



CONSOLATA SHRINE
Twenty Eighth Sunday in Ordinary
Time C
9th October 2016



The One Who Heals Lepers
IS Amongst Us

FIRST READING

2 Kings 5:14-17

Naaman returned to the man of God and acknowledged the Lord

A reading from the second Book of Kings



In those days: Naaman the Syrian went down and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of Elisha the man of God; and his flesh was restored like the flesh of a little child, and he was cleansed (from his leprosy) Then he returned to the man of God he and all his company, and he came and stood before him; and he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant." But he said, "As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused. Then Naaman said, "If not, I beg you, let there be given to your servant two mules' burden of earth; for henceforth your servant will not offer burnt offering or sacrifice to any god but the Lord."

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 98:1.2-3ab. 3cd-4

Response. The Lord has shown his deliverance to the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation. **(Response)**

The Lord has made known his salvation,
has shown his deliverance to the nations.
He has remembered his merciful love
and his truth for the house of Israel. **(Response)**

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song, and sing out your praise. **(Response)**



SECOND READING

Timothy 2:8-13

"If we endure, we shall also reign with Christ."

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, descended from David, as preached in my Gospel, the Gospel for which I am suffering and wearing chains like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect that they also may obtain the salvation which in Christ Jesus goes with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we shall also live with him; if we endure, we shall also reign with him; if we deny him, he also will deny us; if we are faithless, he also remains faithful – for he cannot deny himself.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

Give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Luke 17:11-19

“Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke



On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance and lifted up their voices and said, “Jesus, Master, have mercy on us.” When he saw them he said to them, “Go and show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went they were cleansed.

Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; and he fell on his face at Jesus’ feet giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. Then said Jesus, “Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” And he said to him, “Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.”

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

THEME: IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE GOD THANKS AND PRAISE

We have another Good Samaritan today who returned to Jesus to gratefully acknowledge that Jesus healed him. The fact that he was motivated more by faith not just by good manners of showing gratitude is shown clearly by his “glorifying God” and “falling at the feet of Jesus.” The Samaritan was not just ill but was in danger of being lost. That is why Jesus said, “Your faith has been your salvation!”

In the first reading, Naaman, the Syrian general had a similar experience. Cured of leprosy, he gratefully returned to Elisha to acknowledge the power of the Living God, “there is no other God in all the earth except in Israel.” A non-Jew, like the Samaritan, Naaman was nevertheless saved (healed) because of his faith. Like the Samaritan, he expressed his faith in praise and thanksgiving. In the year of Faith, we are once again reminded that we are saved by Faith in Jesus. “..The one who is righteous will live by faith” (Rom 1:17).

2 Kings 5;14-17: As the commander of the Royal army, Naaman the Syrian, was a loyal patriot. He would not offer his allegiance to any authority other than his king. He would not even worship in any other temple than his Syrian temples. Therefore, when it was suggested to him that he seek a cure for his leprosy from the prophet Elisha in Samaria, he was very sceptical. When he was instructed by Elisha to wash in Jordan river, Naaman was not all convinced of the cure. In fact he was furious that Elisha did not come down from the mount to greet him neither the prophet try to touch him and heal him. Naaman was about to depart for home, Naaman’s servants prevailed upon him to cooperate with Elisha. “...Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, “Wash, and

be clean?" (2 Kings 5:13). When he finally agreed to dip himself seven times, Naaman emerged from the Jordan completely cured!

Through the healing of the lepers, the mighty healing power of God is revealed. God's concern to save all peoples is also illustrated. Elisha refused a gift for his services (v. 16) and proved that God's gift of salvation is a gratuitous one. God can neither be bought or manipulated. The only fitting response to God's wondrous gifts is praise and worship in faith.

2 Timothy 2:8-13: Just as Elisha did not want any remuneration for the healing from Naaman the rich man of Syria. Even Timothy does not want physical remuneration for his hard work, rather he cherished great persecutions. "Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory" (v.10).

Luke 17:11-19: The ingratitude of the nine to acknowledge Jesus' power and authority seems shocking. Just like today's victims of A.I.D.S., those who contracted leprosy were victimized and isolated from family and society. Jesus cured the lepers and gave them the gift of rebirth. Jesus restored not only their physical health but also their social well-being. But only the tenth who returned to Jesus, with a heart full of faith, gratitude and praise.

Let us pray: Ever loving Father, You have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving itself is a gift. Since our praise adds nothing to your greatness but profits us for salvation, we praise and thank you for all eternity. Amen.

Rev. Fr. Abraham DSouza, SVD

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. The Charity Committee has organized like last year a Charity Day called Upendo day to raise funds to assist the needy of the Parish while still having fun. It will be at Karura Forest on 22nd October 2016! Your presence will make a difference! Please register and get information at the desk outside the church. Please pick tickets for yourself and for your loved ones.
2. Next Saturday 15th, we will have a Missionary Tent from outside Waumini House 9am - 5pm. Join us at any time! Being the missionary month, the same Saturday, we will have missionary testimonies and prayer in the Parish Hall from 2.30pm and will finish with a Holy Mass at 5.30pm.
3. Next Friday 14th, we will be showing the film "The Reluctant Saint" the incredible true story of St. Joseph of Cupertino "The Flying Friar". The film will be in the Parish Hall.
4. Jubilee Insurance are recruiting youth who wish to work with them. For more information, visit the desk outside the Church.

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Charity Committee on Tuesday 11th at 6:15pm

••••• Those going to Holy Land in November with AFRICA VISA TRAVEL get in touch with Vincent Maingi on 0722 283632, or Lynet Moraa on 0703 313418 for details. •••••

Please Register in your Agendas!

UPENDO-CHARITY DAY 2016 at Karura Forest on 22nd October 2016!

To assist the Charity activities in the Parish!

CONSOLATA SHRINE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Let's use social media to spread God's word.

Remember to "follow" and "like" us.

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DAILY READING

Monday: Gal 4:22-27. 31- 5:1; PS 113;
Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119; Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10; Ps 98; Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33; Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12:8-12

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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