



# CONSOLATA SHRINE TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



27TH AUGUST 2017 - YEAR A

## FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

***"I place the key of the house of David upon his shoulder."***

**A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

Thus says the Lord to Shebna, who is over the household: "I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your belt on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."

***The word of the Lord***

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 138:1-2

**Response. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you Lord, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down towards your holy temple. **(Response)**

I give thanks to your name for your  
merciful love and your faithfulness.  
You have exalted your name and your promise over all.  
On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my soul. **(Response)**

The Lord is high, yet he looks on the lowly;  
and the haughty he knows from afar.  
O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your hands. **(Response)**

## SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

***"From him and through him and to him are all things."***

**A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans**

O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! "For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counsellor?" "Or who has given a gift to him that he might



be repaid?" For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen

### *The word of the Lord*



#### **Alleluia**

You are Peter, and on this rock  
I will build my Church, and the gates of  
Hades shall not prevail against it

#### **Alleluia**



### **GOSPEL**

**Mt 16:13-20**

***"You are Peter. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**



**A**t that time: When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter replied, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and

whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

### *The Gospel of the Lord*

#### **REFLECTION**

**'OH, THE DEPTHS!' by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.**

"Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!" Paul exclaims in today's Epistle. Today's Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God's temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls "my Church" is the kingdom promised to David's son (see Isaiah 9:1-7). As we hear in today's First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David's kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God's

people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom's keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter - and all who succeed him - as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God - the spiritual temple founded on the "rock" of Peter, and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called "the rock" from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1-2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9). The word Jesus uses - "church" (ekklesia in Greek) - was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the "assembly" of God's children after the exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the "assembly of the firstborn" (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23-24), established by Jesus' exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1-5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today the Homeless of Nairobi are having a shoe shining activity outside the church to support them with their needs. Kindly support them.
2. Registration for the Sacraments of Confirmation for children and adults has started at the catechist's office. Children who have received their First Holy Communion and are aged 11 years this year are asked to register. Please bring the baptismal card and a contribution of 200/=.
3. Next Friday, 1st of September is the World Day of Prayer for Creation, established by Pope Francis. Let us pray and do something to take care of our environment.
4. On Friday 1st, September is the first Friday of the Month. Night Vigil will start at 9.00pm and end up with a holy Mass at 5.00am. All are welcome.
5. Saturday 2nd, The Marathon Rosary will be prayed in the prayer garden from 10.am to 5pm. All are welcome.
6. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month there is second collection of St Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of the Parish.
7. Next Sunday also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
8. Novena of 9 Saturdays to prepare for the celebration of the Nativity of Our Lady is ongoing. The rosary with candles is being prayed every Saturday after the evening mass followed by a flowering to Our Lady and a Marian reflection.
9. The meetings of the respective groups of Professionals are starting next week. Please look at the timetable in this bulletin for your own group. If you have not yet registered, you can participate and register during the meeting.
10. The Construction of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking is on-going. 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. We thank all those who donated towards the project by participating in the Raffle. May God bless you all! The pay bill number 804877 and USSD \*369\*2# remains open for donations.

GROUP NAME	DATE & TIME	MASS TO ATTEND
Doctors	3rd Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Architects & Quantity Surveyors	3rd Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Admin & Related Professions	3rd Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Media, Communication & Related Professions	3rd Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
IT & Related	3rd Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Architects & Quantity Surveyors	3rd Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Accounts / Finance	10th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Housewives	10th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Engineering & Technical	10th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Humanitarian Services & Related Professions	10th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Business & Entrepreneurs	10th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Civil Servants & Disciplined Forces	10th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Bankers	17th Sept 2017 @ 10:30am	9:00 am
Contractors	17th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Hospitality	17th Sept 2017 @ 12:00pm	10:30 am
Lawyers	17th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm
Teachers & Lecturers	17th Sept 2017 @ 1:30pm	12:00 pm

11. Dear Parishioners; After the call to those who live in Kinoo, 87, Uthiru, Kikuyu and come to Consolata Shrine, the following Small Christian Communities (SCC) have been formed. You can get in touch with the contact person for more information:

SCC	AREA	CONTACT PERSON
<b>St. Maria Goretti</b> Sundays 3pm near Muthiga Academy	Regen, Kinoo, Muthiga	<b>Christine Wangui</b> 0712 181 913 341cwmuriathi@gmail.com
<b>St. Faustina</b> Sundays 1.30pm, Prayer Garden	Uthiru, Kabete	<b>Agnes Wairimu Kahihia</b> 0721 241 673 agnes@bloomsanddrapes.com
<b>St. Charles Lwanga</b> Sundays 12noon, Prayer Garden	Uthiru, 87, Cooperation	<b>Silvia</b> 0795 431 641 jasilenterprises@gmail.com <b>Stella</b> 0721 459 420 dzamesmuye@gmail.com
<b>Our Lady of Mt. Carmel</b> Sundays at the tent 1.30pm	Kikuyu, Regen	<b>Miriam</b> 0721 805 809 rynyam@gmail.com)

They will all eventually move to have meeting in the houses of members

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