



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



**15th OCTOBER 2017 - YEAR A**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 25:6-10a**

***“The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away tears from all faces.”***

**A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of fat things, a feast of choice wines - of fat things full of marrow, of choice wines well refined. And he will destroy on this mountain the covering that is cast over all peoples, the veil that is spread over all nations. He will swallow up death for ever, and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, “Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.” For the hand of the LORD will rest on this mountain.

***The word of the Lord***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 23:1-6**

**Response. In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell for length of days unending.**

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
Where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me;  
he revives my soul. **(Response)**



He guides me along the right path,  
for the sake of his name.

Though I should walk in the valley of the shadow of death,  
no evil would I fear, for you are with me.

Your crook and your staff will give me comfort. **(Response)**

You have prepared a table before me  
in the sight of my foes.

My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(Response)**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me;  
All the days of my life.

In the LORD’S own house shall I dwell;  
For length of days unending. **(Response)**

## SECOND READING

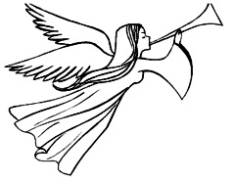
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

*"I can do all things in him who strengthens me."*

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

Brethren: I know how to be abased, and I know how to abound; in any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and want. I can do all things in him who strengthens me. Yet it was kind of you to share my trouble. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. To our God and Father be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

***The word of the Lord***



**Alleluia**

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might know what is the hope to which he has called us.

**Alleluia**



## GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

*"Invite to the marriage feast as many as you find."*

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



**A**t that time: Again Jesus spoke to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a marriage feast for his son, and sent his servants to call those who were invited to the marriage feast; but they would not come. Again he sent other servants, saying 'Tell those who are invited, Behold, I have made ready my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves are killed, and everything is ready; come to the marriage feast.' But they made light of it and went off, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his servants, treated them shamefully, and killed them. The king was angry, and sent his troops and destroyed those murderers and burned their city. Then he said to his servants, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore to the streets, and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find.'" And those servants

went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both bad and good; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to look at the guests, he saw there a man who had no wedding garment; and he said to him, 'Friend, how did

you get in here without a wedding garment?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and cast him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

### ***The Gospel of the Lord***

#### **REFLECTION**

##### **'DRESSING FOR THE FEAST' by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.**

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God has sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people - good and bad alike - to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24-43, 47-50). We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11-14). As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need. And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22-24). But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. Next Friday 20, is public holiday and Mass follow Saturday schedule (ie 7am, 9am and 5.30pm).
2. On Saturday 21, we will have a Missionary tent at the Westlands stage from 8.30am to 4pm with the holy Mass.
3. Consolata Self Help Group will be holding annual general meeting on **Saturday 21/10/2017, starting from 9:00 am** in the parish hall. all members are requested to attend.
4. Next Sunday 22nd is the World Mission Sunday, we will have special liturgy and a second collection to assist the World-Wide mission of the Church.
5. In line with the Parish theme of the family, the Christian Education Committee has organized a talk and open forum on the challenges of single parenthood. The event will take place Sunday 29th October at 10am in the Parish Hall. All are welcome!
6. The CDs for the choir from Tanzania are available for sale outside the church. Kindly support their mission

7. The Consolata Shrine Dispensary, Deepsea will hold the annual medical camp on 18th November 2017 in Deepsea. For more information please read the posters on the notice board.
8. 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.
9. 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.



### **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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