



CONSOLATA SHRINE
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
23RD AUGUST 2026



FIRST READING

Isaiah 22:19-23

"I place the key of the house of David upon his shoulder."

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, who is over the household:

"I will thrust you from your office, and you will be cast down from your station. In that day I will call my servant Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and I will clothe him with your robe, and will bind your belt on him, and will commit your authority to his hand; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the house of Judah. And I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. And I will fasten him like a peg in a sure place, and he will become a throne of honour to his father's house."

The Word of the Lord.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 138:1-2a, 2bcd-3, 6 and 8bc
(R. 8bc)**

**R. O Lord, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands.**

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;
you have heard the words of my mouth.

In the presence of the angels I praise you.
I bow down toward your holy temple. **R.**

I give thanks to your name
for your merciful love and your faithfulness.
You have exalted your name and your promise over all.
On the day I called, you answered me;
you increased the strength of my soul. **R.**

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the lowly,
and the haughty he knows from afar.
O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;
discard not the work of your hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 11:33-36

"From him and through him and to him are all things."

A reading from the Letter off Saint Paul to the Romans



O the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgements and how inscrutable his ways!

"For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counsellor?"

"Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?" For

from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

See Matthew 16:18

Alleluia

You are Peter,
and on this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

Alleluia.



GOSPEL

Mathew 16:13-20

"You are Peter: I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do men say that the Son of man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, others say Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.

He said to them,

"But who do you say that I am?"

Simon Peter replied,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

And Jesus answered him,

"Blessed are you, Simon Bar-Jona! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father who is in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly charged the disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

The gospel of the Lord.



Reflection: Oh, the Depth by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

“Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people. Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter—and all who succeed him—as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9). The word Jesus uses—“church” (*ekklesia* in Greek)—was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name.

Announcements

1. The Novena to the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is ongoing every Saturday and will continue until Saturday 5th September 2026. There will be candle lit procession and Rosary after the 5pm mass. All are welcome.
2. We welcome all parishioners who registered for the Sacred Heart devotion and all those willing to join, for the 1st introduction session today at 11.00am in room 3F, Allamano centre.
3. In the month of September, Consolata Shrine joins Christians around the world in observing the season of creation, running from 1st September which is the world day of prayer for creation to 4th October, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. We invite parishioners to commemorate this season themed: **living waters** drawn from Ezekiel 46:9,12 by taking action towards creation to care for water, land and biodiversity.
4. St. Gonzaga Gonza SCC invites all Parishioners, families and friends to a Zumba Fitness & Nutrition awareness event on Saturday 26th September 2026 from 10.00am onwards at Allamano Centre. For more information, kindly see the posters on the notice. Please scan the QR code to register or visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. ***Stephen Rufus Ndemi Maina and Tracie Irene Kimani (3rd Announcement)***

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

Banns for Priestly Ordination

The Consolata Missionaries have the pleasure to announce the Priestly Ordination of:

1. *Deacon Vincent Peter Tibishubwamu, IMC*
(1st Announcement)

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone has an objection, please notify the Father in -charge. The ordination will be held on 22nd October 2026 at Bikira Maria Consolata Parish, Kigamboni, Tanzania. All are welcome

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