



CONSOLATA SHRINE
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
10th October 2021



First Reading

Wisdom 7:7-11

“I accounted wealth as nothing in comparison with wisdom.”

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

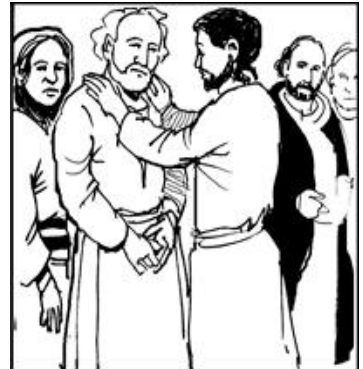
Ps 90:12-17 (R. cf 14)

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

Mark 10:17-30

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

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.”

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.”

Announcements

1. Tomorrow is a public holiday, Masses will be as follows: 7am & 5.30pm.
2. Christian Education committee invites you for “Reflection on St. Joseph” by Sr. Stella Mares on Sunday 17th October at 10.45am in the Allamano Centre. All are welcome.
3. The Legion of Mary is grateful for celebrating 100 Years of her existence. For that reason, we are going to recruit new members next Sunday 17th October, at the Gazebo. More information will be provided at the registration desks. All are welcome.
4. The Adoration Chapel is open from 6am to 8pm daily. The Blessed Sacrament, once exposed, cannot be left alone. Parishioners are encouraged to register for a **WEEKLY HOUR OF ADORATION** at the Parish Office during the week.

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