



CONSOLATA SHRINE
2nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME B



14th JANUARY 2018

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3b-10.19

“Speak, Lord your servant hears.”

A reading from the first Book of Samuel

In those days: Samuel was lying down within the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called, “Samuel! Samuel!” and he said, “Here I am!” and ran to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” But he said, “I did not call; lie down again.” So he went and lay down. And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” And Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me”. But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. Therefore, Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. And the Lord came and stood forth, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” And Samuel grew, and the Lord was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground.

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

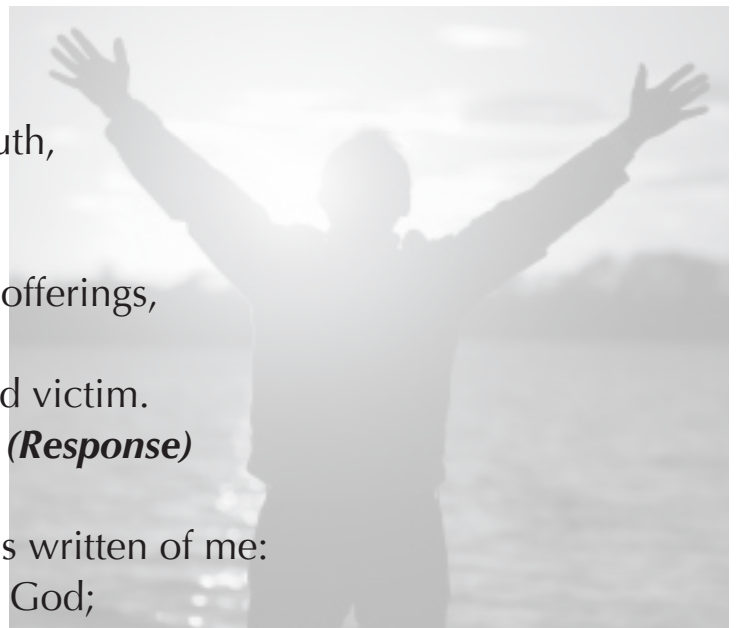
Psalm 40:2 and 4ab.7-10

Response. See, I have come, Lord, to do your will

I waited, I waited for the Lord,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(Response)**

You delight not in sacrifice and offerings,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Then I said, “See, I have come” **(Response)**

In the scroll of the book it stands written of me:
“I delight to do your will, O my God;
your instruction lies deep within me.” **(Response)**



Response. See, I have come, Lord, to do your will
Your justice I have proclaimed in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord. *(Response)*

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a.17-20

“Your bodies are members of Christ.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brethren: The body is not meant for immorality, but for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. And God raised the Lord and will also raise us up by his power. Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ? But he who is united to the Lord becomes one spirit with him. Shun immorality. Every other sin which a man commits is outside the body; but the immortal man sins against his own body. Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God? You are not your own; you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia Alleluia

