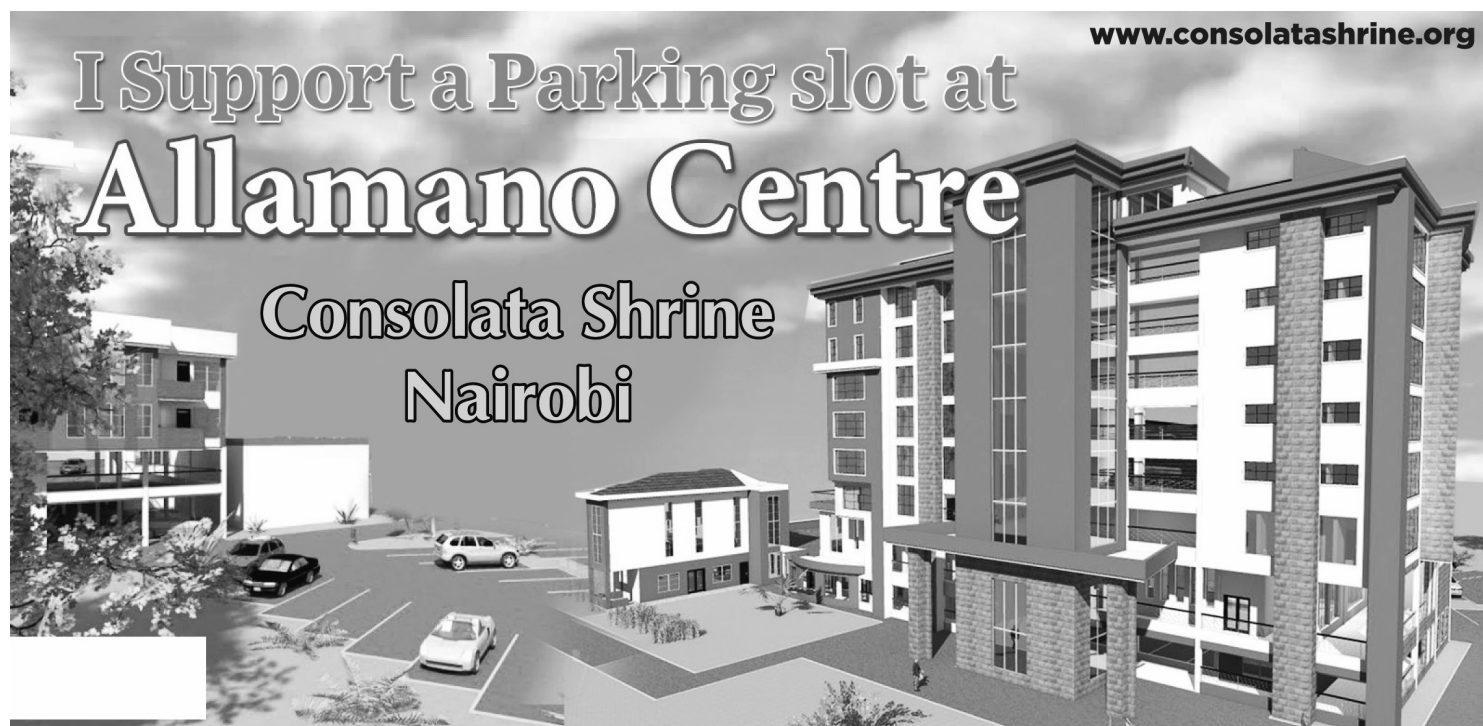
2. Bahari mito na maziwa Bwana ukajaza
Samaki wengi wa kipendeza
Angani ndege wengi wanarukaruka
Kushangilia neema yako ee Bwana

3. Wanyama wa porini wanarukaruka
Kushangilia neema yako ee Bwana
Wadudu nao wakachezacheza kuonyesha
Furaha kubwa waliyo nayo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. All form 4 leavers, college and University students are invited to a leadership and influence seminar called "UNLEASHED". To be held from 1st and 2nd February at 9am to 4pm in the Parish Hall. Registration is on-going in the Parish Office. For more details, check the posters on the notice board.
2. The special prayer organized by Nairobi Ecumenical Group for Christian Unity is still on-going from 18th – 25th January after every Mass. All are welcome.
3. Couples planning to get married this year are invited to register at the Catechist's Office.

4. Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, and First Holy Communion for adults and school children is in progress. The Child has to be 8 years or in class three this year. Kindly bring their baptismal card and a contribution of Kshs. 200/=. Non Catholics who worship with us and wish to become catholic are also requested to register at the Catechists office.
5. The Construction of the ALLAMANO CENTRE to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking is on-going. The car stickers to support the construction of the Allamano Centre are already on sale. You can pay using the **Paybill number 804877** in installments or in full.



SCHEDULE FOR MASSES:

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7.10; Ps 89:20-22.25-26; Mk 3:22-30	Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili
Tuesday: 2 Sm 6:12b-15.17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35	9.00 am, 10.30 am, 12.00 noon
Wednesday: 2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5.27-30; Mk 4:1-20	and 5.30 pm English
Thursday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1-2; Mk 16:15-18	Saturday: English 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 5.30 pm
Friday: 2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-3. 7-8.10; Lk 10:1-9	Monday to Friday: English 7.00 am and 1.15 pm; 5.30 pm Kiswahili
Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7.10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41	

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