



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



1st OCTOBER 2017 - YEAR A

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18:25-28

“When the wicked man turns away from his wickedness, he shall save his life.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the Lord: “You say, ‘The way of the Lord is not just.’ Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way not just? Is it not your ways that are iniquity, he shall die for it; for the iniquity which he has committed he shall die. Again, when a wicked man turns away from the wickedness he has committed and does what is lawful and right, he shall save his life. Because he considered and turned away from all the transgressions which he had committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die.”

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

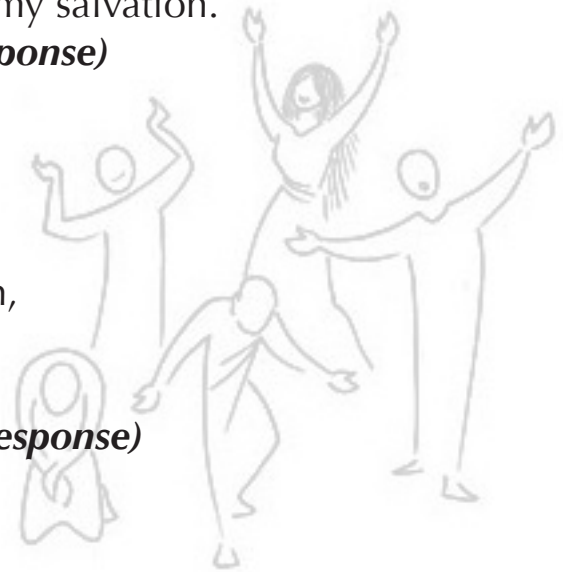
Psalm 25:4-9

Response. Remember your compassion, O Lord

O Lord, make me know your ways.
Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth,
and teach me; for you are the God of my salvation.
I have hoped in you all day long. **(Response)**

Remember your compassion,
O Lord, and your merciful love,
for they are from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth,
nor my transgressions.
In your merciful love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(Response)**

Good and upright is the Lord;
he shows the way to sinners.
He guides the humble in right judgement;
to the humble he teaches his way. **(Response)**



SECOND READING

Philippians 2:1-11

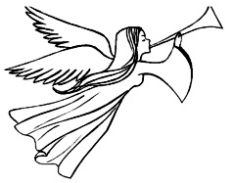
“Have this mind among yourselves which was in Christ Jesus.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians

Brethren: If there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. Let each of you look

not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which was in Christ Jesus, who, 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 unto 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



Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
And I know them, and they follow me

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Matthew 21:28-32

“Afterwards he repented and went. The tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew



At that time: Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, “What do you think? A man had two sons; and he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today’. “And he answered, ‘I will not’; but afterwards he repented and went. “And he went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him; and even when you saw it, you did not afterwards repent and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION

‘THE HUMBLE PATH’ by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

Echoing the complaint heard in last week’s readings, today’s First Reading again presents protests that God isn’t fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is

the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day - tax collectors and prostitutes - who by their sin at first refuse to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what is right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders - who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners - each one of us - the way back to the Father. We can only come to God, to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority - that they had no further need to hear God's Word or God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE

Jesus, the very thought of thee, With sweetness fills my breast; But sweeter far thy face to see And in thy presence rest.	O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek, To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem'ry find A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind!	Jesus, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize will be; Jesus, be thou our glory now, And thru eternity.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today, there is second collection for St Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of our parish
2. Today also, we shall pray the Rosary in front of the Blessed Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
3. Consolata Self Help Group are having a sensitization/recruitment of new members today. For more information, visit their desk at the gazebo.
4. Next Friday 6th, October is the first Friday of the Month. Night Vigil will start at 9.00pm and end up with a holy Mass at 5am.
5. Next Saturday 7th is the first Saturday of the month and it concede with the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. As usual all are invited to take part in the Rosary Marathon at the prayer garden from 10am to 5pm. There will be Candle lit Rosary procession after evening mass.
6. All children are invited to attend the conclusion of the PMC Deanery Missionary

Rosary celebrations and Sports Day at St Austin's Parish and St Mary School on Saturday 7th October. For more information, visit desk outside the Church or parish office during the week.

7. 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.
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/=

DAILY READING

Monday: Ex 23:20-23; Ps 91:1-6.10-11; Mt 18:1-5.10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23; Ps 87:1-7; Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8; Ps 137:1-6; Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1--12; Ps 19:8-11 ; Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-21; Ps 79:1-5.8-9; Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12.27-29; Ps 69:33-37; Lk 10:17-24

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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