We have found the Messiah,
who is Christ;
grace and truth came through him

Alleluia

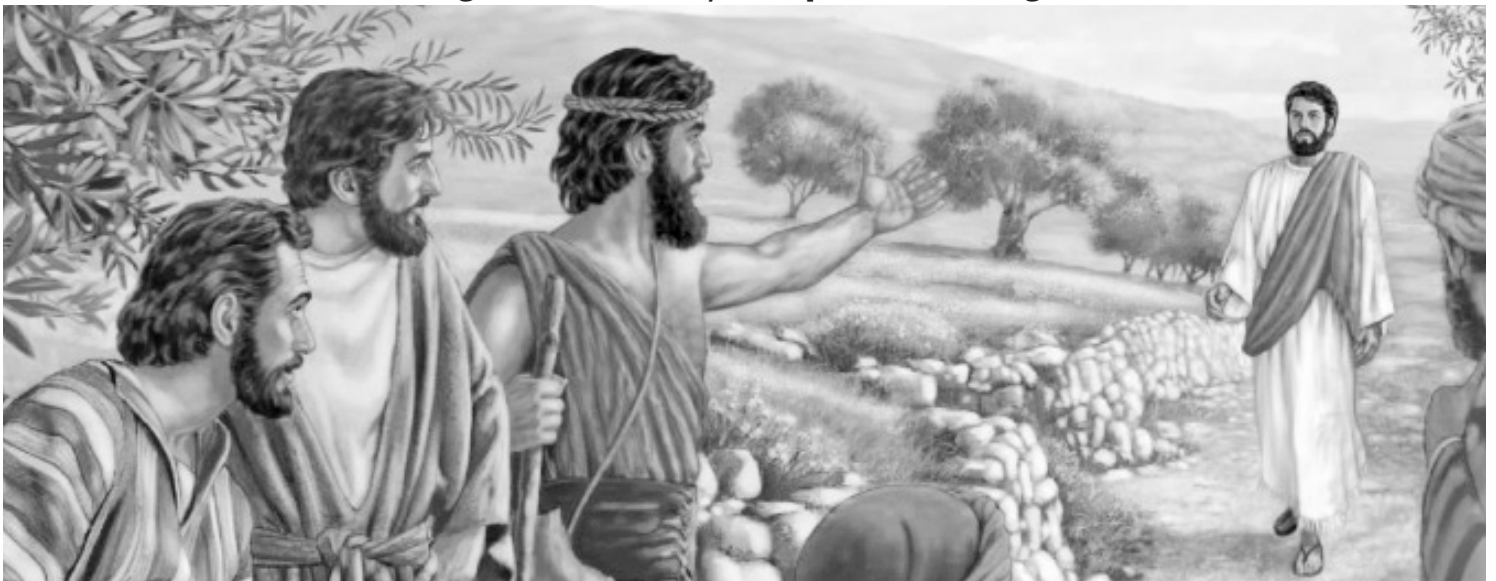


GOSPEL

John 1:35-42

“They saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



At that time: John was standing with two of his disciples; and he looked at Jesus as he walked, and said, “Behold, the Lamb of God!” The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned, and saw them following, and said to them, “What do you seek?” And they said to him, “Rabbi” (which means Teacher), “where are you staying?” He said to them, “Come and see.” They came

and saw where he was staying; and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon, and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him, and said, "So you are Simon the son of John? You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

The Gospel of the Lord

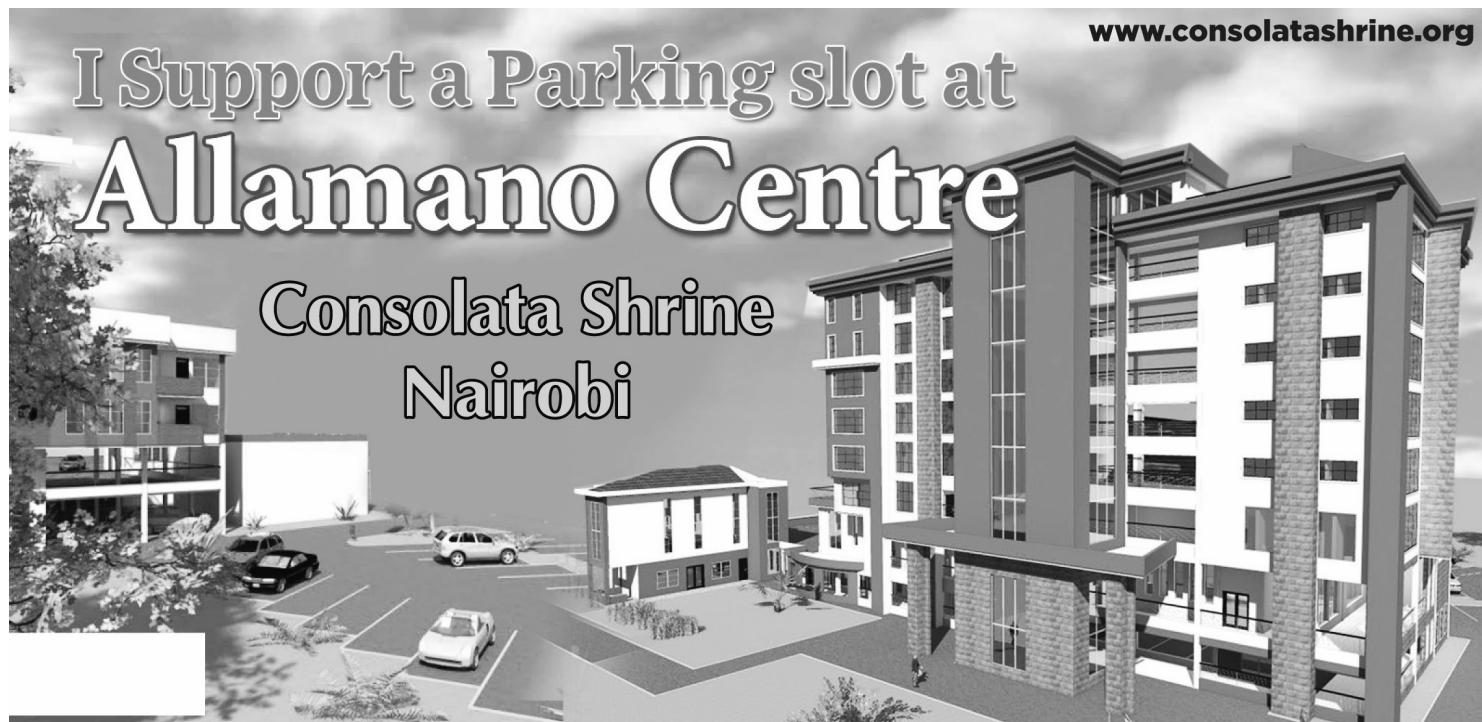
HEARING THE CALL by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

