



CONSOLATA SHRINE
14TH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
6TH JULY 2025



FIRST READING

Isaiah 66:10-14c

“Behold, I will extend prosperity to her like a river.”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

“Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all you who love her; rejoice with her in joy, all you who mourn over her; that you may suck and be satisfied with her consoling breasts; that you may drink deeply with delight from the abundance of her glory.” For thus says the LORD:

“Behold, I will extend prosperity to her like a river, and the wealth of the nations like an overflowing stream; and you shall suck, you shall be carried upon her hip, and fondled upon her knees. As one whom his mother comforts, so I will comfort you; you shall be comforted in Jerusalem. You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice; your bones shall flourish like the grass; and it shall be known that the hand of the Lord is with his servants.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 66 1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a, 16 and 20 (R. 1)

R. Cry out with Joy to God, all the earth.

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth

O sing to the glory of his name

O render him glorious praise.

Say to God, “How awesome your deeds!” **R.**

“Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!”

Come and see the works of God:

awesome his deeds among the children of men. **R.**

He turned the sea into dry lands;

they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. **R.**

Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love. **R.**

SECOND READING

Galatians 6: 14-18

"I bear on my body the marks of Jesus."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Galatians

Brethren:

Far be it from me to glory except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation. Peace and mercy be upon all who walk by this rule, upon the Israel of God. Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear on my body the marks of Jesus. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren.

Amen.

The word of the Lord.

ALLELUIA

Colossians 3:15a, 16a



Alleluia

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts;
let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

"Your peace shall rest upon him."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time:

The Lord appointed seventy others, and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to come. And he said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go your way; behold, I send you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and salute no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace be to this house!' And if a son of peace is there your peace shall rest upon him; but if not, it shall return to you. And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the labourer deserves his wages; do not go from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you; heal the sick in it and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off against you; nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.' I tell you, it shall be more tolerable on that day for Sodom than for that town." The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subjected to us in your name!" And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing shall hurt you. Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Harvest Time by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel - Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church. Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12-13; Joel 4:13), the 70 are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church. Carrying out the work of the 70, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom, offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth - "every town and place He

intended to visit." Our Lord's tone is solemn today. For in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom. But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle. The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven. In this week's Psalm we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the Enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord, sing praise to the glory of His name.

Announcements

1. Today, we will have the blessing of your tithe/ harvest and family. Kindly pick an envelope at the entrance of the Church.
2. The Novena for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will begin next Saturday 12th July. There will be a candle lit procession and Rosary after the 5.00pm Mass. The animating groups will be Deepsea Jumuiyas, Parish Pastoral Council, St. Thomas the Apostle SCC, CMA, CWA, Youth (YCA, YSC & MYM) and PMC. All are welcome.

THEME	READING	REFLECTION
Mary, the daughter chosen by God	Micah 5:2-5 – "From you shall come forth one who is to rule in Israel..."	God prepared Mary from the beginning to be the mother of the savior. Reflect on God's divine plan unfolding in your own life.

3. The Consolata Young Catholic Adults (YCA), Youth Serving Christ (YSC) and Missionary Youth Movement (MYM) invites you to a

fundraiser dinner themed 'A Night to remember – Once a Youth' on 1st August 2025. The proceeds will fund the renovation of the Deepsea Nursery School Kitchen among other projects. To purchase a ticket or to sponsor a youth kindly visit their desk at the tent outside the church.

4. Consolata School is pleased to announce the official launch of the Cambridge International Curriculum. Parents and learners are invited for the Cambridge open day on 19th July 2025 at Consolata School.
 - Grade 1 admissions for the 2026 academic year are now open. For more information kindly visit the Consolata school office.
5. The recruitment process and registration of new Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A) candidates is ongoing until Sunday 23rd November 2025. These are Christians who are seeking to become members of the Catholic Church. These include the unbaptized adults, Children who have not been baptized and are past the age of Infant Baptism and those baptized in other Churches and wish to join the Catholic Church. For more information and registration, kindly visit the Catechist's office today and during the week.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Andrew Matarin Marankishu and Debra Kimeiwua*
(1st Announcement)
2. *Horeen Kinoti and Linda Otieno* (1st Announcement)

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone has an objection, please notify the Father in Charge.