

**Reflection: The Glory in Sight by Scott Hahn, PhD**

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus." The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt. By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus - liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle. Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain. Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly. But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity - the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud. Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God. He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah, the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised. Far and above that, He is the Son of God. "Listen to Him, "the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

**DAILY READINGS**

Monday: Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79; Lk 6:36-38; Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:4-5. 12-14. 16; Ps 89; Rom 4:13.16-18.22 Mt 1:16.18-21.24  
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31; Mt 20:17-28, Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1; Lk 16:19-31  
Friday: Gen 37:3-4.12-13.17-28; Ps 105; Mt 21:33-43.45-46; Saturday: Mi 7:14-15.18-20; Ps 103; Lk 15:1-3.11-32

**Schedules for Masses:**

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili; 9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5:30 pm English  
Saturday: English 7.00 a m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm  
Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 am; 5.30 pm Kiswahili

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**CONSOLATA SHRINE**  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**  
**17<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2019**



**FIRST READING**

**Genesis 15:5-12.17-18**

*God enters into a covenant with the faithful Abraham*

**A reading from the Book of Genesis**

In those days: God brought Abram outside and said, "Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and he reckoned it to him as righteousness. And he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a she-goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." And he brought him all these, cut them in two, and laid each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, Abram drove them away. As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell on Abram; and behold, a dread and great darkness fell upon him. When the sun had gone down and it was dark, behold a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates."

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 27:1.7-9.13-14**

**R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.**

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
whom shall I dread? **R**

O LORD, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer me.

Of you my heart has spoken,  
"seek his face." **R**

It is your face, O LORD, that I seek;  
hide not your face from me.

Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help. Do not abandon or forsake me. **R**

I believe I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong; Be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD. **R**



## SECOND READING

**Philippians 3:17-4:1**

*Christ will change us to be like his glorious body.*

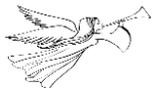
### **A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians.**

Brethren, join in imitating me, and mark those who so walk as you have an example in us. For many, of whom I have often told you and now tell you even with tears, walk as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction, their god is the belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things. But our commonwealth is in heaven, and from it we await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power which enables him even to subject all things to himself. Therefore, my brethren, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in this way in the Lord, my beloved.

### **Glory and praise you, O Christ**

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

**God. Glory and praise to you, O Christ.**



## GOSPEL

**Luke 9: 28b-36**

*"As he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered."*

### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And as he was praying, the appearance of his countenance was altered, and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men talked with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus, which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and those who were with him were heavy with sleep but kept awake, and they say his glory and the two men who stood with him. And as the men were parting from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah"- not knowing what he said. As he said this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were afraid as they entered the cloud. And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" And when the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silence and told no one in those days anything of what they had seen.

### **Announcement**

1. The newly elected leaders will be commissioned today during 12.00pm mass.
2. The Lenten Campaign project for this year is to support three projects:
  - i. Deep Sea Educational, Economic Empowerment and Medical Project.
  - ii. The Mission of Buluguyi, where Fr Caesar works.
  - iii. Allamano Centre Project. Kindly pick the envelopes on the blue boxes at the entrances of the Church.
3. Every Friday during Lent there will be the Way of the Cross after the 1.15mass and at 4.00pm at the Prayer Garden; and 5.30pm Mass in the Church.
4. Consolata Mountain Climbers will climb Mt Kilimanjaro from 27th April to 3rd of May to raise funds for Allamano Centre. Please visit their desk at Gazebo to support them or for more information.

## LENTEN CAMPAIGN IN KENYA BY CJPC 2019

### **WEEK 2: Family Values**

We are urged to revisit and evaluate our role in upholding family values. The family is the first and basic social unit of society. The family in today's modern society faces many challenges such as drug addiction, crimes and militia groups among the youths, same sex attraction, child abuse, negative media influence, lack of discipline, balancing work and family, materialism, poverty and divorce etc. All these symptoms of spiritual and moral crisis have affected the family set and their interactions. The crisis stems from the secularization assaulting the family and society. Worst is the people's indifference towards the spiritual and moral crisis, which has given rise to cultures that totally disregard values. Family values like prudence, love, caring, modesty, self-discipline, trustworthiness, responsibility, respect, fairness and fidelity are no longer being cultivated. Some of the social evils witnessed today e.g. corruption, infidelity, indiscipline, unrest in schools and irresponsible parents stem from lack of family values. Parents plus those assisting in raising children have neglected their responsibility. Many vices can be attributed to lack of moral formation in families. Social and economic policies, directly or indirectly, play a role in influencing family values.

The Church is aware of the problems facing the family and society and calls us to reflect on how the family is related to the plan of God in Salvation. This call is articulated in her Catechism that calls us to a moral life and uses it as its framework. The teaching of Jesus about the two great commandments of love - to love God above all things, and one's neighbor as oneself - sums up the Ten Commandments: the first three concern love of God, while seven advocate love of neighbor. The Church further teaches that people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable. The Holy Father encourages everyone to look with hope to the future and recommend behavior, which preserves and fosters love within the family, namely, by saying "Can I? May I?", "Thank you" and "I am sorry" and never allowing the sun to set on a quarrel or misunderstanding, without having the humility to ask for forgiveness. Let us join hands in our small Christian communities to promote these values within our families and communities for a brighter future.