



**CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**



10th SEPTEMBER 2017 - YEAR A

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33: 7-9

"If you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, his blood I will require at your hand."

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: "You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life."

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95:1-2.6-9

**Response. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.

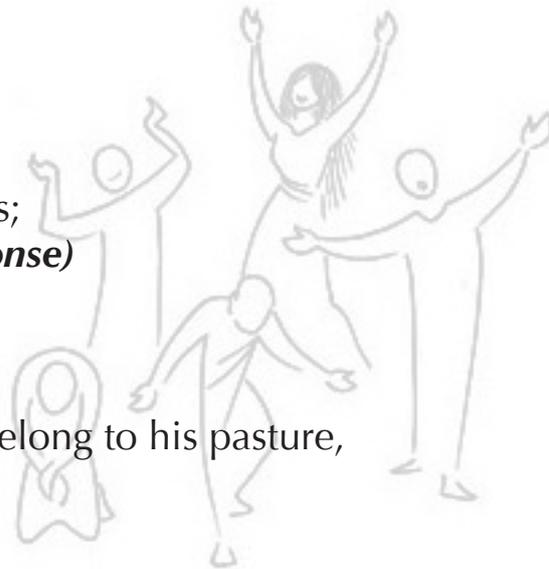
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **(Response)**

O come; let us bow and bend low.

Let us kneel before the God who made us,
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(Response)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!

"Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your forebears
put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work." **(Response)**



SECOND READING

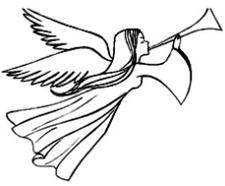
Romans 13: 8-10

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans

Brethren: Owe no one anything except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not kill, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself,
and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:15-20

“If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the Church; and if he refuses to listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done

for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

‘TO WIN THEM BACK!’ by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today’s first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church. He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on laws of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel. The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers - similar to those given to Peter. They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name. But the powers He gives the apostles and their successors depends on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today’s readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we’re to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we’ll hear in next week’s readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today’s Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be

vitaly concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger, or a desire to punish. Instead our message must be that of today's Psalm - urging sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, and the rock of our salvation.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today Charity committee has organized a **JUMBLE SALE** at the shade behind the church and basketball pitch parking.
2. Today, 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 sick family members and friends at the table outside the church.
3. **COUPLES** planning to get married are asked to register at the catechist's office for premarital counseling sessions. Session will start on 23rd of September.
4. The Parishes of Nairobi have organized a **MASS WEDDING** on 25th November 2017 at Holy Family Basilica to facilitate the reception of the graces of the sacrament of marriage. Come forward to regularize your situation of marriage in a meaningful way. Approach the catechist's office for more information.
5. The Charity committee has organized the **UPENDO DAY** for 30th September 2017. It is an opportunity to raise funds to assist the needy in the parish, especially those who need to go to school. It is also an opportunity to have fun together for a full day. There will be a walk, mass, and fun, a lot of fun, here in the compound of the Church. All from 7am upto 5pm. Please put it in your diary!
6. On Friday we celebrate **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**. The Rosary of the seven sorrows will be prayed before the morning mass and after the evening mass in the compound of the church.
7. The meetings of the respective groups of **PROFESSIONALS** started last Sunday. Today we meet **Accounts/Finance, at 10:30am, Housewives at 10:30am, Engineering & Technical at 12:00pm, Humanitarian Services & Related Professions at 12:00pm, Business & Entrepreneurs at 1:30pm, Civil Servants & Disciplined Forces at 1.30pm**. 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. For the venues look at the posters outside the Church.
8. 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.
9. Consolata Youth Rehabilitation Programme (COYREP) is appealing for donations of the items below to be used at the Deepsea Nursery school. For more information, kindly visit the parish office or social work office. Used items are also welcome.

ITEM	QUANTITY	UNIT COST (KES)	TOTAL COST (KES)
Swing	1	35,000/=	35,000/=
See Saw	1	25,000/=	25,000/=
Merry-go-round	1	25,000/=	25,000/=
Slides	2	25,000/=	50,000/=
Aluminium Plates	150	50/=	7,500/=
Plastic Cups	150	30/=	4,500/=
Spoons	150	15/=	2,250/=
Toys	Assorted	-	-
Children's Plastic Chairs	150	600/=	90,000/=
Desktop Computer	1	80,000/=	80,000/=

GROUP NAME	DATE & TIME	MASS TO ATTEND
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

WEEKLY MEETING

- Communication Committee on Monday 11th at 6.15pm
- Christian Education on Wednesday 13th at 6.15pm
- Executive Committee on Sunday 17th at 10.30am

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

DAILY READING

Monday: Col 1:24- 2:3; Ps 62:6-7.9; Lk 6:6-11
Tuesday: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1-2.8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wednesday: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3.10-13; Lk 6: 20-26
Thursday: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2.34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Friday: Heb 5:7-9; Ps 31:2-6.15-16.20; Jn 19:25-27
Saturday: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1-7; Lk 6:43-49

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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