



CONSOLATA SHRINE

Second Sunday of Advent

Year A



4th December 2016

FIRST READING

Isaiah 11:1-10

With righteousness he will judge the poor"

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

On that day: There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. And his delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall slay the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the kid, and the calf and the lion and fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall feed; their young shall lie down together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The sucking child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In that day the root of Jesse shall stand as an ensign to the peoples; him shall the nations seek, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 72:1-2,7-8,12-13.17 (R.cf)7

Response. In his days shall justice flourish, and great peace forever.

O God, give your judgment to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgment. **(Response)**

In his days shall justice flourish,
and great peace till the moon is no more.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the River to the bounds of the earth. **(Response)**

For he shall save the needy when they cry,
the poor, and those who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak and the needy,
and save the lives of the needy. **(Response)**

May his name endure forever,
his name continue like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blest in him,
all nations shall call him blessed. **(Response)**



SECOND READING

Romans 15:4-9

Christ saves all men.

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren: Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness

and by the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus, that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Welcome one another, therefore, as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ became a servant to the circumcised to show God's truthfulness, in order to confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will praise you among the Gentiles, and sing to your name."

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight;
all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mathew 3:1-12

"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

In those days came John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, "The voice of one crying in the wilderness: Prepare the way of the Lord, make his path, straight." Now John wore a garment of camel's hair, and a leather belt around his waist; and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then went out to him Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan, and they were baptised by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee the wrath to come? Bear fruit that befits repentance, and do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. "I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than



I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

THEME: KINGDOM COME by Dr. Scott Hahn

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring. The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17). He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord. He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He

will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage. In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever. In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12). John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1-2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit. This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

ITENGENEZENI NJIA YA BWANA

{Itengenezeni njia ya Bwana, Bwana apite (mapito yake)

Yanyoosheni mapito ya Mungu wetu aingie} x2

1. Tazama namtuma mjumbe wangu, mbele ya uso wako,
Atakayeitengeneza njia yako,
Sauti ya mtu, aliaye nyikani nyikani inasema x2
2. Ondoka ee Yerusalemu, usimame juu
Tazama uione furaha,
Inayokujia, kutoka kwake Mungu, Mungu wako x2

3. Yajazeni yale mabonde yote yashusheni milima,
Panyosheni na pale palipopotoka
Tayarisheni njia na mapito ya Bwana aingie x2
4. Na watu wote wenye mwili, wataona wokovu,
Wataona wokovu wake Mungu wetu,
Kwa sababu yeye atakayetukujia ni mwokozi x2

Since Advent is a time to stir-up our faith in the Lord, the wreath and its prayers provide us a way to augment this special preparation for Christmas. Moreover, this good tradition helps us to remain vigilant in our homes and not lose sight of the true meaning of Christmas.

SECOND WEEK OF ADVENT

Blessing for the Advent Wreath (in case that you have not done it before):
O God, by whose word all things are sanctified, pour forth thy blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the Coming of Christ, and may receive from thee abundant graces. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen.



During the second week of Advent, the father prays:
"O Lord, stir up our hearts that we may prepare for Thy only begotten Son, that through His coming we may be made worthy to serve Thee with pure minds. Who lives and reign forever. Amen."

The oldest child then lights the purple candle from the first week plus one more purple candle. On the second Sunday of Advent, the second purple candle is lit. This candle typically represents LOVE. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle", symbolizing Christ's manger.

Second Week

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today is the, is the first Sunday of the month; we will have a second collection of St. Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of the parish.
2. The Parish wishes to thank all those who prepared and participated in the Family/Harvest/ Thanksgiving Day last Sunday. We hope you enjoyed. Those who still wish to offer their thanksgiving envelope you can either deposit it in the blue boxes or contact a Father after the mass.
3. Those who have registered to deepen Consolata Missionaries Spirituality and more information about Consolata lay Missionaries there will be a meeting for the old and new members today in the parish hall at 10.30am. Registration for the new members will be ongoing during the meeting.
4. Today also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
5. Next Thursday 8th December, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a candle lit procession in the compound of the church after the evening mass.
6. Consolata Youth Rehabilitation Programme (COYREP) is seeking to recruit ECD Teachers to be stationed at Deep Sea Nursery School. Kindly drop the application letters at the Parish Office in the course of this week.
7. The annual children's Christmas Party will take place next Saturday 10th December in Parish Hall. The fun will start at 11am until 4.30pm. Any contributions to support the event would be greatly appreciated you can bring to the parish office.
8. On Friday 9th December at 6.15pm in the parish hall, we shall screen a film about Our Lady of Guadalupe, since her feast falls on 12th December. She first appeared on 9th December to a humble indigenous Mexican, St. John Diego.

CONSOLATA SHRINE'S SHORT MESSAGE SERVICE (SMS)

For renewal, registration and verification of details for the Consolata Shrine's Short Message Service (SMS), please visit the Parish Office. The service has enabled great sharing on the word of God, activities and events at the Shrine and other important notices for your information.

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DAILY READING

Monday: Is 35:1-10; Ps 85:9-14; Lk 5:17-26

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3.10-13; Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4.8.10;
Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gen 3:9-15.20; Ps 98:1-4;

Eph 1:3-6.11-12; Lk 1:26-38

Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4.6; Mt 11:16-19

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4.9-11; Ps 80:2-3.15-16.18-19;
Mt 17:10-13

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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