



# CONSOLATA SHRINE

## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

28th February 2021

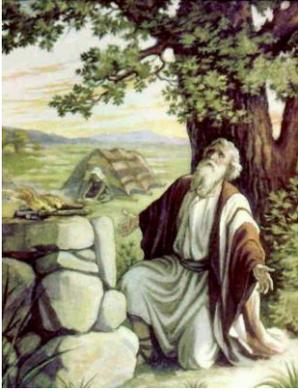


### FIRST READING

**Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18**

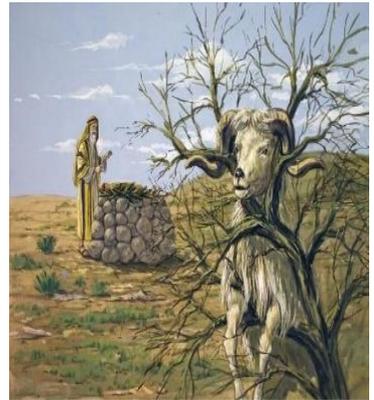
*“The sacrifice of Abraham, our Father in faith”*

### A reading from the Book of Genesis



In those days: God tested Abraham, and said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Take your son, your only-begotten son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering upon one of the mountains of which I shall tell you.” When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there, and laid the wood in order. Then Abraham put forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here am I.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on

the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only-begotten son, from me.” And Abraham lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, behind him was a ram, caught in a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. And the angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said “By myself I have sworn, says the Lord, because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only begotten son, I will indeed bless you, and I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven and as the sand which is on the seashore. And your descendants shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your descendants shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves, because you have obeyed my voice.”



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 116:10 and 15 -19 (R.9)**

**R. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living**

I trusted, even when I said,

“I am sorely afflicted.”

How precious in the eyes of the Lord  
is the death of his faithful. **R**

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I,  
the son of your handmaid;  
you have loosened my bonds.

A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;

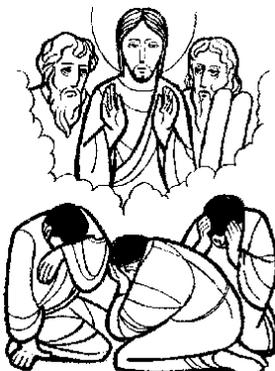
I will call on the name of the Lord. **R**

My vows to the Lord I will fulfill

before all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord,

in your midst, O Jerusalem. **R**



**SECOND READING**

**Romans 8:31b-34**

*God did not spare his own Son.*

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

Brethren: If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, will he not also give us all things with him? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies; who is to condemn? Is it Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised from the dead, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us?



**Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

*From the shining cloud the Father's  
voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory  
and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ***



**GOSPEL**

**Mark 9:2-10**

*“This is my beloved Son.”*

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

At that time: Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves; and he was transfigured before them, and his garments became glistening, intensely white, as no fuller on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses; and they were talking to Jesus. And Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one



for Elijah.” For he did not know what to say, for they were exceedingly afraid. And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, “This is my beloved Son; listen to him.” And suddenly looking around they no longer saw any one with them but Jesus only. And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of man should have risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what the rising from the dead meant.

## LENTEN CAMPAIGN 2021

### Week One: Holiness in the family

**Readings: Genesis 9:8-15; 1 Peter 3:18-22; Mark 1:12-15**

The family is the central unit of society. It is the cradle of life and love that people are born and grow. According to **John Paul II’s Letter to the families, Gratissimam Sane 1994**, the family is the natural community in which human social nature is experienced, makes a unique and irreplaceable contribution to the good of the society.

**Article 45 of the Constitution of Kenya** states that the family is the natural and fundamental unit of the society and the necessary basis of social order and shall enjoy the recognition and protection of the state. In our society today, families are faced by divorce, separation, illness, unemployment, drug abuse addiction, teenage pregnancies among many other issues. Most of the issues arise because parents do not have enough time to impart values to their children and bond with them as well. It is the responsibility of the society to rethink and strategize on how to improve and bring forth a God-fearing nation right from the family. The primary responsibility of parents is to instil good morals and habits to their children; St Teresa of Calcutta, better known as Mother Teresa, cautioned that: “If we accept that a mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another.” **The root cause of our social problems is the breakdown of family values.**

In the address by **The Catholic Bishops in Kenya on August 29, 2020**, to the nation, the Bishops reiterated the importance of responsible parenting. The Bishops urged parents to teach their children from when they are young on the correct doctrines relating to morality, faith and sexual education and fight

all forms of aggressive anti-family agenda being peddled by gender ideologies contrary to the teaching of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Therefore, we as the church have a number of responsibilities to ensure that we are able to promote a healthy and responsible families.

- ❖ The SCC to identify a mentor family that journeys with families facing challenges.
- ❖ Establish, promote and strengthen family life programmes in the parish, prayer houses and SCC.
- ❖ Establishment of church-led mentorship programme for the youth.

## **Announcement**

1. Next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> March, there will be the blessing of our Tithe, our families and our work at the end of all Masses. Please come prepared.
2. This year Lenten Campaign contributions will be channeled to support St. Mary's Village Home for Aged Women at Sagana. Kindly pick an envelope from blue boxes and return them with your offering.
3. There will be the Way of the Cross on all Fridays of Lent after 1.15pm mass, 4pm and after 5.30pm Mass. This year the way of the Cross will be done in the Church Compound.
4. Confessions are available during all Masses as a means of preparing ourselves for Easter. Christians are asked to be going for Confession before the Mass they intend to attend so as to participate fully in Mass.
5. We are all reminded to put on mask properly, wash hands before entering the Church, keep social distance in and outside the Church.
6. Radio Maria is thanking you all for your support last.
7. We welcome Fr. Acosta Cardenas Juan Gabriel who has been nominated to Consolata Shrine as part of our Pastoral team.

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