



CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
12th September 2021



First Reading

"I gave my back to those who struck me."

Isaiah 50:5-9a

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

The Lord GOD has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I turned not backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I hid not my face from shame and spitting. For the Lord GOD helps me; therefore I have not been confounded; therefore I have set my face like a flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who is my adversary? Let him come near to me. Behold, the Lord GOD helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116:1-6,8-9 (R.9)

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

I love the LORD, for he has heard
my voice, my appeal;
for he has turned his ear to me
whenever I call. **R**

They surrounded me, the snares of death;
the anguish of the grave has found me;
anguish and sorrow I found.

I called on the name of the LORD:
"Deliver my soul, O LORD!" **R**

How gracious is the LORD, and 'just;
our God has compassion.
The LORD protects the simple;
I was brought low, and he saved me. **R**

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears,
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the LORD
in the land of the Living. **R**



Second Reading

James 2:14-18

“Faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint James

What does it profit, my brethren, if a man says he has faith but has not works? Can his faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and in lack of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and filled,” without giving them the things needed for the body, what does it profit? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead. But someone will say, “You have faith and I have works.” Show me your faith apart from your works, and I by my works will show you my faith.



Alleluia

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. **Alleluia**



GOSPEL

Mark 8:27-35

“You are the Christ... the Son of man must suffer many things.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



At that time: Jesus went on with his disciples, to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, “Who do men say that I am?” And they told him, “John the Baptist; and others say, Elijah; and others one of the prophets.” And he asked them, “But who do you say that I am?” Peter answered him, “You are the Christ.” And he charged them to tell no one about him. And he began to teach them that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected by the elders and the chief priest and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. And he said this plainly. And Peter took him,

and began to rebuke him. But turning and seeing his disciples, he rebuked Peter, and said, “Get behind me, Satan! For you are not on the side of God, but of men.” And he called to him the multitude with his disciples, and said to them, “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake and the Gospel’s will save it.”

Reflection: Following the Messiah by PhD Scott Hanh

In today’s Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we’re asked to decide who Jesus truly is. Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: “You are the Messiah.” Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel’s enemies and restore the kingdom of David. Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions. But Jesus’ kingship is not to be of this world. And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death. Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today’s First Reading. The words of Isaiah’s servant are Jesus’ words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord’s voice again in today’s Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death. As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today’s Epistle, must express itself in works of love. Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today “along the way.” They are on the way



to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord. We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel. Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Announcement

1. Wednesday 15th, is the memorial of **OUR LADY OF SORROWS**. We encourage all parishioners to pray the Seven Sorrow Rosary on this Particular Day seeking intercession of our mother Mary to end the current pandemic. There will be Candle lit procession and rosary after the evening mass on the same day. (Seven Sorrows Books are available at the Bookshop).
2. Christian Education Committee invites you for an interactive session on the “**Understanding Our Lord’s Prayer**” led by Fr. Joakim next Sunday 19thSeptember, at 10:45am in the Auditorium of the Allamano Centre. All are welcome.
3. On 26th September, we will have a special animation from Consolata Seminary on formation of Seminary.

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