In the call of Samuel and the first Apostles, today's Readings shed light on our own calling to be followers of Christ. Notice in the Gospel today that John's disciples are prepared to hear God's call. They are already looking for the Messiah, so they trust in John's word and follow when he points out the Lamb of God walking by. Samuel is also waiting on the Lord - sleeping near the Ark of the Covenant where God's glory dwells, taking instruction from Eli, the high priest. Samuel listened to God's word and the Lord was with him. And Samuel, through his word, turned all Israel to the Lord (see 1 Samuel 3:21; 7:2-3). The disciples too, heard and followed - words we hear repeatedly in today's Gospel. They stayed with the Lord and by their testimony brought others to the Lord. These scenes from salvation history should give us strength to embrace God's will and to follow His call in our lives. God is constantly calling to each of us - personally, by name (see Isaiah 43:1; John 10:3). He wants us to seek Him in love, to long for His word (see Wisdom 6:11-12). We must desire always, as the apostles did, to stay where the Lord stays, to constantly seek His face (see Psalm 42:2). For we are not our own, but belong to the Lord, as Paul says in today's Epistle. We must have ears open to obedience, and write His word within our hearts. We must trust in the Lord's promise - that if we come to Him in faith, He will abide with us (see John 15:14; 14:21-23), and raise us by His power. And we must reflect in our lives the love He has shown us, so that others too may find the Messiah. As we renew our vows of discipleship in this Eucharist, let us approach the altar singing the new song of today's Psalm: "Behold I come . . . to do your will of God."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today the Charities Committee invite you for a Jumble Sale both wholesale and "camera" prices apply.
2. Couples planning to get married this calendar year are invited to register at the Catechist's Office.
3. Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, and First Holy Communion for adults and school children is in progress. The Child has to be 8 years or in class three this year. Kindly bring their baptismal card and a contribution of Kshs. 200/=. Non Catholics who worship with us and wish to become catholic are also requested to register at the Catechists office.
4. From 18th January to 25th January 2018 we will begin the special prayer for Christian Unity at all masses.

5. The Construction of the ALLAMANO CENTRE to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking is on-going. The car stickers to support the construction of the Allamano Centre are already on sale. You can pay using the paybill number 508702 in installments or in full.



SCHEDULE FOR MASSES:

Monday: 1 Sm 15:16-23;;Ps:50:8-9. 16-17.21.23;
Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13; Ps 89:20-22.27-28; Mk 2:23-28

Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33.37. 40-51; Ps 144:1-2.9-10;
Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Ps 56:2-3.9-14;
Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:2-20; Ps 57:2-4.6.11; Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4.11-12.19.23-27; Ps 80:2-3.5-7;
Mk 3:20-21

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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