



CONSOLATA SHRINE
20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
17TH AUGUST 2025



FIRST READING

Jeremiah 38:4-6, 8-10

"You bore me, a man of strife and contention to the whole land."

(Jeremiah 15:10)

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah

In those days:

The princes said to the king, "Let this Jeremiah be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm." King Zedekiah said, "Behold, he is in your hands; for the king can do nothing against you." So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king's son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mire, and Jeremiah sank in the mire. Ebed – melech went from the king's house and said to the king, "My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern; and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city." Then the king commanded Ebed-melech, the Ethiopian, "Take three men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies."



The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 40: 2, 3, 4, 18 (R. 14b)

R. Lord, make haste to help me!

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. **R.**

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock,
made my footsteps firm. **R.**

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
And shall trust in the LORD. **R.**

Wretched and poor though I am,
The Lord is mindful of me.
You are my rescuer, my help;
O my God, do not delay. **R.**

SECOND READING

Hebrews 12: 1-4

“Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.”

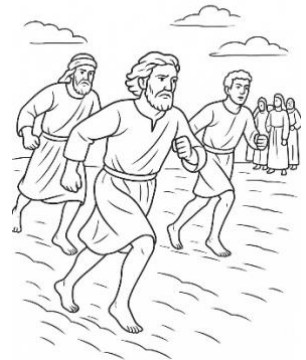
A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Brethren:

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA



John 10: 27



Alleluia

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Luke 12:49-53

"I have come not to give peace, but division."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples, "I come to cast fire upon the earth; and would that it were already kindled! I have a baptism to be baptised with; and how I am constrained until it is accomplished! Do you think that I have come to give peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division; for henceforth in one house there will be five divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against her mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law."



The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Consuming Fire by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16). We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3). The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting

ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13). In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week. But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

Announcements

1. Friday 22nd August is the Solemnity of Our Lady Mother and Queen. We will have Candle lit procession and Rosary after the 5.30pm Mass animated by the Proclaimers. All are welcome
2. Saturday 23rd August is day seven of The Novena for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be a candle lit procession and Rosary after the 5.00pm Mass. Details regarding the animating groups and the theme of day are available on the notice board.
3. Consolata Shrine is planning a Pilgrimage to Tuthu for all Parishioners on 30th August 2025, where we shall have an opportunity to walk through the Holy Door and receive the indulgences, and learn about the history of the Consolata Missionaries. Charges are Ksh 1,500 per pilgrim. To register for this Pilgrimage kindly visit the desk at the tent outside the Church. You are welcome to sponsor other pilgrims who may not be able to afford the fee. On 24th August we shall have a second collection in all masses to purchase a turbanacle for our Mother Church in Tuthu. Let us join hands and support this project.
4. Young people between the age of 14-18 years are invited to a formation programme and preparation for MYM Deanary Sports day from Tuesday 19th August to Saturday 23rd August. For more information and registration, kindly visit the desk at the tent outside the Church
5. The Divine Mercy ongoing formation class will take place today at 2.00pm in the Auditorium at the Allamano Centre.
6. The Sacred Heart Devotion ongoing formation class will take place next Sunday 24th August after the 9.00am Mass in Room 3F at the Allamano Centre.

7. The Consolata Shrine Professionals' group invites all Parishioners to a Free Medical Camp on Saturday 27th September 2025 at Deepsea and on 28th September 2025 at the Shrine from 9.00am to 4.00pm. We humbly appeal for donations of medical supplies or cash-in-lieu to help serve the community effectively. Volunteer medical professionals are welcome to offer their service. For more information, kindly visit the Parish office.
8. The Catholic Youth Festivals are scheduled to begin on Saturday 23rd August 2025. All youth are invited to participate and represent Consolata Shrine through performing arts in various categories. Registration and rehearsals take place every Sunday in the Parish Hall from 2.00pm.
9. The Consolata Self Help Group Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on Saturday 30th August at 8.00 am in the Auditorium at the Allamano Centre. Members are encouraged to attend.
10. Consolata School invites Parents to register for Daycare, baby class, PP1 and PP2 for 2026 intake. Registrations opens on Thursday 21st August 2025 from 9.00am. For more information and registration, kindly visit the school office or the School website.

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