

Reflection

By Blessed Joseph Allamano

1. Is not Our Lady Consolata our Mother and are we not her sons and daughters? She is our very tender mother who loves us like the apple of her eye. She has supported us both materially and spiritually and she is always quick to respond to our needs.
2. Undoubtedly everything we accomplish is the work of Our Lady, the Consolata. She performs daily miracles... In times of trial Mary has always intervened miraculously... I believe Our Lady is responsible for this too –our daily bread. I have never lost sleep or appetite worrying about the enormous expenses. My prayer to Mary, the Consolata, is: “You worry about these things! We know you will do what is necessary”.
3. We are a living manifestation of the miracles Our Lady performs. We must look on the fact that we bear Our Lady’s name as a blessing. We must be piously proud to belong to Our Lady Consolata. Your name should be an incentive to become all that you ought to be
4. Filial love is of its very nature tender. Just as children are always turning to their mother we must have constant recourse to her all day long.



Prayer

Here we are, O Mary Consolata in this Solemn day consecrated to you in this Shrine. We are gathered around your Altar to console you and to receive your consolation. Dear Mother, bless us from your throne of glory with your Divine Son and grant us all those graces which we ask for. We pray to you for our lost brothers, console all and save all. Amen



CONSOLATA SHRINE
SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY CONSOLATA
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First Reading

Zp 3:14-18

‘Be glad and exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem’

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

Thus says the Lord: Shout for joy O daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud! Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem! The Lord has repealed your sentence; he has driven your enemies away. The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem; Zion, have no fear, do not let your hands fall limp. The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior. He will exult with joy over you, he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Responsorial

Lk 1:46-55

R. The Lord has consoled his people.

My soul glorifies the Lord,
My spirit rejoices in God, my saviour.
He looks on his servant in her lowliness;
Henceforth all ages will call me blessed. **R**

The almighty works marvels for me,
Holy his name!
His mercy is from age to age,
On those who fear him. **R**

He puts forth his arm in strength;
And scatters the proud-hearted.
He casts the mighty from their thrones,
And raises the lowly
He fills the starving with good things,
Sends the rich away empty. **R**

He protects Israel, his servant,
Remembering his mercy; The mercy promised to our fathers,
To Abraham and his sons forever. **R**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 1:3-7

"God consoles us in all our tribulations"

A reading from the second letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, a gentle Father and God of all consolation, who comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can offer others, in their sorrows, the consolation that we have received from God ourselves. Indeed, as the sufferings of Christ overflow to us, so, through Christ does our consolation overflow. When we are made to suffer, it is for your consolation and salvation. When, instead, we are comforted, this should be a consolation to you, supporting you in bearing the same suffering as we bear. And our hope for you is confident, since we know that sharing our sufferings, you will also share our consolations.

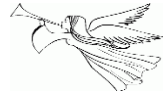


ALLELUIA

Rejoice O highly favoured!

The Lord is with you; blessed are you among women.

ALLELUIA.



GOSPEL

Lk 1:26-38

'Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you.'

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you'. She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a Virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you,' the angel answered, 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, conceived a son, and she whom people call barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary, 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Announcements

1. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Our Lady Consolata, flowers are being sold for Christians to take home or to place at the foot of Our Lady, either in the Church or at the Grotto.
2. We welcome you to come and honor Our Lady this evening with the candle lit procession after the 5.30pm mass.
3. Today the bookshop will offer special discount on selected titles. Kindly visit the desk outside the church and at the bookshop.
4. The Construction of the Allamano Centre to build a new block of pastoral offices, hall and parking is on-going. 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.
5. Last week, 4 parishioners got the 4 prizes. Two smartphones and two brand new Renault Kwid. New prizes are won every week! DONATE and WIN is still ongoing Consolata Shrine Raffle. Every Monday we announce the winners and tomorrow might be you. The more you participate the more chances of winning! Remember the code is *369*2# or M-pesa Pay Bill 804877 and Account WIN.
6. Next Sunday is the first Sunday of the month. There is a second collection of St Vincent de Paul to assist the needy of the parish.
7. Next Sunday also, we will have the Rosary being prayed in front of the Eucharist after the twelve o'clock Mass.
8. The Charismatic group has organized Life in the Spirit Seminar that will start from 9th July to 17th September 2017. The seminar will be conducted every Sunday from 2pm to 5pm in the tent behind the nursery School. The Seminar is open for everyone. All are welcome.

Weekly meeting

- Perpetual Eucharist Adorers on Tuesday 27th at 6.30pm
- Community Committee on Friday 30th at 6.15pm

Prayer for Expectant Mothers & Father

Lord God, Creator of the human race, your Son, through the working of the Holy Spirit, was born of a woman, so that he might pay the age-old debt of sin and save us by his redemption. Receive with kindness the prayer of your servants as they ask for the birth of a healthy children. Grant that they may safely deliver sons and daughters to be numbered among your family, to serve you in all things, & to gain eternal life. We ask this through Christ our Lord.