

CONSOLATA SHRINE

THE SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

22ND NOVEMBER 2026



FIRST READING **Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17**

"You, my flock, I judge between sheep and sheep, rams and, he-goats."

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel

"Thus says the Lord GOD:



Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when some of his sheep have been scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will rescue them from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. "I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the crippled, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will watch over; I will feed them in justice. "As for you, my flock, thus says the Lord GOD: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, rams and he-goats."

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM **Psalm 23:1-2a,2b-3,5,6**

(R. 1)

R. **The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.**

The LORD is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. ***R.***

Near restful waters he leads me;
he revives my soul.
He guides me along the right path,
for the sake of his name. ***R.***

You have prepared a table before me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. ***R.***

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
In the LORD's own house shall I dwell
for length of days unending. ***R.***

SECOND READING **1 Corinthians 15:20-26,28**

"He delivers the kingdom to God the Father,
so that God may be everything to everyone"

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



Brethren:
Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death. When all things are subjected to him, then the Son himself will also be subjected to him who put all things under him, that God may be everything to everyone.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA — Mark 11:9b, 10a

Alleluia
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessed is the kingdom of our father David that is coming!
Alleluia.

GOSPEL — Matthew 25:31-46

"He will sit on his glorious throne and he will separate them one from another."

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Jesus said to his disciples, "When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne.



Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.

"Then the King will say to those at his right hand,
'Come, O blessed of my Father,
inherit the kingdom prepared for you
from the foundation of the world;

for I was hungry and you gave me food,
I was thirsty and you gave me drink,
I was a stranger and you welcomed me,
I was naked and you clothed me,
I was sick and you visited me,
I was in prison and you came to me.'
"Then the righteous will answer him,
'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you,
or thirsty and give you drink?
And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you,
or naked and clothe you?
And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?'
"And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brethren, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels;
for I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me.'
"Then they also will answer, Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?' "Then he will answer them, 'Truly, l say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me.' "And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: When the End Comes *by Scott Hahn, Ph. D*

The Church year ends today with a vision of the end of time. The scene in the Gospel is stark and resounds with Old Testament echoes. The Son of Man is enthroned over all nations and peoples of every language (see Daniel 7:13–14). The nations have been gathered to see His glory and receive His judgment (see Isaiah 66:18; Zephaniah 3:8). The King is the divine shepherd Ezekiel foresees in today's First Reading, judging as a shepherd separates sheep from goats. Each of us will be judged upon our performance of the simple works of mercy we hear in the Gospel today. These works, as Jesus explains today, are reflections or measures of our love for Him, our faithfulness to His commandment that we love God with all our might and our neighbor as ourselves (see Matthew 22:36–40). Our faith is dead, lifeless, unless it is expressed in works of love (see James 2:20; Galatians 5:6). And we cannot say we truly love God, whom we cannot see, if we don't love our neighbor, whom we can (see 1 John 4:20). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. And we are to follow His lead, to imitate His example (see 1 Peter 2:21; Ephesians 5:1). He healed our sickness (see Luke 6:19), freed us from the prison of sin and death (see Romans 8:2, 21), welcomed us who were once strangers to His covenant (see Ephesians 2:12, 19). He clothed us in Baptism (see Revelation 3:5; 2 Corinthians 5:3–4), and feeds us with the food and drink of His own Body and Blood. At "the end," He will come again to hand over His kingdom to His Father, as Paul says in today's Epistle. Let us strive to be following Him in right paths, that this kingdom might be our inheritance, that we might enter into the eternal rest promised for the people of God (see Hebrews 4:1, 9–11).

Announcements

1. Blessed Leonella SCC will animate the Rosary on Saturday 28th November after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
2. Consolata Shrine Justice and Peace Department (CJPD) invites all Parishioners to the Inaugural Mass for all Persons with Disabilities, on Sunday 29th November, during the 11.00am Mass. CJPD is pleased to announce that a Sign Language Interpreter will be present during the Mass. All are welcome
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. From the Children's office:
    - The PMC will not be meeting today.
    - Role Models Holiday programme (current Grade 7 and 8) will begin on Tuesday 24th November 2026 for age specific activities.
    - We would like to appreciate all children who have been attending the Christmas play preparation sessions (to be performed on Christmas Eve night) and to make crafts to sell for the PMC. Practice continues from Tuesday 24th November to Friday 27th November. All children between the age of 4 to 12 years are encouraged to attend
    - The current Grade 6 students, who have been participating in PMC activities and formation, will be commissioned to join the Role models on Sunday, 6th December 2026.

    For more information and registration, please visit the desk in the blue tent outside the Church.
6. The construction of **The 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

7. The 2027 Bible diaries are now available for sale at the Church bookshop. Please get yourself a copy.

Wedding Banns

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. ***Dorington Melitus Omondi and Florah Adhiambo (3rd* Announcement)**
2. ***Daniel Otieno Ojwang and Esther Mutila Rose (3rd* Announcement)**
3. ***Christopher Mwenda Mbogo and Irene Nyambura Gitau (1st* Announcement)**

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