



CONSOLATA SHRINE
SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
18th JULY 2021



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 23:1-6

"I will gather the remnant of my flock, and I will set shepherds over them"

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

"Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!" says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who care for my people: "You have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. Behold, I will attend to you for your evil doings," says the LORD. "Then I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will set shepherds over them who will care for them, and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be missing," says the LORD. "Behold, the days are coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

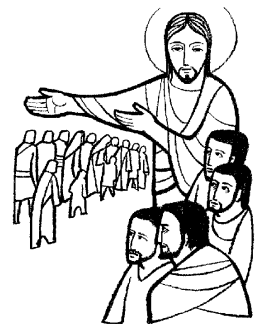
Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23:1-6

R: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

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. **R**

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. **R**



You have prepared a table before me
In the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

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. **R**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2: 13 - 18

"He is our peace, who has made us both one."

A reading from Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians

Brethren: Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who has made us both one, and has broken down the dividing wall of hostility, by abolishing in his flesh the law of commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby bringing the hostility to an end. And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.



Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
and I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mark 6: 30 - 34

"They were like sheep without a shepherd."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: The apostles returned to Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. And he said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a lonely place, and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a lonely place by themselves. Now many saw them going, and knew them, and they ran there on foot from all the towns, and got there ahead of them. As he landed he saw a great throng, and he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

Reflection: 'One Flock' By Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

As the Twelve return from their first missionary journey in today's Gospel, our readings continue to reflect on the authority and mission of the Church.

Jeremiah says in the First Reading that Israel's leaders, through godlessness and fanciful teachings, had mislead and scattered God's people. He promises God will send a shepherd, a king and son of David, to gather the lost sheep and appoint for them new shepherds. The crowd gathering on the green grass in today's Gospel is the start of the remnant that Jeremiah promised would be brought back to the meadow of Israel. The people seem to sense that Jesus is the Lord, the good shepherd, the king they've been waiting for. Jesus is moved to pity,



seeing them as sheep without a shepherd. This phrase was used by Moses to describe Israel's need for a shepherd to succeed him. And as Moses appointed Joshua, Jesus appointed the Twelve to continue shepherding His people on earth. Jesus had said there were other sheep who did not belong to Israel's fold, but would hear His voice and be joined to the one flock of the one shepherd. In God's plan, the Church is to seek out first the lost sheep of the house of Israel, and then to bring all nations into the fold. Paul, too, in today's Epistle, sees the Church as a new creation, in which those nations who were once far off from God are joined as "one new person" with the children of Israel. As we sing in today's Psalm, through the Church, the Lord, our good shepherd, still leads people to the verdant pastures of the kingdom, to the restful waters of baptism; He still anoints with the oil of confirmation, and spreads the Eucharistic table before all people, filling their cups to overflowing

Announcement

1. Next Sunday 25th July is the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. To mark this day, there will be the Special Mass for aged and sick at 3pm. During this Mass the Sacrament of anointing will be celebrated. Kindly bring the old and sick from your family. If one needs transportation, kindly visit the parish office from Monday to Friday (9am – 4pm). Covid – 19 protocols will be strictly observed.
2. All pupils entering **Form One** this August 2021 are invited for a seminar entitled, ‘**Embracing new beginnings and new challenges**’ from 9am – 4.30pm from Tuesday 20th July to Friday 23rd July. Registration and information is available outside the Church.
3. Couples planning to solemnize their marriages are invited to register for marriage preparation sessions. Sessions began last Thursday 15th July. Kindly visit the Catechists Office for more information and registration. This is last announcement for this time.
4. In the month of August, we will begin Small Christian Communities (SCC) and ecclesial groups meetings and Mass celebrations for these groups. The place/house where meetings and Masses will be held should be spacious for social distancing.
5. There is Rosary Prayer which begins outside the Church every Saturday after 5pm Mass. All are welcome.
6. Those who registered as parishioners in the past years are asked to pick their parish membership cards at the Catechist’s Office during the week.
7. Tuesday 20th is public holiday Masses will be at 7am and 5.30pm.
8. We are all reminded to put on mask properly, wash hands before entering the Church, keep social distance in and outside the Church. Communion is strictly by hand.

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