



CONSOLATA SHRINE
THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD
17TH MAY 2026



FIRST READING

Acts 1: 1-11

“As they were looking on, he was lifted up.”

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

In the first book, O Theophilus, I have dealt with all that Jesus began to do and teach, until the day when he was taken up, after he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. To them he presented himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing to them during forty days, and speaking of the kingdom of God. And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from



Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, “you heard from me, for John baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.” So when

they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?” He said to them, “It is not for you to know times or seasons which the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth.” And when he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

The Word of the Lord.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 47: 2-3, 6-7, 8-9
(R. 6)**

R. God has gone up with shouts of joy.

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

All peoples, clap your hands.

Cry to God with shouts of joy!

For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome,
the great king over all the earth. **R.**

God goes up with shouts of joy.

The Lord goes up with trumpet blast.

Sing praise for God; sing praise!

Sing praise to our king; sing praise! **R.**

God is king of all the earth.

Sing praise with all your skill.

God reigns over the nations.

God sits upon his holy throne. **R.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1: 17-23

“He made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Ephesians



Brethren:

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him, having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power in us who believe, according to the working of his great might which he

accomplished in Christ when he raised him from the dead and made him sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in that which is to come; and he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the Church which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

Mathew 28: 16-20



Alleluia

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
I am with you always, to the close of the age.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

Mathew 28: 16-20

“All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.”

+ The conclusion of the holy Gospel according to Mathew

At that time:

The eleven
disciples went
to Galilee, to
the mountain
to which Jesus
had directed
them. And
when they saw
him they
worshipped
him; but some
doubted. And
Jesus came and



said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

The gospel of the Lord.

Announcements

1. The month of May is the month of the Rosary. Those who wish to have the Icon of Mary and Mass celebration in their homes are kindly requested to register at the Catechist's office during the week.
2. St. Joseph Chapel, Deepsea will animate the Rosary on Saturday 23rd May, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
3. The Novena of Pentecost began on Friday, 15th May 2026 during all Masses, with special reflections from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. On 23rd May, 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 inquiries, please contact Grace: 0722 609 518 or Angela: 0721 528510. All are welcome to attend
4. Couples preparing for marriage are invited to register for premarital sessions at the Catechist's office. The Sessions will begin on Thursday 21st May at 6.00 pm in room MO1.
5. There will be ongoing formation class for the Divine Mercy group today from 2.00pm to 3.00pm in room 3F, Allamano Centre. All are welcome
6. May 17th – 24th is Laudato Si' week. On 24th May, Parishioners are invited to bring reusable water bottles and shopping bags for blessings during all Masses. CJPD also encourages Parishioners to continue depositing single-use plastics in the Church recycling bins as a practical step in caring for our common home.
7. In honor of Mental Health Awareness month, the Catholic Justice and Peace Department invites you to a webinar in line with the theme "*More Good Days, Together*" on Wednesday 20th May at 7.30pm. Join us as we move from awareness to action, reducing stigma and supporting one another's well-being. Please find the webinar link in your Jumuiya or Church WhatsApp groups. All are welcome
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

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