



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
11TH JANUARY 2026



FIRST READING

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen, in whom my soul delights”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Behold my servant, whom I uphold,
My chosen, in whom my soul delights;
I have put my Spirit upon him,
He will bring forth justice to the nations.
He will not cry or lift up his voice,
Or make it heard in the street;
A bruised reed he will not break,
And a dimly burning wick he will not quench;
He will faithfully bring forth justice.
He will not fail or be discouraged
Till he has established justice in the earth;
And the islands wait for his law.
"I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
A light to the nations,
To open the eyes that are blind.
To bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
From the prison those who sit in darkness."



The word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAI PSALM

Psalm 29:1a & 2, 3ac-4, 3b & 9c-10 (R.11b)

R/ The Lord will bless his people with peace.

Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly powers,
Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;
Bow down before the LORD, majestic in Holiness. R/

The voice of the LORD upon the waters,
The LORD on the immensity of waters;
The voice of the LORD full of power;
The voice of the LORD full of splendour. R/

The God of glory thunders;
In his temple they all cry, "Glory!"
The LORD sat enthroned above the flood;
The LORD sits as king forever. R/

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-38

"God anointed him with the Holy Spirit."

A reading from the Acts of the Apostle

In those days:

Peter opened his mouth and said,

"Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality,

But in every nation anyone who fears him

And does what is right

Is acceptable to him

You know the word which he sent to the sons of Israel,

Preaching good news of peace by Jesus Christ

(He is Lord of all),

The word which was proclaimed throughout all Judea,

Beginning from Galilee after the baptism which John

preached:

How God anointed Jesus of Nazareth

With the Holy Spirit and with power;

How he went about doing good

And healing all that were oppressed by the devil,

For God was with him."

The word of the Lord.



ALLELUIA

Mark 9:6

V/ Alleluia. R/ Alleluia.

V/The heavens opened and the Father's voice was heard:

"This is my beloved Son, listen to him"

R/ Alleluia.

GOSPEL

Matthew 3:13-17

"When Jesus was baptized the heavens were opened and the Spirit of God came upon him,"

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John.

To be baptized by him.

John would have prevented him, saying,

"I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me

But Jesus answered him, Let it be so now;

For thus it is fitting for us to fulfil all righteousness."

Then he consented.

And when Jesus was baptized,

He went up immediately from the water,

And behold, the heavens were opened

And he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove,

And alighting on him;

And behold, a voice from heaven, saying,

"This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."



The Gospel of the Lord.

Anointed One: Reflection by Dr. Scott Hahn Ph..D

Jesus presents himself for baptism in today's Gospel not because He is a sinner, but to fulfill the word of God proclaimed by His prophets. He must be baptized to reveal that He is the Christ ("anointed one")—the Spirit-endowed Servant promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. His baptism marks the start of a new world, a new creation. As Isaiah prophesied, the Spirit descends upon Jesus like a dove—as the Spirit hovered over the face of the deep in the beginning (see Genesis 1:2). As it was in the beginning, at the Jordan also the majestic voice of the Lord thunders above the waters. The Father opens the heavens and declares Jesus to be His "beloved son." God had long prepared the Israelites for His coming, as Peter preaches in today's Second Reading. Jesus was anticipated in the "beloved son" given to Abraham (see Genesis 22:2, 12, 26), and in the calling of Israel as His "first-born son" (see Exodus 4:22–23). Jesus is the divine son begotten by God, the everlasting heir promised to King David (see Psalm 2:7; 2 Samuel 7:14). He is "a covenant of the people [Israel]" and "a light to the nations," Isaiah says. By the new covenant made in His blood (see 1 Corinthians 11:25), God has gathered the lost sheep of Israel together with whoever fears Him in every nation. Christ has become the source from which God pours out His Spirit on Israelites and Gentiles alike (see Acts 10:45). In Baptism, all are anointed with that same Spirit, made beloved sons and daughters of God. Indeed, we are Christians—literally "anointed ones." We are the "sons of God" in today's Psalm—called to give glory to His name in His temple. Let us pray that we remain faithful to our calling as His children, that our Father might call us what he calls His Son—"my beloved . . . in whom I am well pleased."

Announcements

1. From Sunday 18th to 25th January 2026, we begin the week of Christian unity. There will be special prayers during all masses.
2. St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Chabel Small Christian communities will animate the rosary on Saturday 17/1/2026, after the 5pm mass. All are welcome.
3. St. Joseph Allamano SCC is recruiting new members for their Jumuiya. Their meetings are twice a month at home and Church. Join them and enjoy the historical links of missionary work in Kenya and Africa. For more information, kindly visit the desk outside the Church after mass.
4. The Consolata Charismatic group will be conducting life in the spirit for nine Sundays, starting on Sunday 18th January 2026. The seminar will be held at the hall at 2pm. For more information, kindly contact Grace on 0722609518.
5. Registration for Catechesis for children preparing to receive First Holy Communion (Ages 9 years and above) and confirmation (Ages 11 years and above) is ongoing at the Catechist's office. Adults preparing for Baptism, First Holy Communion and confirmation are invited to register. Deadline for registration is 23rd January 2026.
6. Couples preparing for marriage in the year 2026 are invited to register for Pre-marital sessions at the Catechist's office.
7. The Catholic Men Association (CMA) is recruiting new members. All interested men are invited to register by scanning the QR code on the flyer or posters on the notice board or visit the Parish office during the week.
8. All children, (13yrs and below) are invited to the preparations for the deanery PMC festivals-music and presentations, on Saturday 17th January 2026 from 9am to 4:30pm. Come with packed lunch. The children Sunday service will resume on Sunday 14th February 2026.
9. The Children's Sunday Service will resume on Sunday 14th February 2026.
10. The 2026 Bible diaries are available for sale at the Church bookshop.
Please get yourself a copy.

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