

### **Reflection: Wisdom and Riches by Scott Hahn, Ph. D**

The rich young man in today's Gospel wanted to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He sought what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart." He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed, or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far. The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals himself to the rich man today, is God. In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him. Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives. We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith; Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His Company. What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel? Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."

### **JESUS, THE VERY THOUGHT OF THEE**

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee, with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mem'ry find  
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of mankind!
3. O hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!
4. Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize will be;  
Jesus, be thou our glory now, and thru eternity.

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## CONSOLATA SHRINE

28<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

14<sup>th</sup> October 2018



### **First Reading**

*"I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with wisdom."*

**Wisdom 7:7-11**

### **A reading from the Book of Wisdom**

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I called upon God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me. I preferred her to sceptres and thrones, and I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with her. Neither did I liken to her any priceless gem, because all gold is but a little sand in her sight, and silver will be accounted as clay before her. I loved her more than health and beauty, and I chose to have her rather than light, because her radiance never ceases. All good things came to me along with her, and in her hands uncounted wealth.

### **Responsorial Psalm**

**Ps 90:12-17 (R. cf 14)**

**R. Fill us with your merciful love, O Lord, and we shall exult.**

Teach us to number our days,  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Turn back, O LORD! How long?  
Show pity to your servants. **R**

At dawn, fill us with your merciful love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy for the days of our affliction,  
for the years when we looked upon evil. **R**

Let your deeds be seen by your servants,  
and your glorious power by their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us;  
give success to the work of our hands.  
O give success to the work of our hands. **R**

### **Second Reading**

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

*"The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

### **A reading from the Letter to the Hebrews**

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and spirit, of joints and marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are open and laid bare to the eyes of him with whom we have to do.





## Alleluia

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

## Alleluia



## GOSPEL

*“Go, sell what you have, and come, follow me.”*

**Mark 10:17-30**

### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

At that time: As Jesus was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good teacher, what must I do to inherit



eternal life?” And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘Do not kill, do not commit adultery, do not steal, do not bear false witness, do not defraud, Honour your father and mother.’” And he said to him, “Teacher, all these I have observed from my youth.” And Jesus looking upon him loved

him, and said to him, “You lack one thing; go sell what you have, and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” At that saying his countenance fell, and he went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. And Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is for those who trust in riches to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.” And they were exceedingly astonished, and said to him, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “With men it is impossible, but not with God; for all things are possible with God.” Peter began to say to him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed you,” Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or lands, for my sake and for the Gospel, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this time, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and in the age to come eternal life.”

## Announcements

1. Charity Committee have organized a Jumble sale today at basketball pitch at all Masses to support the Needy Children.
2. St John Ambulance are having **First Aid & Wild Badge Training Camp for Dolphins** (children Between 7 to 13 years). For more information, visit their desk outside at the gazebo.
3. Saturday 20<sup>th</sup>, we have Consolata Missionaries Priestly Ordination in our Parish as from 10am. All are welcome.
4. Next Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> is the **World Mission Sunday** and there will be a second collection for the missionary work of the universal Church.
5. Apostolate of Eucharistic Adoration has organized a one-day retreat on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup>, from 9.30am to 4.30pm at Emmaus Centre. The theme **The Eucharist, Life of the Church**. All are welcome.
6. The Central deanery have organized a **MASS WEDDING** in November 24<sup>th</sup>. Couples willing to take part, are kindly requested to visit the parish office for more information.
7. Souvenirs for Allamano Centre are still on sales at the Gazebo.
8. We have some Bible diaries for 2019 on sale in the bookshop.

All Members of the Consolata Self Help Group are notified that the Annual General Meeting of the Group shall be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2018 from 10.30am at the Consolata Shrine Hall.



### Saints for the week

St Teresa of Avila, Mon 15<sup>th</sup>. St Hedwig, St Margaret Mary Alacoque, Tue 16<sup>th</sup>.  
St Ignatius of Antioch, Wed 17<sup>th</sup>. St Luke, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup>.  
St Paul of the Cross, Sts John Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and Companions, Friday 19<sup>th</sup>.  
St Blessed Daudi Okelo and Jildo Irwa, Sat 20<sup>th</sup>

### Daily Readings

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1; Ps 113; Lk 11:29-32, Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119; Lk 11:37-41  
Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1; Lk 11:42-46, Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17; Ps 145; Lk 10:1-9  
Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33; Lk 12:1-7, Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8; Lk 12:8-12