



CONSOLATA SHRINE
25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
20TH SEPTEMBER 2026



FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:6-9

“My thoughts are not your thoughts.”

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

The Word of the Lord.



RESPONSORIAL PSALM

**Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18
(R. 18a)**

R/ The Lord is close to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day,
and praise your name for ever and ever.
The LORD is great and highly to be praised:
his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

The LORD is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in mercy.
How good is the LORD to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The LORD is just in all his ways,
and holy in all his deeds.
The LORD is close to all who call him,
who call on him in truth. **R.**

SECOND READING

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

“For to me to live is Christ.”

A reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Philippians



Brethren:

Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain. If it is to be life in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me. Yet which I shall choose I cannot tell. I am hard pressed between the two. My desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better. But to remain in the flesh is more necessary on your account.

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel of Christ.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

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Open our hearts, O Lord,
that we may listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia.

See Acts 16:14b



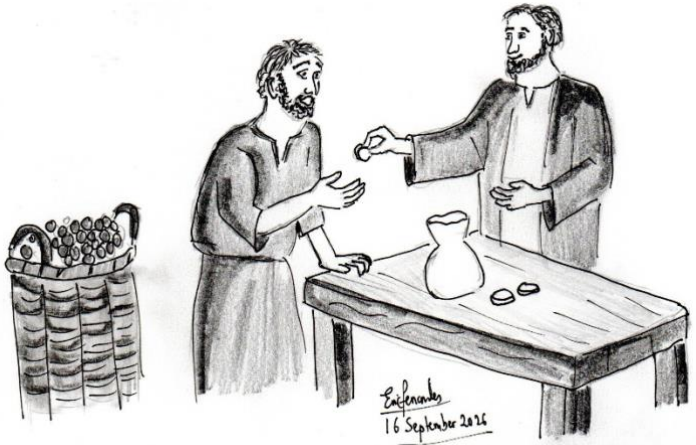
“Do you begrudge my generosity?”

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus told his
disciples this
parable:

“The kingdom of
heaven is like a
householder
who went out
early in the
morning to hire
labourers for his
vineyard. After



agreeing with the labourers for a denarius a day, he sent them into his vineyard. And going out about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place; and to them he said, ‘You go into the vineyard too, and whatever is right I will give you.’ So they went. “Going out again about the sixth hour and the ninth hour, he did the same. “And about the eleventh hour he went out and found others standing; and he said to them, ‘Why do you stand here idle all day?’ “They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ “He said to them, ‘You go into the vineyard too.’ “And when evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his steward, ‘Call the labourers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last, up to the first.’ “And when those hired about the eleventh hour came, each of them received a denarius. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received a denarius. And on receiving it they grumbled at the householder, saying, ‘These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.’ “But

he replied to one of them, ‘Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for a denarius? Take what belongs to you, and go; I choose to give to this last as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or do you begrudge my generosity?’ So the last will be first, and the first last.”
The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: First and Last by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5). Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel’s kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10). This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus’ parable of salvation history in today’s Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11–13). In the Lord’s great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today’s parable. Doesn’t the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus’ prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29–30)? God’s ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today’s First Reading. And today’s readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God’s lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late—after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today’s Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion

on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name.

Announcements

1. Pontifical Missionary children (PMC) will animate the Rosary on Saturday 26th September, after the 5.00pm mass. All are welcome
2. 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.
3. St. Gonzaga Gonza SCC invites all Parishioners, families and friends to a Zumba Fitness & Nutrition awareness event next Saturday 26th September 2026 at The Allamano centre 3rd floor terrace from 10.00am. For more information, kindly see the posters on the notice board, scan the QR code to register or visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church.
4. The Consolata Parish Choirs are registering new members. Parishioners who wish to join the choir are invited to register at the desk in the blue tent outside the church.
5. 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. We humbly appeal for your generous financial support towards our project. To pledge or contribute, kindly visit the desk in the blue tent, outside the Church, or send your contribution via the Allamano paybill **804877**; Account: '**Gate project**'. We appreciate your continued support

6. All Parish groups are requested to submit their 2027 calendar of events to the Parish Secretary via WhatsApp (telephone number 0723 678125) by latest 31st October 2026.
7. Today, The Consolata Sisters animated the Mass. They will also make a special announcement inviting Parishioners to join them in celebrating the Feast day of Blessed Sr. Leonella Maria Sgorbati. We encourage all to join in this special celebration
8. 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. 5
9. Consolata School – Nairobi will conduct Grade 1 and Grade 10 entry interviews for the 2027 intake on Saturday 26th September 2026, at 8.00am at Consolata school, Westlands. Registration is currently ongoing at the school office. For more information, please see the poster on the notice board.
10. Parishioners are invited to the Kabete Deanery Family day on Saturday 17th October here at Consolata Shrine. The Main Celebrant will be Rt. Rev Jackson Murugara, Bishop of the Diocese of Meru. All are welcome

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

**1. *Pascal Arnold Wasonda Lalah and Faith Inguyesi*
*Wekesa (1st 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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