



CONSOLATA SHRINE
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe



20th November 2016

FIRST READING

2 Samuel 5: 1-3

“They anointed David king over Israel.”

A reading from the second Book of Samuel

In those days: All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron, and said, “Behold, we are your bone and flesh. In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was you that led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord said to you, “You shall be shepherd of my people Israel, and you shall be prince over Israel.” So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and King David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the Lord, and they anointed David king over Israel.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 122:1-2.4-5

Response. Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord



I rejoiced when they said to me,
 “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”
 And now our feet are standing
 within your gates, O Jerusalem. **(Response)**

It is there that the tribes go up
 the tribes of the Lord.
 For Israel’s witness it is
 to praise the name of the Lord.
 There were set the thrones for judgment,
 the thrones of the house of David. **(Response)**



SECOND READING

Colossians 1:12-20

“He has transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Brethren: We give thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the first born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 23:35-43

“Lord, remember me when you come in your kingly power.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



At that time: The rulers scoffed at Jesus, saying, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!” The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him vinegar, and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.” One of the criminals who were hanged railed at him, saying, “Are you not the Christ? Save yourself and us!” But the other rebuked him, saying, “Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we are receiving the due reward of our deeds; but this man has done nothing wrong.” And he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come in your kingly power.” And he said to him, “Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.”

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

THEME: KINGDOM OF THE SON by Dr. Scott Hahn

Week by week the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him - Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7-9; 69:21-22; Wisdom 2:18-20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them - and us. The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins, acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And He calls on the name of Jesus, seeks His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus “remembers” him - as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4-5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship - not in saving His life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to “the Kingdom of His beloved Son,” as today's Epistle tells us. His Kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm. By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the new covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His Kingdom - the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23-32). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise.

HYMN OF THE JUBILEE OF MERCY

Misericordes sicut Pater!

(Merciful like the Father) (x2)

1. Give thanks to the Father, for He is good
in aeternum misericordia eius
(His mercy is forever)
He created the world with wisdom...
He leads His people throughout history...
He pardons and welcomes His children...
2. Give thanks to the Son, Light of the Nations...
He loved us with a heart of flesh...
As we receive from Him, let us also give to Him...
Hearts open to those who hunger and thirst...
3. Let us ask the Spirit for the seven holy gifts
Fount of all goodness and the sweetest relief
Comforted by Him, let us offer comfort...
Love hopes and bears all things...
4. Let us ask for peace from the God of all peace...
The earth waits for the Good News of the Kingdom...
Joy and pardon in the hearts of the little ones...
The heavens and the earth will be renewed...

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR OF JUBILEE OF MERCY

Lord Jesus Christ,
you have taught us to be merciful like the heavenly Father,

and have told us that whoever sees you sees Him.

Show us your face and we will be saved.
Your loving gaze freed Zacchaeus and Matthew from being enslaved by money;
the adulteress and Magdalene from seeking happiness only in created things;
made Peter weep after his betrayal,
and assured Paradise to the repentant thief.

Let us hear, as if addressed to each one of us, the words that you spoke to the Samaritan woman:

“If you knew the gift of God!”

You are the visible face of the invisible Father, of the God who manifests his power above all by forgiveness and mercy:

let the Church be your visible face in the world, its Lord risen and glorified.

You willed that your ministers would also be clothed in weakness

in order that they may feel compassion for those in ignorance and error:

let everyone who approaches them feel sought after, loved, and forgiven by God.

Send your Spirit and consecrate every one of us with its anointing,

so that the Jubilee of Mercy may be a year of grace from the Lord,

and your Church, with renewed enthusiasm, may bring good news to the poor,

proclaim liberty to captives and the oppressed, and restore sight to the blind.

We ask this of you, Lord Jesus, through the intercession of Mary, Mother of

Mercy; you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today Charities Committee has organized a Jumbo sale to assist the needy of the Parish. Please come and support the cause.
2. In the month of November, we remember all the departed souls. Envelopes with the November Cards are available at the entrance of the Church. Please fill them in and deposit them in the blue boxes. They will be remembered in all masses during this month.
3. The holiday camp organized by the parish for the youth of age 4 to 16 year, is ongoing from Monday to Friday from 8.30am to 4.30pm. Comfortable sports warm wear, packed sufficient lunch and registration on arrival.

4. Next Sunday we have the Consolata Shrine Family - Thanksgiving Day. Parishioners are encouraged to pick a thanksgiving envelope at the entrance of the church and bring them next Sunday. At the end of all masses priests will bless your families and the offering.
5. The Consolata Youth Group are inviting you to their annual concert dubbed 'Consofeste' which will take place next Saturday 26th November at Consolata School Hall from 4pm to 6pm. Tickets are on sale at the desk outside the church at the gazebo. Kindly support them by buying a ticket and participating in the event.
6. Family Calendar for 2017 are available at the desk outside the Church and in the bookshop. Get a copy for the loved ones.
7. This Friday at 6.30pm in the Parish Hall, we shall say farewell to the special Jubilee of Mercy. We shall show a short film The Ocean of Mercy, about how Divine Mercy affected the lives of the three special Polish saints (St Faustina, St Maximillian Kolbe and St John Paul II). By opening their hearts to the Mercy of God, they changed the world - maybe we can be inspired to do the same.
8. The Annual Medical Camp by the Consolata Shrine Dispensary will be held at Deep Sea on November 26th, 2016; Medical practitioners (doctors, nurses, pharmacists and lab technicians) are also encouraged to volunteer and to register at the Parish Office during the week.

WEEKLY MEETING

- Ministers of the Sick Tuesday 22nd, at 2.00pm
- Christian Education Committee on Wednesday 23rd, at 6.15pm

CONSOLATA SHRINE'S SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)

Renewal, registration and verification of details for the Consolata Shrine's Short Message Service (SMS) is being done at desks outside the Church after Masses. The service has enabled great sharing on the word of God, activities and events at the Shrine and other important notices for your information. Please visit the Parish Office for registration.

Cost: Kshs 300/ year

Period: 2016 - October 2017

Mpesa – Paybill no. 508702

Account: your (first) name

Registration for the Boys Rite of Passage is still ongoing, kindly collect registration forms from the Parish Office.

DAILY READING

Monday: Rv 14:1-3.4b -5; Ps 24; Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Rv 14: 14-19; Ps 96; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Rv 15: 1-4; Ps 98; Lk 21:12-19

Thursday: Rv 1-2.21-23; 19: 1-3.9a; Ps 100; Lk 21:20-28

Friday: Rv 20:1-4.11- 21:2; Ps 84; Lk 21:29-33

Saturday: Rv 22:1-7; Ps 95; Lk 21:34-36

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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