



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

3rd November 2024



First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:2-6

“Hear, O Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.”

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses spoke to the people, saying, “Fear the Lord your God, you and your son and your son’s son, by keeping all his statutes and his commandments, which I command you, all the days of your life; that your days may be prolonged. Hear therefore, O Israel, and be careful to do them; that it may go well with you, and that you may multiply greatly, as the Lord, the God of your fathers, has promised you, in a land flowing with milk and honey. “Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is one Lord; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. And these words which I command you this day shall be upon your heart.” **The Word of the Lord**

RESPONSOLIA PSALM

Ps 18: 2-4, 47, 51(R.2)

R. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength; O Lord, my rock, my fortress, my savior. **R**

My God, my rock where I take refuge; My shield, my saving strength, my stronghold. I cry out, “Praised be the Lord!” And see, I am saved from my foes. **R**

The Lord lives, and blest be my Rock! May the God of my salvation be exalted. The Lord gives great victories to his king, And shows merciful love for his anointed. **R**

Second reading

Hebrews 7:23-28

“He holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever.”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren: The priests [of the former covenant] were many in number, because they were prevented by death from continuing in office; but Christ holds his priesthood permanently, because he continues for ever. Consequently he is able for all time to save those who draw near to God

through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them. For it was fitting that we should have such a high priest, holy, blameless, unstained, separated from sinners, exalted above the heavens. He has no need, like those high priests, to offer sacrifices daily, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did this once for all when he offered up himself. Indeed, the law appoints men in their weakness as high priests, but the word of the oath, which came later than the law, appoints a Son who has been made perfect for ever. **The Word of the Lord**



Alleluia, Alleluia

If a man loves me, he will keep my word,
says the Lord; and my Father will love him,
and we will come to him.



Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 12:28b-34

“You shall love the Lord your God. You shall love your neighbour.”

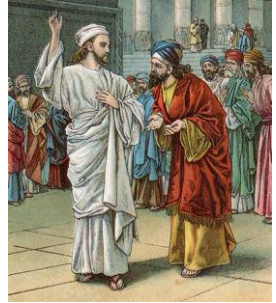
A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: One of the scribes came up to Jesus and asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbour as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” And the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that he is one, and there is no other but he; and to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength, and to love one’s neighbour as oneself, is much more than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” And when Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God” and after that no one dared to ask him any question. **The Gospel of the Lord**

Reflection: The Law of Love by PhD Scott Hann

Love is only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today’s First Reading. The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength. We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can’t love the God we haven’t seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen. And we

are called to imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the Cross. As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the Cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God. There is no greater love than to lay down your life. This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God. The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that God desires. The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves, that God truly desires. We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us? Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.



Announcement

1. Today we are blessing our Tithe, our Families and our work. – **Choir lead us with a song.**
2. Today the Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after the 1 pm Mass.
3. In November, we pray for all departed souls in all Masses. Envelopes are available at the entrance of the Church, kindly fill in the names of the deceased and deposit in the blue boxes with an offering. The departed will be prayed for throughout the month of November.
 - Next Sunday 10th November, there will be Mass at 3 pm at Langata Cemetery to pray for the departed souls and blessing of graves.
4. You are all invited for thanksgiving Mass of Canonization of St Joseph Allamano in the University of Nairobi Grounds next Saturday 9th November. The Mass will start at 9:30 am. Lunch will be served to all at the end of Mass. Come one come all we celebrate St. Joseph Allamano.
5. The Apostolate of Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration welcomes all parishioners for a day of recollection on Saturday 16th November from 9.30 a.m. to 3.30 p.m. in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome.
6. St. John Paul II Small Christian Community will animate the Rosary next Saturday 9th November after 5 pm Mass.

7. 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.
8. All children below 14 years are members of the Pontifical Missionary Childhood, PMC. There will be formation for 8 to 12 years old children to prepare them for Commissioning as PMC members. The sessions will be on Tuesday 5 - Friday 8 November. Please visit their desk outside the church for registration
9. The Small Christian Communities 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 Small Christian Communities. Visit their desk outside the church
10. '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. The following topics will be covered: Homeownership, growth of money into wealth, insurance & finances, plan for retirement, saving & tax incentives, business finances, saving & borrowing etc. All are welcome.
11. Interviews for Consolata School entry 2025 for Baby Care, PP1, PP2 & Grade 1 will be on 5th and 6th November 2024 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the new wing of Consolata School.
 - Consolata School is launching a daycare for babies aged 18 months and above in January 2025. Please visit the Pre-School Office for more information and registration.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Simon Irungu & Purity Wangechi (1st Announcement)*

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone has an objection, please notify the father in-charge.

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