



CONSOLATA SHRINE
SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
19th JANUARY 2025



FIRST READING

Isaiah 62: 1-5

“The bridegroom rejoices over the bride.”

A reading from the first Book of Isaiah

For Zion’s sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem’s sake I will not rest until her vindication goes forth as brightness, and her salvation as a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name which the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My delight is in her, and your land Married; for the Lord delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a virgin, so shall your sons marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you. ***The word of the Lord.***

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 96:1-3.7-10 (R. 3)

R. Tell among all the peoples the wonders of the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord;

Sing to the Lord, all the earth

O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **(R).**

Proclaim his salvation day by day.

Tell among the nations his glory,

And his wonders among all the peoples. **(R).**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,

Give the Lord glory and power;

Give the Lord the glory of his name. **(R).**

Worship the Lord in holy splendor

O tremble before him all the earth.

Say to the nations, “The Lord is king”

He will judge the peoples in fairness. **(R)**



SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

“One and the same Spirit who apportions to each one individually as he wills.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

There are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of Service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterances of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the ability to distinguish between spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are inspired by one and the same Spirit, who apportions to each one individually as he wills. ***The word of the Lord.***



Alleluia, Alleluia

God has called us through the Gospel,
to obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ



Alleluia

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

“This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

There was a marriage at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there; Jesus also was invited to the marriage, with his disciples. When the wine failed, the mother of Jesus said to him, “They have no wine.” And Jesus said to her, “O woman, what is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.” His mother said to the servants, “Do whatever he tells you.” Now six stone jars were standing there, for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, “Fill the jars with water.” And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, “Now draw some out, and take it to the steward of the feast.” So they took it. When the steward of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where

it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward of the feast called the bridegroom and said to him, "Every man serves the good wine first; and when men have drunk freely, then the poor wine; but you have kept the good wine until now." This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed in him. ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

Reflection: In the Wedding By Scott Hahn, Ph.D



Think of these first weeks after Christmas as a season of "epiphanies." The Liturgy is showing us Who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week and the week before, the imagery was royal and filial - Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel's

promise, beloved children of God. Last week in the Liturgy we went to a Baptism. This week we're at a wedding. We're being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we're sons and daughters of God, it's because we've married into the family. Have you ever wondered why the Bible begins and ends with a wedding - Adam and Eve's in the garden and the marriage supper of the Lamb? Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. He is the Groom, humanity His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in today's First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant she is compared to an unfaithful spouse. But God promises to take her back, to "espouse" her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. That's why in today's Gospel, Jesus performs His first public "sign" at a wedding feast. Jesus is the divine Bridegroom, calling us to His royal wedding feast. By His New Covenant, He will become "one flesh" with all humanity in the Church. By our Baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a Husband.

Announcement

1. Today, the Divine Mercy Group is recruiting new members at the tent outside the church. All are welcome.
2. The Small Christian Communities Coordinating Team invites anyone interested in joining a Jumuiya to visit the desk outside the church for more information and registration.
3. Registration for Catechism classes (Baptism, First Holy Communion and Confirmation) for the boarders is ongoing at the catechist's office.
4. Registration of the couples who are planning to get married or solemnize their marriage is ongoing at the catechist's office. Classes will start on Thursday 23/1/2025 at 6:15 pm.
5. St. John Paul II Small Christian Community will animate Rosary on Saturday 25th after 5:00 pm Mass.
6. Consolata Charismatic Prayer Group has organized Life in the Spirit Seminar starting today at 2 pm in the Parish Hall. All are welcome.
7. There will be no Children's Sunday Service in January 2025. The Children's activities will resume on 2 February 2025 with the Children's Mass.
8. Consolata School Daycare registration is ongoing for children ranging from 18 months to 3 years. For more information visit the School office during the week.
9. Bible Diaries for 2025 with daily reflections are available at the Bookshop. Take a copy for yourself or as a gift to your friends.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Sergio Bosco Tiburcio A. Antao & Anushka Gillian Mathews (3rd 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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