

WHAT WE MUST DO: REFLECTION BY PhD. Scott Hahn

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week's Gospel. This command is nothing remote or mysterious - it's already written in our hearts, in the book of sacred Scripture. "You have only to carry it out," Moses says in this week's First Reading. Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: "Do this and you will live." The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That's the motive behind his question: "Who is my neighbor?" In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus' parable reveals the boundless mercy of God - who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up. Jesus is "the image of the invisible God," this week's Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the "blood of His Cross" - by bearing His neighbors' sufferings in His own body, being himself stripped and beaten and left for dead - He saved us from bonds of sin, reconciled us to God and to one another. Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, entrusts us to the care of His Church, until He comes back for us. Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us - joining all things together in His Body, the Church. We are to love like the singer of this week's Psalm - like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives has been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us. This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar, and of each of us - "Go and do likewise"

Daily Reading

Monday: Ex 1:8-14:22; Ps 124; Mt 10:34 - 11:1

Tuesday: Ex 2:1-15; Ps 69; Mt 11:20-24

Wednesday: Ex 3:1-6. 9-12; Ps 103; Mt 11:25-27

Thursday: Ex 3:13-20; Ps 105; Mt 11:28-30

Friday: Ex 11:10 - 12:14; Ps 116; Mt 12:1-8

Saturday: Ex 12:37-42; Ps 136; Mt 12:14-21

Schedules for Masses:

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili
9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5.30 pm English
Saturday: English 7.00 a.m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm
Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 am
5.30 pm Kiswahili



CONSOLATA SHRINE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY 14th July 2019



FIRST READING

Dt. 30:10-14

"The word is very near you so that you can do it."

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy



Moses spoke to the people, saying, "You shall obey the voice of the Lord your God, and keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law, and turn to the Lord your God with all your heart with all your soul. "For this commandment which I command you this day is not too hard for you, neither is it far off. It is not in heaven, that you should say, 'Who will go up for us to heaven, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it? Neither is it beyond the sea, that you should say, 'Who will go over the sea for us, and bring it to us, that we may hear it and do it?' But the word is very near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart, so that you can do it."



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Ps 69:14.17, 30-31, 33-34.36. 37 (K) 33

R. You who are poor, seek God, and your hearts will revive.

I pray to you, O Lord, for a time of your favour.
In your great mercy, answer me, O God,
with your salvation that never fails.
Lord, answer, for your mercy is kind;
in your great compassion, turn towards me. **R**

As for me in my poverty and pain,
let your salvation, O God, raise me up.
Then I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R**

The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive;
For the Lord listens to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains.
R

For God will bring salvation to Sion, and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The children of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. **R**

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SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

“All things were created through him and in him.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians

Christ Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the first-born of all creation; for in him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or authorities – all things were created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the Church; he is the beginning, the first-born from the dead, that in everything he might be pre-eminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.



Alleluia
Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life; you have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia



GOSPEL

Lk. 10:25-37

“Who is my neighbor?”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Behold, a lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, “Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?” He said to him “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” And he answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbour as yourself.” And he said to him, “You have answered right; do this, and you will live.” But he, desiring to justify himself, said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbour?” Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and he fell among robbers, who stripped him and beat him, and departed, leaving him half dead. Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he journeyed, came to where he was; and when he saw him, he had compassion, and went to him and bound up his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; then he set him on his own beast and brought him to an inn, and took care of him. And the next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper, saying, ‘Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, I will repay you when I come back.’ Which of these three, do you think, proved neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?” He said, “The one who showed mercy to him.” And Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. The Pastoral Team, PPC Members and Allamano Strategic Committee would like to thank all Parishioners for the success of Family, Consolata day and blessing of Allamano Centre. Thank you for coming in large numbers and participating actively. Kindly clap for yourselves.
2. CMA will have their training at 9am in the Allamano Children Hall.
3. Profession groups will have their training today at 10.30am in the Allamano Children Hall.
4. Justice and Peace Committee will have their meeting today after 9 am mass in the field dais, new members are welcomed.
5. Dear Parishioners, last Sunday the Allamano Centre was blessed and Commissioned. As you can see it is not complete, so far we have gotten the contribution of 8M and pledges of 8M, the remaining balance is 84M which is our last mile to complete the Allamano project. We kindly appeal to everyone to contribute according to the cards which were given to you that you could contribute in honour or memory listing names or engraving in auditorium hall.
6. There will be life in the Spirit seminar starting today to 22nd September every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm in the parish Hall and is open for all parishioners.
7. Charity Committee has organized a Jumble Sale on 21st July.
8. Family Day for the Archdiocese of Nairobi will be on 10th August 2019 at St. Mary’s Msongari. All are invited to attend.
9. Our annual pilgrimage to Subukia is scheduled for Saturday 17th August, and cost per person is Kshs 1,100. Registration and payment is at the desk outside the church or the Parish office during the week.
10. Central Deanery has organized a Mass Wedding to be celebrated on 30th November 2019 at Consolata Shrine. Couples who have not yet solemnised their marriage are encouraged to register and prepare for this important Sacrament. Kindly register at the Catechist’s Office.

