



CONSOLATA SHRINE
3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
YEAR A
22nd JANUARY 2017



FIRST READING

Isaiah 9:1-4

In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoiced before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 27: 1.4.13-14

Response. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

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

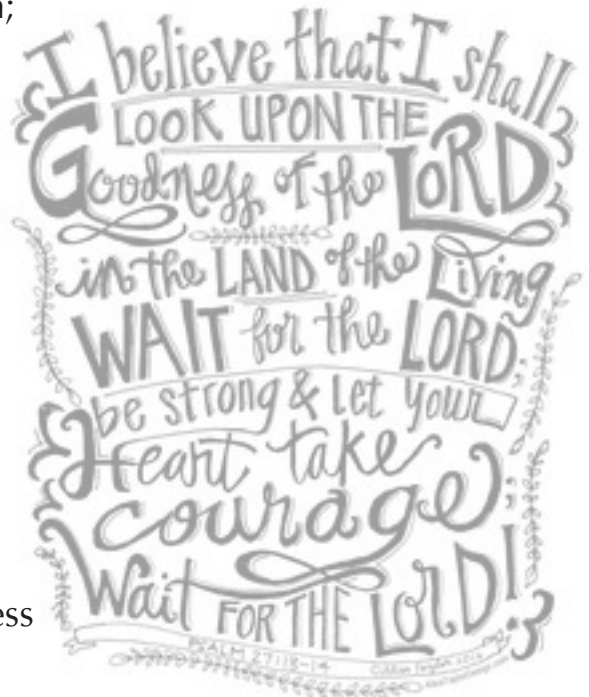
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **(Response)**

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
only this do I seek;
to live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord,
to inquire at his temple. **(Response)**

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! **(Response)**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13.17

"I appeal to you, brethren, that there be no dissensions among you."

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is a quarrelling amongst

you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you say, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

Jesus was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every infirmity among the people.



Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 4:12-23

"He went to Capernaum, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, towards the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and

followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION – HISTORY REDEEMED - by *Dr. Scott Hahn*

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history. Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12-13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11-12). Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26).

It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. It finally crumbled in the sixth century B.C., when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14). Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy - announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall. His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations - symbolized by the "Galilee of the Nations." Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be "fishers of men" - gathering people from the ends of the earth. They are to preach the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose - in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today at 10.30am in the Parish Hall there will be a talk about Consolata Lay Missionaries. All are welcome.
2. Ongoing formation is resuming next Saturday 28th January from 10 am to 1pm for those who have received First Holy Communion and are not yet in Confirmation classes.
3. Next Sunday 29th is the Children Mass at 9 o'clock. All children are encouraged to attend and participate in the Children Mass.
4. Family Calendar and the Bible Diaries 2017 which include daily reflection are available at the desk outside the Church and in the bookshop. Get your copy as there are few available.
5. Registration for Baptism and first Holy Communion for children and adults is in progress at the Catechists Office, children have to be 8 years and in class three. Kindly bring the original baptism card and a registration fee of Kshs 200/-. Adults who were baptized in other Christian churches and wish to become fully Catholics are also asked to register.
6. We are still in the week of prayer for Christian Unity. Reflections take place at all masses, even with the presence of leaders of other Christian Churches. After the evening mass there is a special brief presentation on ecumenism and Reformation. Please join us and let us pray for the unity of the church.
7. All New CWA members planning to be commissioned will meet on January 29th at 10.30am. This will be the last meeting for the CWA class of 2016. Deep Sea new members are invited.

PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

We humbly ask you, Lord, lover of the human family,
to pour out more fully upon us the grace of your Spirit,
and grant that, walking worthily in the vocation
to which you have called us,
we may bear witness to the truth before others
and seek with confidence
the unity of all believers in the bond of peace.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



QUOTE IN RELATION TO THE FAMILY

Love begins by taking care of the closest ones – the ones at home.

St. Theresa of Calcutta.

20th of each month, 10% discount on items from bookshop

The Parish has organized the Pilgrimage to Holy Land during lent in preparation for Easter. For more information, please look at the posters outside the Church or pick a brochure from the tables outside the church.

IEBC are currently conducting registration from 16th of January to 14th February 2017.
Please refer to the notice board for polling stations and dates.

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: Heb 9:15.24-28; Ps 98:1-6; Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10; Ps 40:2.4b.7-8.10-11; Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 (or Acts 9:1-22); Ps 117:1-2;
Mk 16:15-18

Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 (or Ti 1:1-5); Ps 96 1-3.7-8.10;
Lk 10:1-9

Friday: Heb 10:32-39; Ps 37:3-6.23-24.39-40; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: Heb 11:1-2.8-19; Ps Lk 1:69-70-75

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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