



CONSOLATA SHRINE  
**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
24<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2026



**FIRST READING**

**Acts 2:1-11**

*“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 24ac,  
29bc-30, 31and 34 (R. 30)**

**R. 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. **R.**

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.**

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

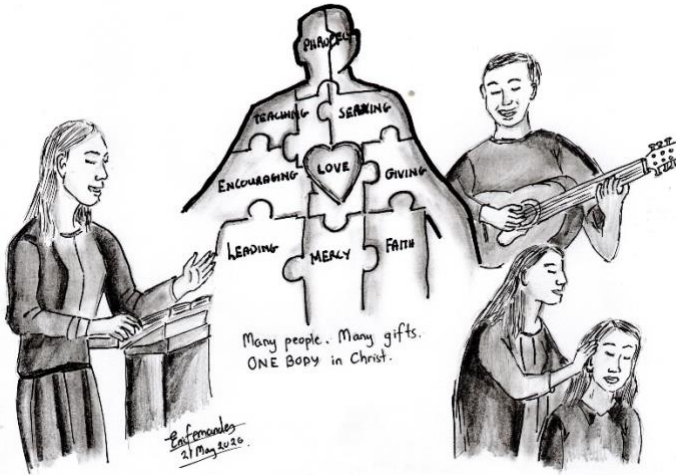
## 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13

*“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.

### The word of the Lord

#### SEQUENCE (poetic text)

Come, Holy Spirit, come!  
And from thy celestial home  
Shed a ray of light divine!

Come, Father of the poor!  
Come, Source of all our store!  
Come, within our bosoms shine!

Thou, of comforters the best;  
Thou, the soul's most welcome guest;  
    Sweet refreshment here below;

In our labour, rest most sweet;  
Grateful coolness in the heat;  
    Solace in the midst of woe.

O most blessed Light divine,  
Shine within these hearts of thine,  
    And our inmost being fill!

Where thou art not, man has naught,  
Nothing good in deed or thought,  
    Nothing free from taint of ill.

Heal our wounds, our strength renew;  
On our dryness pour thy dew;  
    Wash the stains of guilt away:

Bend the stubborn heart and will;  
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;  
    Guide the steps that go astray.

On the faithful, who adore  
And confess thee, evermore  
    In thy sev'nfold gift descend;

Give them virtue's sure reward;  
Give them thy salvation, Lord;  
    Give them joys that never end.

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.”

### **The gospel of the Lord.**

#### **Reflection: A Mighty Wind by Scott Hahn, Ph. D**

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 (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11). 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 (see Acts 1:14). 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 (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2). 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 (see Genesis 1:2). 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 (see Genesis 2:7), in today’s Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). 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 (see also John 7:37–39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a “new creation” in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), 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. The month of May is the month of the Rosary. Those who wish to have the Icon of Mary and Mass celebration in their homes are kindly requested to register at the Catechist's office during the week.
2. St. Anthony of Padua will animate the Rosary on Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, after the 5.00pm Mass. All are welcome.
3. CJPD in collaboration with the Catholic Women Association (CWA), Pontifical Missionary Children (PMC) and the Youth, have organized an event to mark World Environment Day 2026. The event will be held on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> June from 9.00am to 2.00pm in the Auditorium, Allamano Centre. We welcome all parishioners to come celebrate this day with us.
4. His Grace Most Rev. Phillip Anyolo invites you to a dinner in support of the Beatification process of The Servant of God Maurice Michael Cardinal Otunga. The dinner will be held on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026 in the Auditorium, Allamano Centre at 6.30pm at a cost of ksh 5,000. Donations may be made at the Parish office during the week

## **Wedding Bans:**

There is a promise of marriage between:

1. *Zakary Waweru Gitau & Shamim Nyachuma Wanja (1<sup>st</sup> Announcement)*

Kindly visit the parish notice board for more information. If anyone has an objection, please notify the Father in Charge.

---

**PARISH WEBSITE:** [www.consolatashrine.org](http://www.consolatashrine.org); **PARISH E-MAIL:** [info@consolatashrine.org](mailto:info@consolatashrine.org); [communications@consolatashrine.org](mailto:communications@consolatashrine.org); **PARISH PRIEST'S E-MAIL:** [parishpriest@consolatashrine.org](mailto:parishpriest@consolatashrine.org); **Tithe Account No:** 002215001004856 – ABC Bank: A/C Name: Consolata Fathers – Shrine; Allamano Project Account No. 002215001004394.: ABC Bank: Consolata Father-Shrine Project; **PARISH MPESA NUMBER:** 508702, Account Reason for payment; **ALLAMANO PROJECT MPESA NUMBER:** 804877; P.O. Box 14930 - Nairobi; Mass Intentions (text messages): 0111376737 Book'shop: 0113681608; Parish office: 0722 615105