



CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY-NINE SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
MISSION SUNDAY



20th October 2024

First Reading

When he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days.”

Isaiah 53:10-11

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

It was the will of the LORD to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the LORD shall prosper in his hand; he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 33:4-5. 18-20 and 22 (R.22)

R. *May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you, O Lord.*

For the word of the LORD is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R**

Yes, the LORD'S eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R**

Our soul is waiting for the LORD.
He is our help and our shield.
May your merciful love be upon us,
as we hope in you, O Lord. **R**



Second Reading

Hebrews 4:14-16

“Let us with confidence draw near to the throne of grace”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren: Since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we have not a high priest who is unable to sympathise with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sinning. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need. **The word of the Lord.**



Alleluia

The Son of man came not to be served but to serve,
and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 10:35-45

The Son of man came to give his life as a ransom for many.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark



At that time: James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to Jesus, and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” And he said to them, “What do you want me to do for you? “And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” But Jesus said to them,

“You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the chalice that I drink, or to be baptized with the baptism with which I am baptized?” And they said to him. “We are able.” And Jesus said to them, “The chalice that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” And when the ten heard it, they began to be indignant at James and John. And Jesus called them to him and said to them, “You know that those who are supposed to rule over the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. But it shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant, and whoever would be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of man also came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Reflection: Cup of Salvation by *PhD Scott Hann*



The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors. But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks. The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins. But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins. In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading. Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people. Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood. And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him. We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death. In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood.

Announcement

1. 29th Sunday of ordinary time is also **Mission Sunday: We** have a second collection for the missions. **Choir kindly lead us with a song.**
2. Today all the candidates sitting for the National Examinations in 2024 are being blessed during all the Masses. Kindly come forward if you are a candidate.
3. There is live streaming of the canonization of Blessed Joseph Allamano today, 20/10/2024, at midday in the Auditorium of Allamano Centre. All are welcome.

4. Small Christian Communities (SCC) Coordinating Team invites anyone interested in joining a Jumuiya to visit the desk outside the church. They are also selling a souvenir package containing a Rosary, a pendant and two prayer cards of Our Lady Consolata and St Joseph Allamano. Each package is retailing at Kshs. 1,000 and the proceeds will be used to finance activities of the Jumuiyas activities organized by the Coordination team.
5. St Bakhita Small Christian Community will animate the Rosary next Saturday 26th October after 5 pm Mass.
6. Kabete Deanery Family Day will be held on Saturday 26th October at Consolata Shrine. All are to be seated by 9.30 am for the Mass to begin at 10:00 am. It will be presided over by the Apostolic Nuncio to Kenya His Excellency Archbishop Hubertus van Megen. All Christians are invited to come with their families to worship, rejoice and be together as one Family.
7. In thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Bl. Joseph Allamano, on Mission Sunday 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 paybill, cheque or cash. Please visit the desk outside the church for more details.
8. The Consolata Shrine Professionals' Group invites you to a Free Financial Literacy Clinic on 24th November 2024. **Deep Sea: from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM** and **Shrine: from 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM**. We seek volunteers from various sectors, including Banking, SACCOs, Self-Help, Groups, Rent-to-Own Sector, Tax, Audit, Accounting, Real Estate, Agri-finance and Insurance. Our first physical meeting for all volunteers will be on Sunday, 27th October after the 1:00 PM Mass in the Shed at the Basketball Court. For registration, please check the poster on the notice board for contact details.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. Verenardo Mweteri Meeme & Mercy Wanjiru Ngahu (3rd Announcement).
2. Dennis Agunda Musumba & Merlene Atieno Odero (3rd Announcement).

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

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