



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
14th November 2021



First Reading

Daniel 12:1-3

At that time your people shall be delivered.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Daniel

At that time shall arise Michael, the great prince who has charge of your people. And there shall be a time of trouble, such as never has been since there was a nation till that time; but at that time your people shall be delivered, every one whose name shall be found written in the book. And many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. And those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the firmament; and those who turn many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever. ***The Word of the Lord***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 16: 5 & 8-11 (R.1)

R. Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
You yourself who secure my lot.
I keep the Lord before me always;
With him at my right hand, I shall not be
moved. **R**

And so, my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my flesh shall rest in hope.
For you will not abandon my soul to hell,
Nor let your holy one see corruption. **R**

You will show me the path of life,
The fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand, bliss for ever. **R**



Second Reading

Hebrews 10:11-14,18

“By a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every priest stands daily at his service, offering repeatedly the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, then to wait until his enemies should be made a stool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin. ***The Word of the Lord***



Alleluia. Alleluia

Watch at all times, praying that you may be able to stand before the Son of man.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 13:24-32

“He will gather his elect from the four winds.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: Jesus said to his disciples, “In those days, after that (great) tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of man coming in clouds with great power and glory. And then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. “From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away before all these things take place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. “But of that day or that hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.”

Reflection: Hope in Tribulation by *Scott Hahn, Ph. D*



In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem. Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory. Today’s Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven’t been seen “since the beginning of God’s creation”. He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God’s creation, a “devolution” of the world to its original state of formlessness and void. First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down. Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart. Next, the family will be torn

apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted. Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God’s presence. In today’s reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars. Into this “uncreated” darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come. Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed. Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels. He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God’s promises to save “the elect,” the faithful remnant. As today’s First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today’s Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today’s Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

Announcements

1. Envelopes with the November Cards are available at the entrance of the church for you to fill in the names of departed and deposit them in the blue boxes. The departed will be prayed for in all Masses during the month.
2. On Wednesday 17th, we will have a memorial Mass for the late Fr. Francis Viotto here in the Shrine at 2pm. All are invited.
3. The new Ordinary of Nairobi Archdiocese His Grace Archbishop Phillip Anyolo will be received on Friday 19th at 3pm at The Holy Family Basilica and on Saturday 20th at 10am he will be installed at St. Mary's Msongari Grounds. All are welcome.
4. Next Sunday 21st there will be children Mass at 9am. All children are encouraged to attend and participate in the Holy Mass. There will be no Children Sunday service.
5. Christian Education Committee invites you for an interactive session on "The Creed" on Sunday 21 November at 10.45am in the Auditorium of Allamano Center. All are welcome.
6. Next Sunday 21/11/2021, the Self-help group will have a recruitment drive for new members. All are welcome.
7. The Academy of Dance and Art registration is ongoing for new classes to all ages at Allamano Centre. For more information and registration visit their desk at the Gazebo.
8. All Christians from St Rose of Lima Amukura Parish RESIDING IN/OR AROUND NAIROBI are invited to attend Mass with their Parish Priest Fr Dunstan Epaalat at HOLY FAMILY BASILICA on Sunday 21st November 2021 @11.00am. A meeting will follow after Mass. For more information, please contact Eva Aluku on 0722377808 or Martin Oti and Phyllis Oti 0722512331

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