



CONSOLATA SHRINE PALM SUNDAY YEAR A



9th April 2017

FIRST READING

Isaiah 50:4-7

"I hid not my face from shame, and I know I shall not be put to shame."

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord God has given me the tongue of those who are taught, that I may know how to sustain with a word him that is weary. Morning by morning he wakens, he wakens my ear to hear as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 22:8-9.17-20.23-24 (R.2)

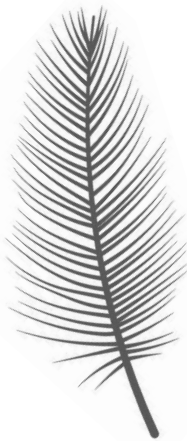
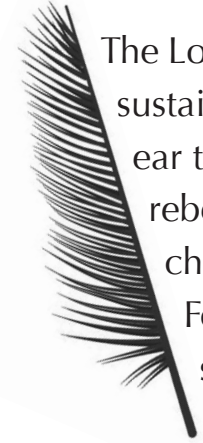
Response. My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?

All who see me deride me;
they curl their lips, they toss their heads:
"He trusted in the LORD, let him save him;
Let him release him, for in him he delights." **(Response)**

For dogs have surrounded me;
A band of the wicked besets me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet;
I can count every one of my bones. **(Response)**

They divide my clothing among them;
they cast lots for my robe. But you,
O LORD, do not stay afar off; my strength,
make haste to help me! **(Response)**

I will tell of your name to my kin,
And praise you in the midst of the assembly;
"You who fear the LORD, give him praise;
O ye descendants of Jacob, give him glory;
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel." **(Response)**



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:6-11

“He humbled himself, and God has highly exalted him.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient up to death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.



The word of the Lord

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Christ became obedient for us unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him: and bestowed on him the name which is above every name.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.



GOSPEL

Matthew 26:14-27:66

The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

(Please be seated)



REFLECTION

ALL IS FULFILLED by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

“All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled,” Jesus says in today’s Gospel. Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today’s long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished, the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is “counted among the wicked,” as Isaiah had foretold. He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today’s First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked, as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes, and as his enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering. He remains faithful to God’s will to the end, does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today’s First Reading: “The Lord God is My help...I shall not be put to shame.” Destined to sin and death as children of Adam’s disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ’s perfect obedience to the Father’s will. This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His Name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion today, that truly this is the Son of God

This year the Universal Church celebrates 100 years since the Fatima Apparitions on **13th May 2017**. Please save this date.

Consolata Shrine in conjunction with Our Lady of Fatima Small Christian Community is organising the Centenary Celebrations here at the Shrine.

Pope Francis granted the Shrine of Fatima the right to offer a plenary indulgence to pilgrims – according to the usual conditions - during the jubilee year of the centenary of the apparitions of the Virgin Mary, starting on November 26, 2016 . The indulgence may be granted to Catholics who participate in a celebration or a prayer in honor of Our Lady of Fatima in another church where the image



of the Virgin is exposed, on the anniversary date of the apparitions, namely the 13th of each month between May and October 2017. Join us on 13th May in honoring Our Mother. We shall have several activities on this day in union with the Universal Church. The highlight of the day is a grand procession with Our Lady and the climax will be the celebration of the Holy Mass in Her honor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Pre-marital counseling sessions have started. All couples planning to get married in the course of the year are requested to get in touch urgently with the Catechist.
2. Being the last week of the Lenten season, the parishioners are reminded that the Lenten charitable projects to assist the Education Project at Deep Sea and to assist those suffering of hunger are still going on. Kindly participate in these noble projects.
3. Please have a look at the posters outside the Church and the Sunday Bulletin to know the time-table of the events of the Holy Week.
4. The Parish office will be open up to Thursday at 1pm, and it will re-open on Tuesday after Easter.
5. On Holy Saturday there will be no PMC Children Club.
6. Being the second Sunday of the month, we are praying for the sick and their care-givers. To enable organisation of Pastoral visits, please register unwell family members and friends at the table outside the church.
7. Catechism classes for children in boarding School will begin on Tuesday 18 April 2017. Kindly register your child at the catechist's Office.
8. The ground breaking of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking took place on the 18th of March. The construction is starting soon. We kindly request you to stop by the tables at the entrances of the church and get detailed information about the project. we also invite you to give your contribution or make a pledge towards the project.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

Watch, O Lord, with those who wake, or watch, or weep tonight, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend your sick ones, O Lord Christ. Rest your weary ones. Bless your dying ones. Soothe your suffering ones. Pity your afflicted ones. Shield your joyous ones. And for all your love's sake. Amen

HOLY WEEK TIME TABLE

HOLY WEEK. PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- Blessing of the Palms during every mass.
- 10.30 am Mass and blessing of the Palms and start of the procession from School compound
- 12 noon Mass re-scheduled to 12.30 pm
- Palm Sunday St. Mary's Msongari – Archdiocese youth (Youth)

MONDAY, TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY:

Confessions in the Church from 9.00 to 12noon and from 1.00pm to 6.00pm

- Masses as usual: 7am, 1.15 pm and 5.30pm

HOLY THURSDAY. THE LORD'S SUPPER

- Morning Prayers at 7am
- Confessions in the Church from 3.00pm to 5.45pm
- Chrism Mass at Holy Family Basilica at 10.00 am. Come and join all priests in their special day.
- 6.00 pm - Solemn celebration of the Last Supper
- After Mass 1 Hour of general adoration; and private adoration thereafter up to 11 pm

GOOD FRIDAY OF THE LORD'S PASSION

- Morning Prayers at 7am
- Confessions in the Church from 9.00am to 2.30pm
- 10.30 am – Special reflection on the Passion of Christ
- 11.30 am Way of the Cross animated by the youth.
- 1 pm – 2.30pm special programme
- 3.00 pm solemn celebration of the Passion of Christ. Veneration of the Cross. 2nd Collection for Holy Land

HOLY SATURDAY. VIGIL OF THE SOLEMNITY OF EASTER

- Morning Prayers at 7am
- Confessions in the Church from 9.00am to 12.00pm and from 3.00pm to 6.30pm
- Spiritual preparation and rehearsal for Adult Catechumens (8.30 am - 11.30 am)
- 7.00 pm: Solemn beginning of the Easter Vigil

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

PRAYER FOR THE ALLAMANO CENTRE

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121:1)

All-powerful and all-merciful father, you have created all things through your Son and have made him the unshakable foundation of your kingdom. Through the gift of your eternal wisdom, grant that the undertaking we begin today for your glory and the benefit of the Parish may progress day by day to its successful completion. May the Allamano Centre be the expression of our faith and of our missionary zeal to reach more people and in a better way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Consolata, pray for us! Blessed Joseph Allamano, pray for Us!

DAILY READING

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, Ps 23 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9, Ps 102, Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, Dn 3:52, Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9, Ps 105, Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13, Ps 18, Jn 6:63c

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28, Jer 31:10, Jn 11:45-56

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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