



CONSOLATA SHRINE
SOLEMNITY OF ALL SAINTS
1ST NOVEMBER 2026



FIRST READING

Revelation 7:2-4.9-14

I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues.

A reading from the Book of Revelation of Saint John

I, John, saw another angel ascend from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and, he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God upon their foreheads.” And I heard the number



of the sealed, a hundred and forty-four thousand sealed, out of every tribe of the sons of Israel. After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs

to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, Saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.”

The Word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Psalm 24:1-2. 3-4ab, 5-6
(R. see 6a)

R. These are the people who seek your face, O Lord.

The LÓRD's is the éarth and its fúllness,
the wórld, and all who dwéll in it.
It is hé who sét it on the séas;
on the rívers he máde it firm. **R.**

Who shall clímb the móuntain of the LÓRD?
Who shall stánd in his hóly pláce?
The clean of hánds and púre of héart,
whose sóul is not sét on vain thínghs. **R.**

Bléssings from the LÓRD shall he recéive,
and right rewárd from the Gód who sáves him.
Súch are the péople who séek him,
who seek the fáce of the Gód of Jácob. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 John 3:1-3

We shall see God as he is.

A reading from the first Letter of Saint John



Beloved: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The word of the Lord

ALLELUIA

Alleluia

Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

Alleluia.

Matthew 11:28



GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12a

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

At that time:

Seeing the crowds,
Jesus went up on
the mountain, and
when he sat down
his disciples came
to him. And he
opened his mouth
and taught them,
saying:



“Blessed are the
poor in spirit, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they
shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter
all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven.

The gospel of the Lord.

Reflection: Saints, Here and There by Scott Hahn, Ph. D

The first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18). The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations. Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God"—and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense. Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12). Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord's are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1).

Announcements

1. St. Joseph Chapel, Deepsea will animate the Rosary on Saturday 7th November, after the 5.00 pm mass. All are welcome
2. 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 1 p.m. Mass
3. Today, is the Solemnity of All Saints, a day of obligation. You are encouraged to attend Mass.
4. Consolata Shrine CJPd invites all Persons living with disabilities to attend Mass today, at 1.00pm. This initiative aims to enhance the full and active participation of everyone in the Liturgy. We wish to remind all Parishioners that designated seats are reserved for the elderly and persons living with disabilities.
5. 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.
6. 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. Mass and blessing of graves will be held on Monday 2nd November at 3.00pm at Langata cemetery. All are welcome
7. The Christian Education Committee invites you to an interactive session on *'Marriage as gift, not weapon: Indicators of misuse of power and the Church's response'* today at 9.30am, at the Auditorium, Allamano Centre. All are welcome
8. The Catholic Women Association (CWA) are recruiting new members. Ladies who are baptised and are 18 years old and above are encouraged to register at the tent outside the Church.

9. There will be a seminar for all Choir members, Proclaimers, Altar servers and Catechists on 14th November 2026, from 9.00am to 12.00pm facilitated by Fr Deo. Members are encouraged to attend
10. The **Harambee** for the gate and gatehouse project will be held on 15th November 2026. 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.
11. 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 via the Allamano paybill **804877**; Account: **'Gate project'**. We appreciate your continued support
12. Consolata Shrine CMA in collaboration with St. Joseph Mukasa Catholic Church, Kahawa West will be hosting their annual rite of passage, from Thursday 12th November to Saturday 21st November 2026. Registration is ongoing. For more information, please see the posters on the notice board
13. Consolata School, Nairobi invites Parents and guardians to register their children for 2027 Pre- school, Grades 1-5, and Years 7-8, 10 and 11 interviews. For more information, please see the posters on the notice board.

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