



CONSOLATA SHRINE
EASTER SUNDAY OF THE RESURRECTION
OF THE LORD
5TH APRIL 2026



FIRST READING

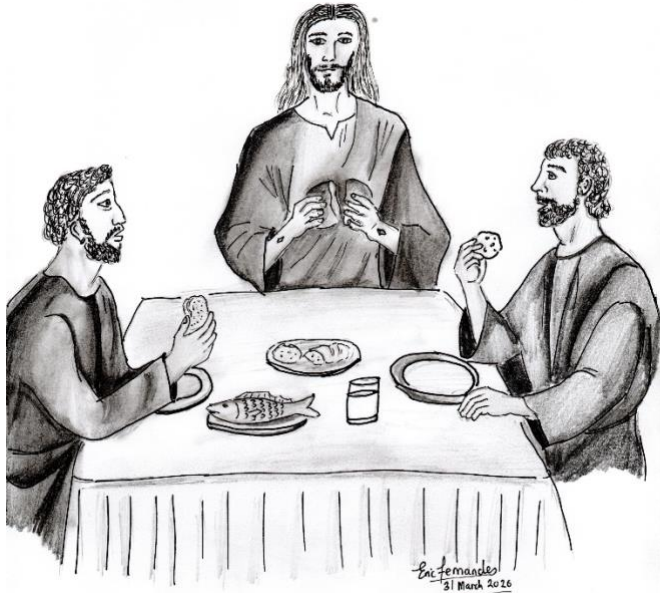
Acts 10:34a, 37-43

“We ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead.”

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In those days:

Peter opened his mouth and said. “You know 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. And we are witnesses to all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and made him manifest; not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. And he commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that he is the one ordained by God to be judge of the living and the dead. To him

all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 118:1-2, 15c-17, 22-23

(R. 24)

**R. This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice in it and be glad.**

Give praise to the LORD, for he is good;
his mercy endures forever.

Let the house of Israel say,
“His mercy endures forever.” **R.**

“The LORD's right hand has done mighty deeds;
his right hand is exalted.
The LORD'S right hand has done mighty deeds.”
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount the deeds of the LORD. **R.**

The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
By the LORD has this been done,
a marvel in our eyes. **R.**

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

“Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Colossians



Brethren:

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

The word of the Lord

SEQUENCE (poetic text)

Christians, to the Paschal Victim

Offer your thankful praises!

A Lamb the sheep redeems: Christ, who only is sinless,

Reconciles sinners to the Father.

Death and life have contended in that combat stupendous:

The Prince of life, who died, reigns immortal.

Speak, Mary, declaring

What you saw, wayfaring.

“The tomb of Christ, who is living,

The glory of Jesus' resurrection;
Bright angels attesting,
The shroud and napkin resting.
Yes, Christ my hope is arisen:
To Galilee he goes before you."

Christ indeed from death is risen, our new life obtaining.
Have mercy, victor King, ever reigning!
Amen. Alleluia.

ALLELUIA

1 Corinthians 5:7b, 8a



Alleluia

Christ, our Paschal Lamb, has been sacrificed;
let us, therefore, celebrate the festival in the Lord.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

“He must rise from the dead”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

On the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. So she ran, and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb,



and we do not know where they have laid him.” Peter then came out with the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. They both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first; and stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb; he saw the linen cloths lying, and the napkin, which had been on his head, not lying with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not know the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Seeing and Believing by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed." What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind. But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day. Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44). Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11). We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him. Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above. We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

Announcements

1. Today, we shall have the blessing of your tithe and family. Kindly pick an envelope at the entrance of the Church.
 - The Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Sacrament after 1 p.m. Mass
2. Easter Dues envelopes are available at the entrances of the Church. Please pick and return them in the blue offertory boxes.
3. St. Teresa of Calcutta will animate the Rosary on Saturday 11th April, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
4. Couples preparing for marriage are invited to register for premarital sessions at the Catechist's office.
5. Bible study classes continue on Wednesday 8th April at 11.00am (Morning session) and 7.00pm (Evening Session) at the Children's hall, Allamano Centre. All are welcome
6. All teenagers from Grade 9 and above are invited for registration and formation about the Missionary Youth Movement (MYM) on Sunday 12th April from 11.00am to 1.00pm in the Parish hall. This is to prepare for the annual Archdiocese formation prior to the commissioning of the MYM by His Grace the Most Rev. Philip Anyolo on Saturday 25th April 2026.
7. The Consolata Professionals Group invites you to register as a Catholic Professional and participate in the ongoing community initiatives within our Parish initiated by the Professionals. For more information and registration, kindly visit their desk outside the Church.
8. We wish to inform all Parishioners that in a bid to promote veneration and reverence of the Blessed Sacrament, the Shrine shall implement a more orderly ushering process during Communion at all Masses starting from Holy Thursday. Kindly follow the guidance of the ushers to ensure that movement during Mass is orderly and efficient.
9. Consolata School, Nairobi, invites all alumni to a

meeting on Saturday 11th April 2026 from 10.30am at Consolata School, Westlands. To register, kindly scan the QR code on the posters displayed on the Church notice board.

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Andrew Wamarema Gaitho & Kosena Kantai Tunai (1st Announcement)*

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

ECCLESIAL ELECTIONS

Members of these Ecclesial groups are requested to attend and participate in these elections.

ITEM NO.	ECCLESIAL GROUP	ROOM ALLOCATION
SUNDAY 12TH 2026		
A	SHRINE: 9.00AM	
1.	Youth Serving Christ (Age 18-25 years)	Auditorium
2.	Young Catholic Adults (Age 26-25 years)	Auditorium
3.	Communications Committee	M01
4	Liturgy Committee	M02
B	SHRINE: 11.00AM	
1.	Professionals Group	Auditorium
2.	CJPD Group	3F

C.	DEEPSEA: 11.00AM	
1.	Local Council	
2.	Youth Serving Christ (Age 18-25 years)	
3.	PMC Animators	

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