



CONSOLATA SHRINE
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
13TH SEPTEMBER 2026



FIRST READING

Sirach 27:30-28:7

*“Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done,
and then your sins will be forgiven when you pray.”*

A reading from the Book of Sirach

Anger and wrath, these also are abominations and the sinful man will possess them. He that takes vengeance will suffer vengeance from the Lord, and he will firmly establish his sins. Forgive your neighbour the wrong he has done, and then your sins will be pardoned when you pray. Does a man harbour anger against another, and yet seek for healing from the Lord? Does he have no mercy

toward a man like himself and yet pray for his own sins? If he himself, being flesh, maintains wrath, will he then seek forgiveness from God? Who will make expiation for his sins? Remember the end of your life, and cease from enmity, remember destruction and death, and be true to the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not be angry with your neighbour; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook ignorance.

The Word of the Lord.



**RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12
(R. 8)**

**R. The Lord is compassionate and gracious,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.**

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and all within me, his holy name.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits. **R.**

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with mercy and compassion. **R.**

He will not always find fault;
nor persist in his anger forever.
He does not treat us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

For as the heavens are high above the earth,
so strong his mercy for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west,
so far from us does he remove our transgressions. **R.**

SECOND READING

Romans 14:7-9

“Whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Romans



Brethren:

None of us lives to himself, and none of us dies to himself. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, that he

might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

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A new commandment I give to you, says the Lord, that you love one another, even as I have loved you.

Alleluia.

John 13:34



GOSPEL

Matthew 18:21-35

“I do not say to you that you forgive seven times but seventy times seven.”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Peter came up and
said to Jesus,

“Lord, how often
shall my brother
sin against me,
and I forgive him?
As many as seven
times?”

Jesus said to him,
“I do not say to
you seven times,
but seventy times
seven. “Therefore



the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. When he began the reckoning, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents, and as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him the lord of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. “But that same servant, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ “So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ He refused and went and put him in prison till he should pay the debt. “When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were

greatly distressed. and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me; and should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord delivered him to the jailers, till he should pay all his debt. So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: The Debt We Owe by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today’s First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today’s Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won’t forgive a fellow servant’s debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can’t be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can’t expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we’re willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today’s Epistle, we are the Lord’s. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today’s Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn’t deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and

forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

Announcements

1. Tuesday, 15th September is the Memorial of Our Lady of Sorrows. There will be Rosary and Candle lit procession after the 5.30pm Mass animated by Our Lady Consolata SCC. All are welcome
2. The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) will animate the Rosary on Saturday 19th September, after the 5.00pm mass. All are welcome
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. 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.
5. Today, we 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.

6. 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.
7. 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 humbly appeal for your generous financial support towards our project, an important initiative for the security and improvement of our church. May God bless you and your families.

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