



CONSOLATA SHRINE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD



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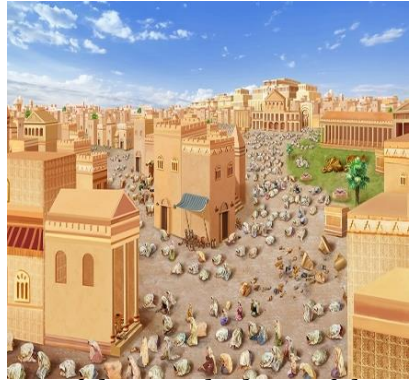
FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5.10

The Ninevites turned from their evil ways.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Jonah

The word of the Lord came to Jonah saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he cried, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it. **Amen.**



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25:4-9

R. O Lord, make me know your ways.

O Lord make me know your ways.

Teach me your paths.

Guide me in your truth, and teach me;

for you are the God of my salvation. **R**

Remember your compassion, O Lord,

and your merciful love,

for they are from of old.

In your merciful love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord. **R**

Good and upright is the Lord; he shows the way to sinners.

He guides the humble in right judgment;

to the humble he teaches his way. **R**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

“The form of this world is passing away.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

I mean, brethren, the appointed time has grown very short, from now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world, as though they had no dealings with it. For the form of this world is passing away. **The word of the Lord.**



Alleluia, Alleluia

*The kingdom of God is at hand; repent,
and believe in the Gospel.*

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

“Repent, and believe the Good News.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the Gospel of

God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the Gospel.” And

passing along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net in the sea; for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them,

“Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and followed him. **The Gospel of the Lord.**



Reflection Following Him By Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

The calling of the brothers in today's Gospel evokes Elisha's commissioning by the prophet Elijah (see 1 Kings 19:19-21). As Elijah comes upon Elisha working on his family's farm, so Jesus sees the brothers working by the seaside. And as Elisha left his mother and father to follow Elijah, so the brothers leave their father to come after Jesus. Jesus' promise - to make them "fishers of men" - evokes Israel's deepest hopes. The prophet Jeremiah announced a new exodus in which God would send "many fishermen" to restore the



Israelites from exile, as once He brought them out of slavery in Egypt (see Jeremiah 16:14-16). By Jesus' cross and resurrection, this new exodus has begun (see Luke 9:31). And the apostles are the first of a new people of God, the Church - a new family, based not on blood ties, but on belief in Jesus and a desire to do the Father's will (see John 1:12-13; Matthew 12:46-50). From now on, even our most important worldly concerns - family relations, occupations, and possessions - must be judged in light of the gospel, Paul says in today's Epistle. The first word of Jesus' gospel - repent - means we

must totally change our way of thinking and living, turning from evil, doing all for the love of God. And we should be consoled by Nineveh's repentance in today's First Reading. Even the wicked Nineveh could repent at Jonah's preaching. And in Jesus we have a greater than Jonah (see Matthew 12:41). We have God come as our savior, to show sinners the way, as we sing in today's Psalm. This should give us hope - that loved ones who remain far from God will find compassion if they turn to Him. But we, too, must continue along the path of repentance - striving daily to pattern our lives after His.

Announcement

1. Today we have second collection for the Holy Childhood at all Masses. Proceeds will be sent to Rome to assist the needy Children of the world– **Choir lead us with a song.**
2. Small Christian Communities (SCC) Coordinating Team invites all the people who registered to join a Jumuiya and have not been contacted or placed in a Jumuiya and all those interested to join. Visit the desk outside the church for more information and registration.
3. St Theresa of the Child Jesus Small Christian Community will animate the Rosary on Saturday 27/1/2024 after 5 pm Mass.
4. Consolata Charismatic group have organized Life in the Spirit Seminar starting today at 2 pm in the Parish Hall.
5. The Bible Dairies for 2024 with the daily reflections are available at the bookshop. Get a copy for yourself.
6. The Children's Sunday activities will resume on 4th February 2024 with the children's Mass at 9:00 am. There will be no Sunday Service on that day.

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