

to make her more accepted in the school conducted by the Congregation of Benedikira Sisters (i.e., Daughters of the Virgin Mary). *(Continued next week....)*
-Bernard Kellett

Entrance antiphon: Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

First Reading: Genesis 2: 18-24

Responsorial Psalm: 127: May the Lord bless us all the days of our life /R

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 9-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Your word is truth, O Lord, consecrate us in the truth. Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark: 10: 2-16

Memorial Acclamation: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Communion Antiphon: The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.



May He support us all the day long, till the shades lengthen, and the evening comes, and the busy world is hushed, and the fever of life is over, and our work is done! Then in His mercy may He give us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last.
-John Henry Newman



Twenty Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Cycle B, 2024 Weekly Reflection: Marian Shrine - Our lady of Kibeho,

Rwanda (i): Most Catholics are familiar with the Marian apparition sites in France, Portugal and Mexico. Yet, many are unaware of the Marian apparitions that took place in Kibeho, Rwanda between 1981 and 1989 to three children. Recognized by the Vatican in 2001, Our Lady of Kibeho is the only Marian apparition site approved by the Catholic

Church on the African continent. At the time of her appearance, Kibeho was a peaceful town. The visitations took place 13 years before the brutal genocide of over one million people in Rwanda. The messages from Our Lady to the three young visionaries included a foreshadowing of the impending tragedy.

Kibeho is a small town located in the southern part of Rwanda, in the administrative district of Nyaruguru. Today, Kibeho is best known as a place of apparitions and pilgrimages. The first apparition of Mary was on November 28, 1981, when Alphonsine Mumureke, a young student of the Kibeho High School, saw a lady of incomparable beauty who presented herself under the name of “Nyina Wa Jambo,” which means “Mother of the Word.” Alphonsine immediately recognized her as the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Our Saviour Jesus. The phenomenon occurred subsequently and several times in succession, at long or short intervals. The Virgin asked everybody to convert, to keep faith and to pray without hypocrisy.

The first reactions caused by these unusual events within the community of the Kibeho High School as well as outside of the high school were difficult. There were a lot of points of view that ranged from scepticism that feared trickery, to unswaying belief and intolerance of any scepticism. At the beginning, Alphonsine was viewed as a mad girl, or an unhappy girl possessed by evil; or, according to some, as a mediocre student wanting to play a prank