



CONSOLATA SHRINE

SOLEMNITY OF THE PENTECOST Year A



4th June 2017

Acts: 2:1-11

FIRST READING

“They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues”

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance. Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. And they



were amazed and wondered, saying, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.”

The word of the Lord

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 104: 1ab and 24acR.

**Response. Lord, send forth your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

O Lord my God, how great you are.

How many are your works, O Lord!

The earth is full of your creatures. (*Response*)

Response.

**Lord, send forth your Spirit,
and renew the face of the earth.**

You take away their breath;
they die, returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, and they are created,
and you renew the face of the earth. **(Response)**

May the glory of the Lord last forever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I will rejoice in the Lord. **(Response)**

SECOND READING

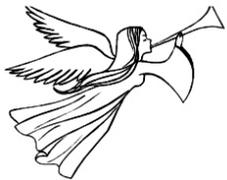
1 Corinthians 12:3b-7.12-13

“By one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.”

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

Brethren: No one can say “Jesus is Lord” except by the Holy Spirit. Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of working, but it is the same God who inspires them all in every one. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good, for just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many are one body, so it is with Christ. For by one Spirit we were all baptized into one body – Jews or Greeks, slaves or free – and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

The word of the Lord



Alleluia

Come, O Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful;
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia



GOSPEL

John 20: 19-23

***“As the Father has sent me, even so I send you:
Receive the Holy Spirit.”***

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to
John**

On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, “Peace be with you.” When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you.” And when he had said this he breathed on

them, and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

The Gospel of the Lord

REFLECTION A MIGHTY WIND



The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people, in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai. In today's First Reading the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles. The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised. The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth. And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As

God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit, in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles. Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle. We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism. Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist, we are the first fruits of a new humanity - fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Today there is the second collection of St. Vincent de Paul for the needy of our Parish.
2. Today the Eucharistic Rosary will be prayed in front of the Blessed Eucharist after 12 o'clock Mass. All are welcome.
3. Bible study classes will resume on Wednesday 7th June at 12:30pm and 6:30pm. All are welcome
4. We continue with the pilgrimage with the Icon of Our Lady Consolata to the homes from Mondays to Fridays. It is a special occasion to have our Mother visiting our families, in this Year of the Family. Everyday Mass and blessing of the house will take place in the home where the Icon will be. Please register in the Parish Office during the week.

5. Construction of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking has begun. We kindly request you to stop by the tables at the entrances of the church and get detailed information about the project. We also invite you to give your contribution or make a pledge towards the project.
6. Last week, 2 parishioners got the 2 prizes. Two smartphones. New prizes are won every week! Continue supporting the project and please pass the message to your friends so to participate into the raffle for a noble cause. The more you participate the more chances to win! Remember the code is *369*2# or M-pesa Pay Bill 804877 and Account WIN. The more you donate, the more chances of winning!

WEEKLY MEETINGS

- Ecumenism on Monday at 6:15pm
- Rosary Group Monday at 6:30pm
- Perpetual Eucharist Adorers Committee on Tuesday at 6:30pm

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus Christ, We praise You: Bring peace into the world By bringing Your peace into the hearts of all. Help us to turn away from sin And to follow You in love and service. Glory be yours, and honour, For ever and ever.

Amen.

PRAYER FOR THE ALLAMANO CENTRE

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (Ps 121:1)

All-powerful and all-merciful father, you have created all things through your Son and have made him the unshakable foundation of your kingdom. Through the gift of your eternal wisdom, grant that the undertaking we begin today for your glory and the benefit of the Parish may progress day by day to its successful completion. May the Allamano Centre be the expression of our faith and of our missionary zeal to reach more people and in a better way. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Lady Consolata, pray for us! Blessed Joseph Allamano, pray for Us!

SCHEDULES FOR MASSES:

Sunday: 7:30 am **Kiswahili**

9:00 am, 10:30 am, 12:00 noon and 5:30 pm **English**

Saturday: English 7:00 am, 9:00 am and 5:30 pm

Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am and 1:15 pm, 5:30 pm **Kiswahili**

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