

word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
(R. 22)**

**R. May your merciful love be upon us, as we hope in you,
o Lord.**

Ring out your joy to the LORD, O you just;
for praise is fitting for the upright.
Give thanks to the LORD upon the harp;
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the LORD is faithful,
and all his works to be trusted.
The LORD loves justice and right,
and his merciful love fills the earth. **R.**

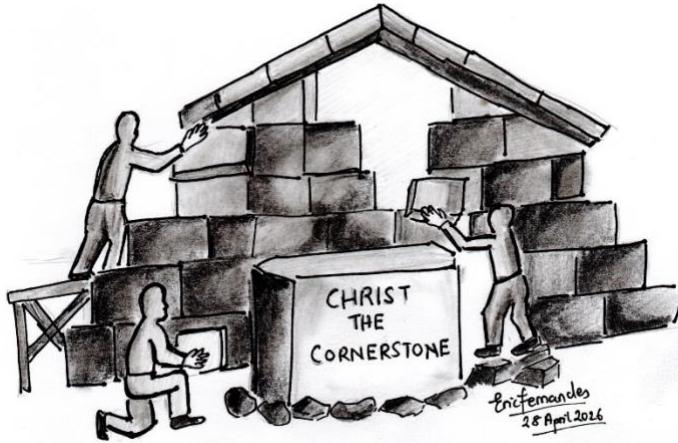
Yes, the LORD's eyes are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love.
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Peter 2:4-9

“But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.”

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Peter



Beloved:

Come to the Lord, to that living stone, rejected by men but in God’s sight chosen and precious; and like living stones be yourselves built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable

to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in Scripture: “Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and he who believes in him will not be put to shame.” To you therefore who believe, he is precious, but for those who do not believe, “The very stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone,” and “A stone that will make men stumble, a rock that will make them fall”; for they stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, that you may declare the wonderful deeds of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

John 14:6



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I am the way, and the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but by me.



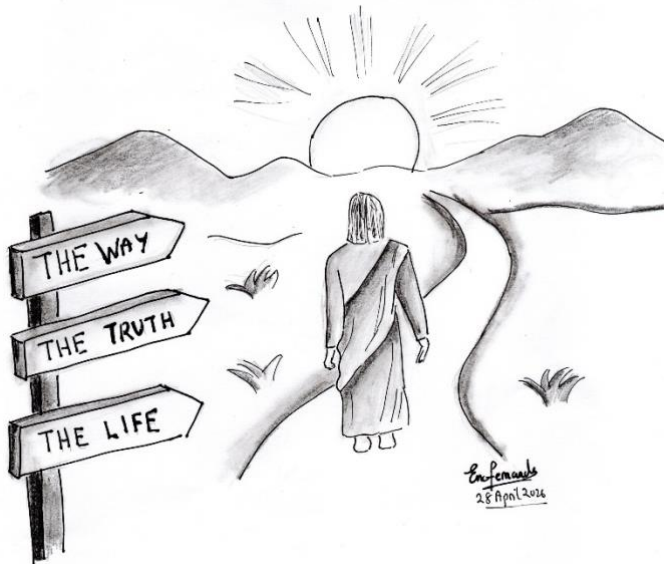
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GOSPEL

John 14:1-12

“I am the way, and the truth, and the life.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John



In those days:
Jesus said to his disciples, “Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again

and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. And you know the way where I am going.” Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going; how can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me. If you had known me, you would

have known my Father also; henceforth you know him and have seen him.” Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we shall be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you so long, and yet you do not know me, Philip? He who has seen me has seen the Father; how can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or else believe me for the sake of the works themselves. “Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I go to the Father.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Building His House by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father’s house. His Father’s house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ’s body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today’s Epistle, Jesus is the “stone” destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God’s dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God’s building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be “holy priests” offering up “spiritual sacrifices”—all our prayer, work and intentions—to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God’s covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ’s new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1). In today’s First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully

to the “ministry of the Word.” The Lord’s Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today’s Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

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. St. Bhakita, SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 9th May, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
3. The Novena of Pentecost will begin on Friday, 15th May 2026, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30p.m. On 23rd May 2026, the final day of the Novena, the program will begin at 10:00 a.m. and conclude with Holy Mass at 5:00 p.m. For more information, please contact Grace: 0722 609 518 or Joseph: 0737 468 706. All are welcome to attend
4. Couples preparing for marriage are invited to register for premarital sessions at the Catechist’s office.
5. Perpetual Eucharistic Adorers committee invites all Adorers for a meeting, today at 10.30am, at the Allamano Centre. All are welcome
6. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines (topic: Sacrament of Matrimony) today at 9.30am, at the Auditorium in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome
7. Consolata Lay Missionaries meeting and formation will be held next Sunday 10th May at 11.00 am in Room 3E at the Allamano Centre.
8. The Consolata Professionals Group invites you to a special breakfast event themed ‘*Leadership and Governance*’ to be held on 22nd May 2026 at the

Auditorium, Allamano Centre from 7.30am to 10.30am at a cost of Ksh 3,000. For more information and booking, kindly visit their desk at the blue tent outside the Church

9. You are invited to a concelebrated Holy Mass marking the 82nd anniversary of the death of Venerable Edel Quinn, first Legion of Mary Envoy to East and Central Africa. The Mass will be held at St. Mary's School playground, Msongari on Saturday 9th May 2026 at 10.00am.
10. All Church groups and Jumuiyas are advised to channel their contributions through Paybill 4163995 Account name: Name of group. For offertory and Tithe, the Paybill remains 508702 Account name: reason for payment. Thank you for your continued support

Wedding Bans

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. Maureen Wanjiru Ndegwa & Joseph Kuria Pancras (2nd 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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