



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

27th October 2024



First Reading

“With consolations I will lead them back, among them the blind and the lame.”

Jeremiah 31:7-9

A reading from the book of Jeremiah

Thus says the LORD: “Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, ‘The LORD has saved his people, the remnant of Israel.’ Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her who is in travail, together; a great company, they shall return here. With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will make them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I am a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my first-born.” **The word of the Lord.**

RESPONSOLIA PSALM

Ps 126:1-6(R.3)

R. What great deeds the Lord worked for us! Indeed, we were glad.

When the LORD brought back the exiles of Sion, we thought we were dreaming.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter;
on our tongues, songs of joy. **R**

Then the nations themselves said,
“What great deeds the LORD worked for them!” What great deeds the LORD worked for us! Indeed, we were glad. **R**

Bring back our exiles, O LORD, As streams in the south. Those who are sowing in tears will sing when they reap. **R**

They go out, they go out, full of tears, bearing seed for the sowing; they come back, they come back with a song, bearing their sheaves. **R**



Second reading

Hebrews 5:1-6

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Every high priest chosen from among men is appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. He can deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is beset with weakness. Because of this he is bound to offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. And one does not take the honour upon himself, but he is called by God, just as Aaron was. So also Christ did not exalt himself to be made a high priest, but was appointed by him who said to him, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place, “You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.” **The word of the Lord.**



Alleluia, Alleluia

Our Saviour Christ Jesus abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 10:46-52

“Master, let me receive my sight.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: As Jesus was leaving Jericho with his disciples and a great multitude, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, the son of Timaeus, was sitting by the roadside. And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” And many rebuked him, telling him to be silent; but he cried out all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” And Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.” And they called the blind man, saying to him, “Take heart; rise, he is calling you.” And throwing off his cloak he sprang up and came to Jesus. And Jesus said to him, “What do you want me to do for you?” And the blind man said to him, “Master, let me receive my sight.” And Jesus said to him, “Go your way; your faith has made you well.” And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Reflection: Seeing the Son of David by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Today’s Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first besides the apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And His healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth. The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today’s

First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst. Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David. Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come. As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God. He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek, who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history. Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion which we sing of in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life. Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by--in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate--and yet we don't see Him. Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church. Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus, "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him--what can we do for all that He has done for us?

Announcement

1. During the month of November we pray for the departed souls.
 - Envelopes with the November Cards are available at the entrance of the church for you to fill in the names of the deceased and deposit in the blue boxes with an offering. The departed will be prayed for in all Masses during the month.
 - Please note the following:**
 - Friday 1st November will be All Saints Day; it is a day of obligation. At the Shrine Masses will be as follows: 7 am, 1:15 pm and 6.00 pm while at St Joseph Deep Sea at 6:00 pm. There will be confessions during the Masses.
 - Saturday 2nd November will be All Souls Day: Masses will be at: 7 am, 9 am, 11 am and 3 pm. There will be confessions during the Masses.
2. Next Weekend 2nd and 3rd November we will have the blessing of your tithe and family. Pick the envelope for preparation.
 - Children's Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. and there will be no Sunday Service.

- The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 1 p.m. Mass.
3. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on “The Eucharist, the Sacrament of Christ’s Real Presence in the Church,” on Sunday 3rd November at 9.30 am, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome.
 4. St Joseph Chapel Deep Sea will animate the Rosary next Saturday 2nd November after 5 pm Mass.
 5. Registration for the Sacraments of Baptism, First Holy Communion, Confirmation for both School children and adults and for Couples planning to get married is ongoing at the catechist’s Office.
 6. In thanksgiving for the Canonisation of Bl. Joseph Allamano 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. You can contribute through the paybill, cheque or cash. Please visit the desk outside the church for more details.
 7. ‘The Consolata Shrine Professionals’ Group invites you all to a Free Financial Literacy Clinic on 24th November 2024 at Deep Sea from 11:00 am to 1:00 am and at The Shrine from 9:00 am to 4:00 am. We have invited partners from the financial sector to cover the following topics. Pathway to Homeownership, Grow your money into wealth, , Understand the importance of insurance for protecting your financial future. Plan early for a Secure Retirement, Maximize Savings with Tax Incentives, Manage Business Finances, Saving & Borrowing Tips among others. Don't miss this opportunity to enhance your financial knowledge and take control of your future!
 8. We give thanks to God and to all the pilgrims who went to Italy and attended the canonization of St Joseph Allamano.
 9. The Small Christian Communities (SCC) Coordinating Team is 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. Visit their desk outside the church.

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