

### Reflection – A Mighty Wind by PhD. Scott Hanh

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.

### Daily Reading

Monday: 2 Cor 1:1-7; Ps 34:2-9; Mt 5:1-12  
Tuesday: Acts 11:21b-26; 13:1-3; Ps 98; Mt: 10:7-13  
Wednesday: 2 Cor 3:4-11; Ps 99:5-9; Mt 5:17-19  
Thursday: 2 Cor 3:15—4:1.3-6; Ps 85; Mt 5:20-26  
Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15; Ps 116; Mt 5:27-32  
Saturday: 2 Cor 5:14-21; Ps 103; Mt 5:33-37

### Schedules for Masses:

Sunday: 7.30 am Kiswahili  
9.00 am; 10.30 am; 12.00 noon & 5:30 pm English  
Saturday: English 7.00 a m; 9.00 am & 5.30 pm  
Monday to Friday: English 7:00 am & 1.15 am  
5.30 pm Kiswahili

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## CONSOLATA SHRINE PENTECOST SUNDAY 9<sup>th</sup> JUNE 2019



### **First Reading**

*"They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak in other tongues".*

**Acts 2:1-11**

### **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."

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Psalm 104: 1.24.29-31.34**

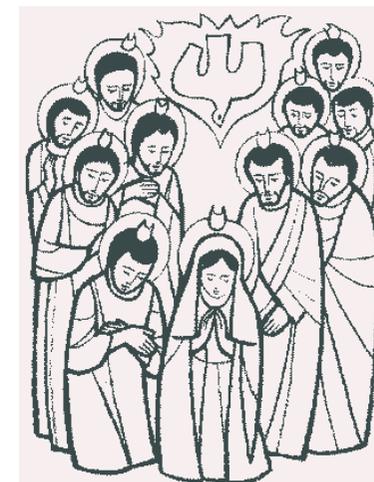
**R: Lord, send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.**

1. 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. **R**

2. 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. **R**

3. 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. **R**



## SECOND READING

1 Cor 12:3b-7. 12-13

*“By one Spirit we were all baptised 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 baptised into one body- Jews or Greeks, slaves or free- and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

### Sequence

Come, Holy Spirit,  
and from heaven direct on man the rays of your light.  
Come, Father of the poor;  
come, giver of God’s gifts;  
come, light of men’s hearts.

Kindly Paraclete,  
in your gracious visits to man’s soul you bring relief and consolation.  
If it is weary with toil, you bring it ease; in the heat of temptation,  
your grace cools it; if sorrowful your words console it.

Light most blessed,  
shine on the hearts of your faithful –  
even into their darkest corners;  
for without your aid man can do nothing good,  
and everything is sinful.

Wash clean the sinful soul,  
rain down your grace on the parched soul  
and heal the injured soul. Soften the hard heart,  
cherish and warm the ice-cold heart,  
and give direction to the wayward.

Give your seven holy gifts to your faithful,  
for their trust is in you.  
Give them reward for their virtuous acts;  
give them a death that ensures salvation;  
give them unending bliss. Amen. Alleluia.

### **Alleluia, 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.”

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. CMA formation class is today at 9am. Kindly register because today is the last day of admitting new members for this year 2019.
2. All Profession groups will remain in the church after 12pm mass for a short meeting. All are welcome
3. Masses for blessing homes with icon of Our Lady Consolata in preparation for Consolata Day is on-going up-to the end of June 2019. Kindly book for house/home Mass in Parish Office. Only three days remaining.
4. Dear parishioners, as we have severally announced to you that the Allamano Centre is towards completion, we kindly appeal to everyone to contribute according to the cards which were given to you that you could contribute in honour or memory, either listing names or engraving in auditorium hall. We need 100m, which is our last mile to complete the project. From The Allamano Centre Strategic and Steering committee.
5. Christian Education Committee have an ongoing teaching on the Catechism of the Catholic Church to refresh our faith every Saturday from 9.am to 10am in the tent behind the Nursery School. All are welcome.
6. Central Deanery has organized a Mass Wedding to be celebrated on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 at Consolata Shrine. Couples who have not yet solemnised their marriage are encouraged to register and prepare for this important Sacrament. Kindly register at the Catechist’s Office.
7. The novena of nine Saturdays in preparation to the Feast of Our Lady Consolata is ongoing every Saturday.
8. The Consolata Lay Missionaries are registering new members in Gazebo. Please visit their desk.