



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME

23th October 2022



FIRST READING

Sirach 35:12-14.16-18

“The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds”

A reading from the Book of Sirach

The Lord is the judge, and with him is no partiality. He will not show partiality in the case of a poor man; and he will listen to the prayer of one who is wronged. He will not ignore the supplication of the fatherless, nor the widow when she pours out her story. He whose service is pleasing to the Lord will be accepted, and his prayer will reach to the clouds. The prayer of the humble pierces the clouds, and he will not be consoled until it reached the Lord; he will not desist until the Most High visits him, and the just judge executes judgment. And the Lord will not delay, neither will he be patient with them.

RESPONSORAIL PSALM

Psalm 34:2-3.17-18.19 and 23

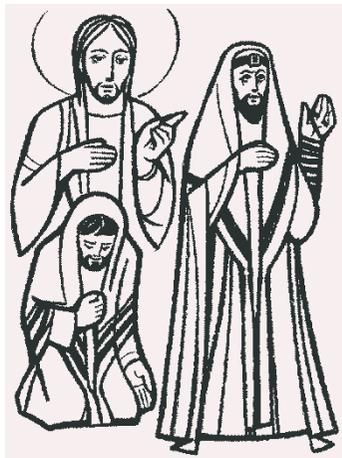
R. The lowly one called, and the Lord heard him.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
praise of him is always in my mouth;
In the Lord my soul shall make its boast;
the humble shall hear and be glad. **R**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the
earth.

When the just cry out, the Lord hears,
and rescues them in all their distress. **R**

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his
servants. All who trust in him shall not be
condemned. **R**



SECOND READING

Timothy 4:6-8.16-18

“From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness.”

A reading from the second Letter of Saint Paul to Timothy

Beloved: I am already on the point of being sacrificed; the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing. At my first defence no one took my part; all deserted me. May it not be charged against them! But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength to proclaim the word fully, that all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.



Alleluia
God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.



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GOSPEL

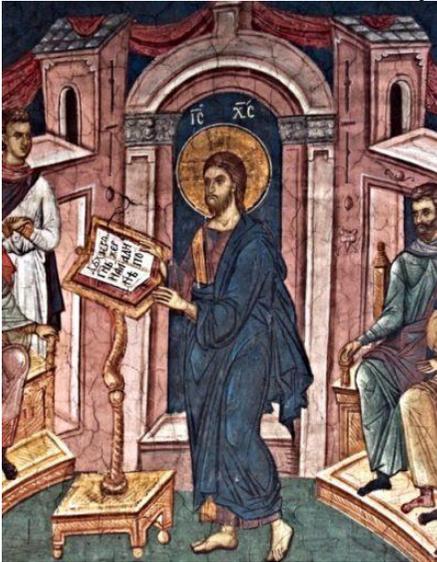
Luke 18:9-14

“The publican went down to his house justified rather than the Pharisee.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time: Jesus told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous and despised others: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week, I give tithes of all that I get.’ “But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast saying ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ “I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other, for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Reflection: No Favorites by Scott Hahn Ph.D.



Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms. Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail. The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God. He prays with a humble and contrite heart. He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast. We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes - that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us. God cannot be bribed. We cannot carry favor with

Him or impress Him - even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting. If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low. This should be a warning to us - not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity." If we clothe ourselves with humility - recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy - we will be exalted. The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle, as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment. Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today - that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants. We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

Announcements

1. October is the Missionary month. We are invited to pray and support the Missionary work in the church. It is also the month of the Rosary, the time to intensify the Rosary prayer especially in our homes. This week we are praying for the Church in Oceania and the Missionaries working there.
2. Today is the World Mission Sunday, when we pray and support the Missionary activities of the Universal Church. For this reason,

there will be the second collection next Sunday 30th October. Please come prepared.

3. We are appealing for dry food(non-perishable) to support our brothers and sisters in Marsabit. Kindly drop your contribution to the charity office during the week or on Sunday in the Sacristy. The contribution will be delivered to the Bishop of Marsabit.
4. Next Saturday 29th October, there will be an on-going formation for the children who received the First Holy Communion in the years 2019 to 2021 from 10am – 1pm in the Parish Hall.
5. Next Sunday 30th October, there will be children Mass at 9am. All children are encouraged to attend and participate in the Holy Mass. There will be no Sunday School on that day.
6. Couples planning to get married are invited to register for marriage preparation sessions. Visit the catechist's office for more information and registration
7. Interviews for Consolata School for 2023 will be as follows:
 - Pre-Primary I - Thursday 3rd November 2022 at 9:00am
 - Baby Care - Friday 4th November 2022 at 9:00am
 - Pre – Primary - Friday 11th November 2022 at 9:00am
 - Grade 2 – Grade 6 – Tuesday 22nd and Wednesday 23rd November 2022 at 8:00am

For more information and registration visit the school during the week.

8. We invite you all to join Consolata Missionaries in requiem Mass for the late Fr. Egidio Pedenzini on Tuesday 25th October at 2pm here in the Consolata Shrine Parish.
9. Next Sunday 30th October 2022 there will be a seminar and workshop on Leadership structure in a Jumuiya for all members of all our Jumuiyas of the Consolata Shrine at 11:00 am in the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre.