



CONSOLATA SHRINE

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD



6th AUGUST 2017 - YEAR A

FIRST READING

Daniel 7:9-10,13-14

“His clothing was as white as snow.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

As I Looked, thrones were placed and one that was ancient of days took his seat; his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, its wheels were burning fire. A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him; a thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood before him; the court sat in judgement, and the books were opened. I saw in the night visions, and behold, with the clouds of heaven there came one like a son of man, and he came to the ancient of days and was presented before him. And him was given dominion and glory and kingdom, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom one that shall not be destroyed.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 97:1-2, 5-6, 9 (R1a,9a)

Response. The Lord is king, the most high above all the earth

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice;
let the many islands be glad.
Cloud and darkness surround him;
justice and right are the foundation of his throne. **(Response)**

The mountains melt like wax
before the face of the Lord,
before the face of the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. **(Response)**

For you indeed are the Lord
Most high above all the earth,
exalted far above all gods. **(Response)**

SECOND READING

2 Peter 1:16-19

“We heard this voice borne from heaven.”

Beloved: We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. For when he received honour and glory from God the Father and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,”

we heard this voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. And we have the prophetic word made more sure. You will do well to pay attention to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

This is my beloved Son,
with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Matthew 17:1b-9

“His face shone like the sun.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain apart. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light. And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking to him. And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is well that we are here; if you wish, I will make three booths here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” He was still speaking, when behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” When the disciples heard this, they fell on

their faces, and were filled with awe. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them.

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

“And when they had lifted up their eyes, they saw no man, they saw Jesus only”
Jesus Only: In the temptation to escape from life the three found Jesus only, and he was sufficient guidance and friendship. In their sins they learned to see Jesus only: only he, sent from God, can understand our waywardness, and keep us in their realism that sees the sinfulness of sin, and still forgive us in the depth of divine love. Had Peter seen Jesus

only when he tried to walk on water he would not have sunk. Peter didn't see Jesus only; he cast his glance on the waves. In the approach of death the apostles learned to see Jesus only: he has "the words of eternal life" (John 6:68). The words also bespeak his loneliness. His heavenly companions had gone. The mountain was now a hard rock. He was alone, yet not alone. From the Transfiguration he went down to the valley to be the Emmanuel – God with us.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, from the Transfiguration you went down to the valley, you are God with us, for me and others be all in all. Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today is the first Sunday of the month. There is a second collection of St Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of the parish.
2. Today also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
3. A Life in the Spirit Seminar organized by Charismatic group is ongoing. The seminar is being conducted every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm in the tent behind the nursery School. The Seminar is open to everyone. All are welcome.
4. 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.
5. The Apostolate Committee is organizing the annual pilgrimage to Our Lady of Subukia at a cost of Kshs. 1,100. The Pilgrimage will take place on 26th August. Registration is outside the church.
6. 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.
7. Next Tuesday 8th, is the National General Elections in our country and Masses follows Saturday schedule. Let's go and fulfil our civic responsibility in peace.
8. Next Saturday 12th, at 2pm we have 120 candidates to be confirmed. Let's pray for them.
9. We thank all those who donated towards the project by participating in the Raffle. May God bless you all! The pay bill number 804877 remains open for donations.

SIXTH PRECEPT:

Observe the Church's laws on marriage.

Most adult Catholics live in the married state. While the canons regulating marriage are many and complex (1983 CIC 1055-1165), the first thing to keep in mind about them is that Catholics are not free to pick and choose which aspects of Church discipline on marriage they will observe and which ones they won't. Even if a Catholic is not married to another Catholic, canon law still regulates the marriage (1983 CIC 1059). Moreover, the laws on marriage are not limited to those rules leading up to the wedding, but they also impact on the conduct of the marriage and on such things as the care and raising of children (1983 CIC 226, 1134-1136).

In a wider understanding of this Precept, what we should look today at, is the openness to create a relationship between husband and wife which will allow the family at large to be focused in God's presence.

In the Church we have three kind of marriages: Catholic Marriage (a Catholic with a Catholic), Mixed Marriage (a Catholic with a Christian who is not a Catholic), Disparity of Cults (a Catholic with a non-Christian). In all cases, always approach a Priest or catechist to assist you with what is necessary so that you remain in communion with the Church and we enable the Catholic party to receive the Holy Communion. The Church does not oblige the non-Catholic party to become a Catholic. If at all, it is a commitment from the Catholic Party to remain faithful to his/her Faith. Don't just follow what people may tell you, but seek for proper advice from the Church. Often, lack of information has led people to do the wrong thing, just because they follow people's comments.

PRAYER FOR PEACEFUL ELECTIONS IN KENYA 2017

God of mercy and compassion, you have given us the gift of our country Kenya and the gift of citizenship. As Kenyans and people of good will, you have entrusted the responsibility to build and improve our country so that all may live in dignity. As we work we implore you to fill us with the gifts of the Holy Spirit and values of the gospel; especially during the forth coming general elections. During this year of elections, bless all people of Kenya that they may take their social responsibility to register to vote, to pray, to study the issues and the candidates and then vote in good consciences without fear, intimidation or favour. May our choices in the coming general elections take into account the poor, vulnerable and the common of our country. We pray for our elected leaders so that in wisdom and prudence they may make decisions that are just and true to the spirit of the constitution. We pray for our current and future leaders to work for the common good and prosperity of our country that justice shall be our shield and defender. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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