



CONSOLATA SHRINE
23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
06TH SEPTEMBER 2026



FIRST READING

Ezekiel 33:7-9

“If you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, his blood I will require at your hand.”

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

Thus says the LORD:

“You, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, O wicked man, you shall surely die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from his way, that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from his way, and he does not turn from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but you will have saved your life.”

The Word of the Lord.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7abc, 7d-9
(R.7d, 8a)**

**R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us ring out our joy to the LORD;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come into his presence, giving thanks;
let us hail him with a song of praise. **R.**

O come; let us bow and bend low.
Let us kneel before the God who made us,
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

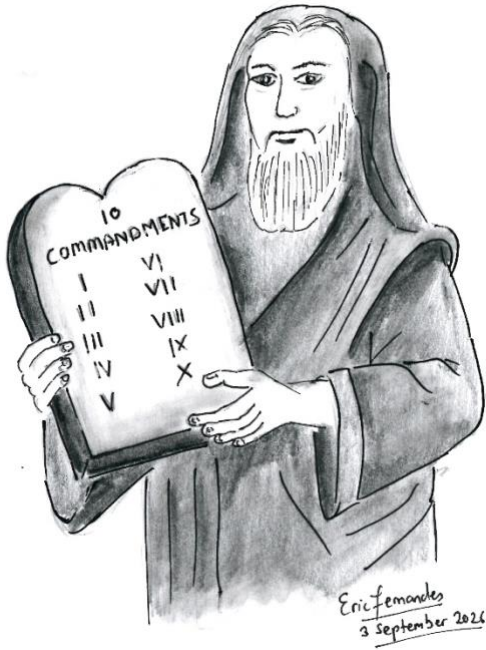
O that today you would listen to his voice!
“Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your forebears put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.” **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 13:8-10

"Love is the fulfilling of the law."

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans



Brethren:

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbour has fulfilled the law.

The commandments,

"You shall not commit adultery,

You shall not kill.

You shall not steal,

You shall not covet,"

and any other commandment, are summed up in this sentence,

"You shall love your neighbour as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

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God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

Alleluia.

2 Corinthians 5:19



“If he listens to you, you have gained your brother.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples, “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to



them, tell it to the Church; and if he refuses to listen even to the Church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. Again I say to you, if two of you agree on earth about anything they ask, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: To Win Them Back *by Scott Hahn, Ph. D*

As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17–20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers—similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21–23). But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm—urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation.

Announcements

1. Today, 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 the 1.00 p.m Mass.
2. Tuesday, 8th September is the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Rosary and Candle lit procession after the 5.30pm Mass animated by the Altar Servers. Celebrations will be held on Saturday 12th September at 2.00pm. All are welcome to join us in prayer and thanksgiving as we conclude the Novena in honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
3. Couples preparing for marriage between November 2026 and February 2027 are invited to register for pre-marital sessions at the Catechist's office during the week.
4. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on the Church doctrines (*topic: A wounded Marriage and Response to abuse, separation or divorce: Pathway to discern whether a valid marriage was established*), today at 9.30 am, in the Auditorium, Allamano Centre. All are welcome
5. 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.
6. 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 board. Please scan the QR code to register or visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church.

7. Next Sunday 13th September, we shall have the honor of welcoming Bishop Peter Makau, Bishop of Isiolo to our Parish. Bishop Makau will celebrate the 9.00am and 11.00 am Masses. After the Masses, Bishop Makau will make an appeal in support of various pastoral and charitable activities in the Diocese of Isiolo. We encourage everyone to support the appeal as we contribute towards the growth and mission of the Diocese of Isiolo.
8. The construction of New Gate and Gatehouse Project has officially commenced. This project is intended to enhance the safety and security of our Parish community. During this construction period, the church main gate will remain temporarily closed. We kindly request you to use the following alternative entrances for both pedestrian and vehicles:
 - The Consolata School gate on Chiromo road
 - The Allamano gate via the Ring road.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused and sincerely appreciate your continued support as we undertake this important project.

Banns for Priestly Ordination

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

1. *Deacon Vincent Peter Tibishubwamu, IMC*
(3rd 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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