



**CONSOLATA SHRINE
THIRD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF THE LORD
25TH JANUARY 2026**



FIRST READING

Isaiah 9: 1-4

“In Galilee of the nations, the people have seen a great light.

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness



have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of his burden and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14
(R.1a)**

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
whom should I dread? **R.**

There is one thing I ask of the LORD,
only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the LORD
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the LORD,
to inquire at his temple. **R.**

I believe I shall see the LORD's goodness
in the land of the living.

Wait for the LORD; be strong;
be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD! **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

"I appeal to you, brethren, that there be no dissensions among you."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians



I appeal to you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no dissensions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgement. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarrelling among

you, my brethren. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos" or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? For Christ did not send me to baptise but to preach the Gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

See Matthew 4:23

Alleluia

Jesus was preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every infirmity among the people.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mathew 4:12-23

“He went to Capernaum, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mathew

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee; and leaving Nazareth he went and dwelt in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, toward the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to preach, saying,



“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon who is called Peter and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. And he went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every infirmity among the people.

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: History Redeemed by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Today's Liturgy gives us a lesson in ancient Israelite geography and history.

Isaiah's prophecy in today's First Reading is quoted by Matthew in today's Gospel. Both intend to recall the apparent fall of the everlasting kingdom promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–13; Psalm 89; Psalm 132:11–12). Eight centuries before Christ, that part of the kingdom where the tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali lived was attacked by the Assyrians, and the tribes were hauled off into captivity (see 2 Kings 15:29; 1 Chronicles 5:26). It marked the beginning of the kingdom's end. The Davidic empire finally crumbled in the sixth century BC, when Jerusalem was seized by Babylon and the remaining tribes were driven into exile (see 2 Kings 24:14). Isaiah prophesied that Zebulun and Naphtali, the lands first to be degraded, would be the first to see the light of God's salvation. Jesus today fulfills that prophecy—announcing the restoration of David's kingdom at precisely the spot where the kingdom began to fall. His gospel of the Kingdom includes not only the twelve tribes of Israel but all the nations—symbolized by the “Galilee of the Nations.” Calling His first disciples, two fishermen on the Sea of Galilee, He appoints them to be “fishers of men,” gathering people from the ends of the earth. They are to preach the gospel, Paul says

in today's Epistle, to unite all peoples in the same mind and in the same purpose—in a worldwide kingdom of God. By their preaching, Isaiah's promise has been delivered. A world in darkness has seen the light. The yoke of slavery and sin, borne by humanity since time began, has been smashed. And we are able now, as we sing in today's Psalm, to dwell in the house of the Lord, to worship Him in the land of the living.

Announcements

1. Today is the Word of the Lord Sunday. Bibles will be blessed during all Masses.
2. St. John Paul II SCC will animate the rosary on Saturday 31st January, after the 5.00pm mass. All are welcome.
3. Next Sunday 1st February we will have the blessing of your tithe and family. Kindly pick an envelope at the entrance of the Church.
 - Children's Mass will be at 9:00 a.m. There will be no Sunday school.
 - The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 1 p.m. Mass
4. The '*Life in the Spirit*' Seminar continues today at the Parish hall at 2.00pm. For more information, kindly contact Grace on 0722609518.
5. Couples preparing for marriage in the year 2026 are invited to register for Pre-marital sessions at the Catechist's office. Sessions will start on Thursday 29th January at 6.15pm in Room M01 at the Allamano Centre.
6. The Sacred Heart Devotion class will take place today in room 3F after the 9.00am Mass.
7. There will be ongoing formation for children (under 11 years), who received their First Holy Communion in 2024 and 2025, on Saturday 31st January from 10.00am to 1.00pm in the Children's Hall at the Allamano Centre.
8. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines (topic:

- Seasons of Lent) next Sunday 1st February, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome
9. Youth Serving Christ of St. Joseph Deepsea will be holding an Act of Charity on Sunday 15th February 2026. Parishioners from Consolata Shrine and St. Joseph Deepsea are invited to support needy Parishioners from Deepsea by donating dry foods and other essentials. Donations may be dropped off at the Catechist's office in Deepsea or at Consolata Shrine.
 10. All Consolata Shrine and Deepsea Small Christian Communities (Jumuiyas) are recruiting new members. To join, Parishioners are invited to scan the QR code on the banners around the Church or visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church for more information.
 11. 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 poster on the notice board or visit the Parish Office during the week.
 12. The Children's Sunday Service will resume on Sunday 15th February 2026.

Wedding Bans:

There is a promise of marriage between:

- 1. Paula Wanjiku Gatui and Felix Runye Mwaura (3rd Announcement)**
- 2. Josephine Wanga and Arthur George Ogema (1st 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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