

### Reflection – New for All Ages by Dr. Scott Hahn

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile. That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church - the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading - God is "making all things new." In His Church, the "old order" of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "will be His people and God Himself will always be with them." In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished. The Church is "the kingdom for all ages" that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests. Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's "dominion endures through all generations". Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom. In His Church, we know ourselves as His "faithful ones," as those Jesus calls "My little children" in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours. The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love. This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism, renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass. By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

#### Daily Reading

Monday: Acts 4:5-18; Ps 115; Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145; Jn 14:27-31  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122; Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Act 15: 7-21; Ps 96; Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57; Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100, Jn 15:18-21

#### 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 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER 19<sup>th</sup> MAY 2019



### *The New Commandment, The New World, The New Community*

#### FIRST READING

Acts 14:21-27

*"They gathered the Church together and declared all that God had done with them."*

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

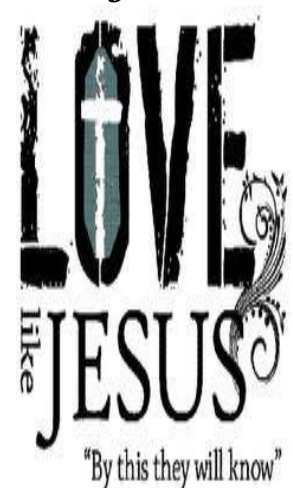
In those days: Paul and Barnabas returned to Lystra and to Iconium and to Antioch, strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and saying that through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God. And when they had appointed elders for them in every Church, with prayer and fasting, they committed them to the Lord in whom they believed. Then they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphylia. And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; and from there they sailed to Antioch, where they had been commended to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. And when they arrived, they gathered the Church together and declared all that God had done with them, and how he had opened a door of faith to the Gentiles.

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 145:8-13

**R. I will bless your name forever, my king and my God.**

1. The LORD is kind and full of compassion,  
Slow to anger, abounding in mercy.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
Compassionate to all his creatures. **(R)**
2. All your works shall thank you, O Lord,  
and all your faithful ones bless you.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign,  
and declare your mighty deeds. **(R)**
3. They shall make known your might to the  
children of men,  
and the glorious splendor of your reign.  
Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom;  
your rule endures for all generations. **R**



## SECOND READING

### Revelation 21:1-5a

*"He will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

#### A reading from the Book of Revelation



I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a great voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither, shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away." And he who sat upon the throne said, "Behold, I make all things new."

#### Alleluia, Alleluia

A new commandment I give you, says the Lord, that you love one another even as I have loved you. **Alleluia**



## GOSPEL

### John 13:31-35

*"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another".*

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

A new commandment I give unto you,  
That ye love one another, as I have loved you.  
JOHN 13:34



When Judas had gone out [from the upper room,] Jesus said, "Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified; if God is glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself, and glorify him at once. Little children, yet a little while I am with you. "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

## Announcement

1. On Going Formation for Children who have received 1st Holy Communion but are not in lessons for Confirmation will meet next Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> from 10 am to 1 pm in the Parish Hall.
2. Next Sunday is the Children Mass at 9.00am and there will be no Sunday School. All children are invited to attend the Mass.
3. Masses for blessing homes with icon of Our Lady Consolata in preparation for Consolata Day is on-going upto the end of June 2019. Kindly book for house/home Mass in Parish Office.
4. We continue with the novena of nine Saturdays in preparation to the Feast of Our Lady Consolata.
5. Pilgrimage to Namugongo Uganda will be on 2nd June 2019 at the cost of Kshs 13,000. Today is the last day for registration please visit the Desk at the Gazebo.
6. The extraordinary Ministers of Eucharist and Sick will be presented to the faithful during 9am, 10.30am and 12pm Masses. The registration of sick and old who need pastoral visit or communion is on at Gazebo and Parish office. Please register the sick or aged to be visited.
7. CMA formation is going on. Next class will be on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at 9am. Kindly register because 9<sup>th</sup> June will be the last day of admitting new members to class for this year 2019.
8. Profession groups will have their meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2019 after 12pm mass. All are welcome.
9. St Faustina SCC will have a meeting after 12pm mass next Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>, at the Prayer Garden. All members and Christians leaving in Uthiru from Kabete University to Cooperative are welcome.

Central Deanery has organized a Mass Wedding to be celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Consolata Shrine. Couples who have not yet solemnised their marriage are encouraged to register and prepare for this important Sacrament. Kindly register at the Catechist's Office.

