



**CONSOLATA SHRINE  
WORLD MISSION  
SUNDAY**



**22nd OCTOBER 2017 - YEAR A**

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

***“All the nations shall flow to the mountain of the Lord”.***

**A reading from the Book of Isaiah**

The word which Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say: “Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths.’ For out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem. He shall judge between the nations, and shall decide for many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD.

***The word of the Lord***

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

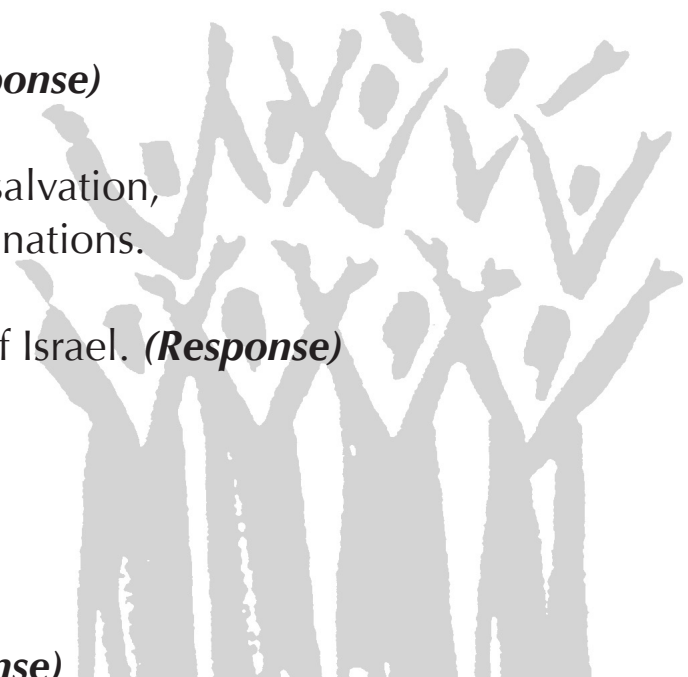
**Psalm 98:1.2-3ab.3cd-4**

**Response. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.**

O sing a new song to the LORD,  
for he has worked wonders.  
His right hand and his holy  
arm have brought salvation ***(Response)***

The LORD has made known his salvation,  
has shown his deliverance to the nations.  
He has remembered his merciful  
love and his truth for the house of Israel. ***(Response)***

All the ends of the earth have  
seen the salvation of our God.  
Shout to the LORD, all the earth;  
Break forth into joyous song,  
And sing out your praise. ***(Response)***



*"How can they hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent?."*

**A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Romans**

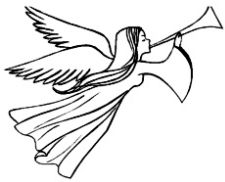
Brethren: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For man believes with his heart and so is justified, and he confesses with his lips and so is saved. The Scripture says, 'No one who believes in him will be put to shame.' For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same LORD is LORD of all and bestows his riches upon all who call upon him. For, 'everyone who calls upon the name of the LORD will be saved.' But how are men to call upon him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? And how can men preach unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!' But they have not all heeded the gospel; for Isaiah says, 'Lord, who has believed what he has heard from us?' So faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes by the preaching of Christ. But I ask, have they not heard? Indeed they have; for 'Their voice has gone out to all the earth, and their words to the ends of the world.'

***The word of the Lord***

**Alleluia**

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

**Alleluia**



**GOSPEL**

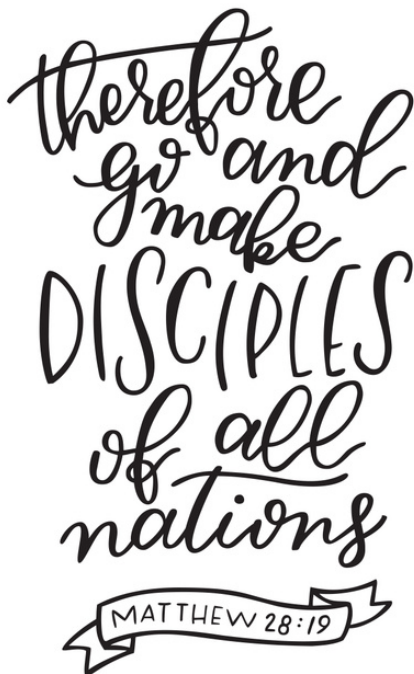
**Matthew 28:16-20**

*"Go and make disciples of all the nations".*

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

**A**t that time: The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.'

***The Gospel of the Lord***



## REFLECTION

### LISTEN HERE by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what he tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1-4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7-16). The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight. The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14) - working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good, and obedience to laws - unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives - all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1-2). We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1-2) - until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today is the World Mission Sunday, there is second collection to assist the World-Wide mission of the Church.
2. 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!
3. The car stickers to support the construction of the Allamano Centre are already on sale, kindly get more detailed information about them outside the Church. Thank you for your continued support.
4. 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.
5. The annual Consolata Shrine rite of passage is back it will be from 12th -19th



November for 8-4-4 students and 10th -17th Dec for IGCSE students. Kindly visit the parish office for booking and more details.

6. 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.
7. Next Sunday Homeless of Nairobi are having a shoe shining activity outside the church kindly support them.
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.



### **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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