

CONSOLATA SHRINE

33RD SUNDAY ORDINARY TIME
15TH NOVEMBER 2026



FIRST READING Proverbs 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

"A good wife works with willing hands."

A reading from the Book of Proverbs

Who can find a good wife? She is far more precious than jewels. The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life. She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands. She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle. She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.



The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5**
(R. 1a)

R. **Blessed are all who fear the Lord.**

Blessed are all who fear the LORD,
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be blessed and prosper. ***R***

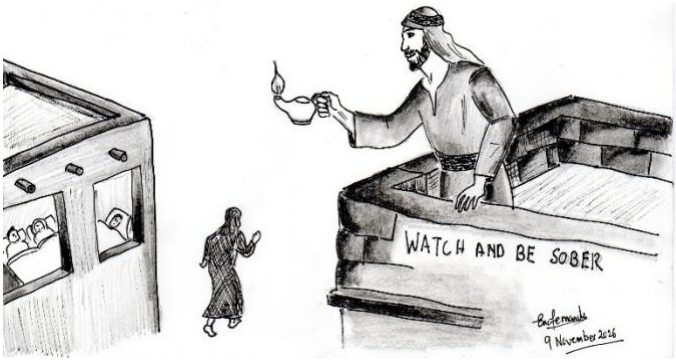
Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive
around your table. ***R***

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the LORD.
May the LORD bless you from Sion,
May you see Jerusalem prosper
all the days of your life! ***R***

SECOND READING — 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6

"Let not the day of the Lord surprise you like a thief."

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Thessalonians



As to the times and the seasons, brethren, you have no need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When people say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labour pains come upon a woman with child, and there will be no escape. But you are not in darkness, brethren, for that day to surprise you like a thief. For you are all sons of light and sons of the day; We are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA — John 15:4a, 5b



Alleluia

Abide in me, and I in you, says the Lord;
he who abides in me bears much fruit.

Alleluia.

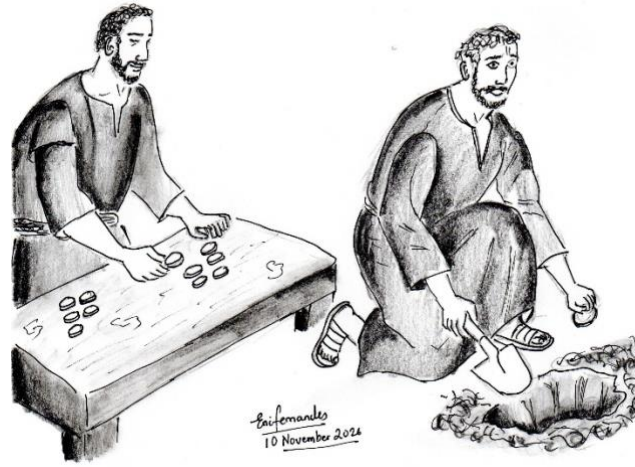


GOSPEL **Matthew 25:14-30**

"You have been faithful over a little, enter into the joy of your master."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:



Jesus told his disciples this parable: "A man going on a journey called his servants and entrusted to them his property; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them; and he made five talents more. So also, he who had the two talents made two talents more. But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. And he who had received the five talents came forward bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more.' "His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' "And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more.' "His Master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much; enter into the joy of your master.' "He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew you to be a hard man, reaping

where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not winnow; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' "But his master answered him, 'You wicked and slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed, and gather where I have not winnowed? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to him who has the ten talents. For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have abundance; but from him who has not, even what he has will be taken away. And cast the worthless servant into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Settling Accounts *by Scott Hahn, Ph. D*

The day of the Lord is coming, Paul warns in today's Epistle. What matters isn't the time or the season but what the Lord finds us doing with the new life, the graces He has given to us. This is at the heart of Jesus' parable in today's Gospel. Jesus is the Master. Having died, risen, and ascended into heaven, He appears to have gone away for a long time. By our Baptism, He has entrusted to each of us a portion of His "possessions," a share in His divine life (see 2 Peter 1:4). He has given us talents and responsibilities according to the measure of our faith (see Romans 12:3–8). We are to be like the worthy wife in today's First Reading and the faithful man we sing of in today's Psalm. Like them, we should walk in the "fear of the Lord"—in reverence, awe, and thanksgiving for His marvelous gifts. This is the beginning of wisdom (see Acts 9:31; Proverbs 1:7). This is not the "fear" of the useless servant in today's parable. His is the fear of a slave cowering before a cruel master, the fear of one who refuses the relationship that God calls us to. God has called us to be trusted servants, fellow workers (see 1

Corinthians 3:9), using our talents to serve one another and His kingdom as good stewards of His grace (see 1 Peter 4:10). In this, we each have a different part to play. Though the good servants in today's parable were given different numbers of talents, each "doubled" what he was given. And each earned the same reward for his faithfulness—greater responsibilities and a share of the Master's joy. So let us resolve again in this Eucharist to make much of what we've been given, to do all for the glory of God (see 1 Corinthians 10:31). That we, too, may approach our Master with confidence and love when He comes to settle accounts.

Announcements

1. Saturday 21st November is the Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be Rosary and candle lit procession animated by St. Cecilia Choir, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome
2. There will be no infant Baptism in November, the next infant Baptism will be held on 19th December 2026. Kindly register at the Catechist's office during the week.
3. In November, we remember all the departed souls. November envelopes are available at the Church entrance, please fill the forms with your offering and drop them in the blue boxes.
4. MYM Holiday programme will begin on Tuesday 17th November 2026. All children in Grade 9 (2026) to Form 3 are invited for age specific activities. For more information and registration, please visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church
5. The **Harambee** for the gate and gatehouse project will be held today. The following groups will animate;
    1. 9:00am –The Allamano board and professional group.
    2. 11:00am- Jumuiya and CWA
    3. 1:00pm- CMA and Youth

    We warmly invite you to contribute towards the successful completion of this project.

6. The construction of **New Gate and Gatehouse Project** is on - going. 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 through The Allamano paybill ***804877***; Account: ***'Gate project'***. We appreciate your continued support

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. ***Dorington Melitus Omondi and Florah Adhiambo (2nd* Announcement)**
2. ***Daniel Otieno Ojwang and Esther Mutila Rose (2nd* Announcement)**

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