



CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

6th October 2024



First Reading

Genesis 2:18-24

“They become one flesh.”

A reading from the Book of Genesis

The LORD God said, “It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him.” So out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name. The man gave names to all cattle, and to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field; but for the man there was not found a helper fit for him. So the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and while he slept took one of his ribs and closed up its place with flesh; and the rib which the LORD God had taken from the man he made into a woman and brought her to the man. Then the man said, “this at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man.” Therefore, a man leaves his father and his mother and clings to his wife, and they become one flesh. **The word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 128:1-6 (R.cf 5)

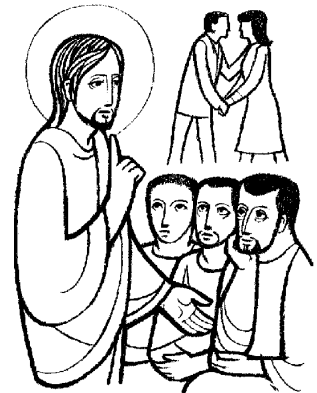
R. May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

Blessed are all who fear the Lord,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. **R**

Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. **R**

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Sion.
May you see Jerusalem prosper all the days of your life! **R**

May you see your children’s children.
On Israel, peace! **R**



Second Reading

Hebrews 2:9-11

“He who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren: We see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone. For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through suffering. For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified have all one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brethren. **The word of the Lord.**



Alleluia, Alleluia

If we love one another, God abides
in us, and his love is perfected in us.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 10:2-16

“What God has joined together, let no man put asunder.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time; Pharisees came up and in order to test Jesus asked, “Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife?” He answered them, “What did Moses command you?” They said, “Moses allowed a man to write a certificate of divorce, and to put her away.” But Jesus said to them, “For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man put asunder.” And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another, commits adultery against her; and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.” And they were bringing children to him, that he might touch them; and the disciples rebuked them. But when Jesus saw it he was indignant, and said to them, “Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God. Truly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child shall not enter it.” And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. **The Gosepl of the Lord.**

Reflection: What God Has Joined by Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question. The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it. But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading. Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands. Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth. That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm. Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family. The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross. Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled. Eve was "mother of all the living". And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning. The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

Announcement

1. Welcome to the month of October; the month of Rosary and the intentions of the mission of the church. We invite you to intensify the Rosary prayer asking God to bless our families. For this matter, Our Mission Sunday is on 20th October and we will have a second collection for the mission.
2. Today we are blessing our Tithes, our Families and our work. – **Choir lead us with a song.**
3. The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after the 1 pm Mass today.
4. Proclaimers will animate the Rosary on Monday 7th, after 5.30 pm Mass to celebrate the **memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary** and

Our Lady of Fatima Small Christian Community will animate the Rosary next Saturday 12th after 5 pm Mass.

5. In celebration of the Canonisation of Bl. Joseph Allamano which will be on 20th October 2024 in Rome; there will be a National Thanksgiving Mass on 9th November 2024 at the University of Nairobi grounds. Kindly support the occasion by purchasing the items on sale outside the church, or you can contribute through the playbill, cheque or cash. Please visit the desk outside the church for more details of payment.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Bryan Peter Njimu & Edna Chepchumba (2nd Announcement).*
2. *Verenardo Mweteri Meeme & Mercy Wanjiru Ngahu (1st Announcement).*
3. *Dennis Agunda Musumba & Merlene Atieno Odero (1st Announcement).*

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. In case of any objection, please notify the father in-charge.

- ❖ The Consolata Shrine Professionals' Group, is deeply humbled and indebted to our Communities both at Deep Sea and the Shrine, for your overwhelming support to the just concluded Medical Camp last weekend. With your help, over 1,000 people benefited from free consultations, Laboratory Tests and quality Prescription Medicine. We also owe our gratitude to all the volunteers from the Medical Sector and Pharmaceutical companies whose support was key to the success of the Medical Camp. Let's clap for our Professionals' Group and those who supported them.

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