



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

10th November 2024



First Reading

1 Kings 17:10-16

The widow made a little cake from her meal and brought it to Elijah.

A reading from the first Book of Kings

In those days: Elijah [the prophet] arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks; and he called to her and said, “Bring me a little water in a vessel, that I may drink.” And as she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, “Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.” And she said, “As the LORD your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in pitcher; and now, I am Gathering a Couple of sticks, that I may go in and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.” And Elijah said to her, “Fear not; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterward make for yourself and your son. For thus says the LORD the God of Israel, “The jar of meal shall not be spent, and the pitcher of oil shall not fail, until the day that the LORD sends rain upon the earth.”” And she went and did as Elijah said; and she, and he, and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the pitcher of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by Elijah. **The word of the Lord.**

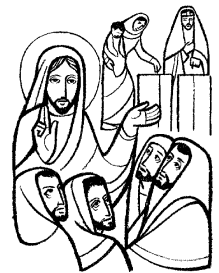
RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 146: 6- 10

R. Come, Lord, and save us.

It is the Lord who preserves fidelity for ever,
who does justice to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the LORD who sets prisoners free. **R**

It is the LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the LORD who loves the just,
the LORD who protects the stranger. **R**



The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow, but thwarts the path of the wicked. The LORD will reign for ever, the God of Sion from age to age. **R**

Second Reading

Hebrews 9:24-28

“Christ offered himself once to bear the sins of many”

A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him. **The word of the Lord.**



Alleluia. Alleluia

Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mark 12:38-44

“This poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: In his teaching Jesus said to the crowds, “Beware of the scribes, who like to go about in long robes, and to have salutations in the market places and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honour at feasts, who devour widows’ houses and for a pretence make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.” And he sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the multitude putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. And a poor widow came, and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who contributing to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living”. **The Gospel of the Lord.**

Reflection: The Widows' Faith: By Scott Hahn, Ph.D.

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving. That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy. The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family. The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple. In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the Cross. Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the Cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation. And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength. Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love? Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow. Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

Announcement

1. Today we have Mass at 3 pm to pray for the departed souls and blessing of graves at Langata Cemetery.
 - 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.
2. 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.
3. St. Jude Small Christian Community will animate the Rosary next Saturday 16th November after 5 pm Mass.
4. 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.

5. All groups moderator in our parish are requested to submit calendar of activities for 2025 by 6th December to the PPC Secretary (Timothy Murunga).
6. There will be formation for Missionary Youth Movement (MYM) from Tuesday 12 - Friday 15 November. Please visit their desk outside the church for registration.
7. This year the Children Christmas Party will be celebrated on 30th November. Kindly drop your support in the parish office during the week.
8. 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.
9. '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.
10. Rt. Rev. Bishop Peter Makau of Isiolo Diocese invites you for his thanksgiving Mass which will be on 17th November; next Sunday at Masii Parish. Please visit the desk outside the church for more information and registration.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Simon Irungu & Purity Wangechi (2nd Announcement)*

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

- The Father General Fr. James Lengarin and his council, Consolata Sisters General Superior Madre Lucia Bartolomasi and her Council, Regional Councils of Kenya of both sisters and fathers would like to thank you all dearly for your prayers and participation in thanksgiving of canonization of St. Joseph Allamano. A Clap for you all.

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