

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

By the participation in this sacrament of your love,
enkindle in us, Lord, the fire of charity
which inflamed St. Joseph Allamano,
that with Mary Consolata, our Mother,
we may bring true consolation to the world,
and, with gentle fortitude,
may proclaim your glory to the nations.
Through Christ our Lord.

SOLEMN BLESSING

May God the Saviour of all,
who brought us together to celebrate
the feast of St. Joseph Allamano, Founder and Priest,
bless you and protect you.

R. Amen.

May Christ the Lord,
who revealed in St. Joseph Allamano
the renewing power of Easter,
make you authentic witnesses of his Gospel.

R. Amen.

May The Holy Spirit,
who chose him to continue Christ's mission in the world,
enlighten you with apostolic zeal
to bring to everyone the gift of salvation.

R. Amen.

And may the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy Spirit,
come down on you and remain with you for ever.

R. Amen.

16 February

SAINT JOSEPH ALLAMANO

Priest - Founder

FEAST

Joseph Allamano was born in Castelnuovo d'Asti (today Castelnuovo Don Bosco), on January 21, 1851. Educated in solid human and Christian virtues by his mother, sister of St. Joseph Cafasso, and by St. John Bosco, he answered with firm determination to his priestly vocation. After receiving the priestly ordination on 20 September 1873, he became a formator and spiritual director of the Consolata Shrine in Turin, an office he held until his death for 46 years. He reopened and directed the Ecclesiastical College for young priests. He had their spiritual and pastoral formation very much at heart, following the example of St. Joseph Cafasso, whose cause of canonization he undertook.

Animated by ardent zeal for the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples and desire to give a missionary encouragement to his Church, in 1901 he founded the Consolata Missionary Institute for Brothers and Priests and, in 1910, that of the Consolata Missionary Sisters. To them he proposed the ideal of serving the missions in holiness and with total dedication, even to the point of giving one's own life.

He passed away on 16 February 1926 in Turin at the Consolata Shrine. He was beatified by John Paul II on October 7, 1990 and ascribed to the register of Saints by Pope Francis on October 20, 2024.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Lk 4:18

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me:
because he has anointed me,
to preach good news to the poor.

COLLECT

O Father, who in St. Joseph Allamano
have awakened a burning desire
to cooperate in your universal plan of salvation,
and made him a formator of priests
and father of missionary families
for the proclamation of the Gospel to all peoples,
grant us to grow in the same zeal,
to the point of giving our life for the good of all.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever
and ever.

When only one reading is proclaimed before the Gospel, it can be chosen between those indicated as the first or second reading.

FIRST READING

He will not shout, nor will he make his voice heard in the square.

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah **42, 1-7**

Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street.

A bruised reed he shall not break, and a smouldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching.

Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spreads out the earth with its crops, who gives breath to its people and spirit to those who walk on it: I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

PREFACE

V. The Lord be with you.

A. And with your spirit.

V. Lift up your hearts.

A. We lift them up to the Lord.

V. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

A. It is right and just.

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord Holy Fathers, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

For the great things you worked in Saint Joseph Allamano.

Priest of the New Covenant,

he was a minister of consolation

a wise guide of souls in search of your will.

Solicitous for the coming of your kingdom,

became a father and guide

of families consecrated to the mission,

who with Mary, the first missionary of the Gospel,

may proclaim Christ the Saviour everywhere in the world.

For this gift to your Church,

together with all the angels and saints,

we sing the hymn of your glory as without end we acclaim:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts . . .

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Jn 15:16

You did not choose me, but I chose you

and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide.

Or:

Preach the gospel to the whole creation.

A reading from the Gospel according to Mark **16, 15-20**

Jesus appeared to the Eleven and said to them:

“Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole creation. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned. And these signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will cast out demons; they will speak in new tongues; they will pick up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not hurt them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover.”

So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. And they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the message by the signs that attended it.

The Gospel of the Lord.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

Accept, O Father,
this memorial of our redemption,
and grant us that from the source of your mysteries
we draw from your faithful servant Joseph Allamano
the spirit of holiness
to please you alone and adhere to Christ the Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

From Psalm 95

Rit. All you peoples, praise the Lord!

Sing to the Lord a new song,
sing to the Lord, all the earth.
Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Rit.

Proclaim his salvation day after day,
tell his glory among the nations;
among all peoples, his marvellous deeds.

Rit.

Give to the Lord, you families of nations,
give to the Lord glory and strength;
give the Lord the glory due his name.

Rit.

Say among the nations: “The Lord reigns!”
He sustains the world so that it does not waver;
he will judge the peoples with equity.

Rit.

SECOND READING

I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more.

A reading from the First Letter of St. Paul to the Corinthians

9, 16-19. 22-23

Brothers, if I preach the gospel, that gives me no ground for boasting. For necessity is laid upon me. Woe to me if I do not preach the gospel! For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. What then is my reward? Just this: that in my preaching I may make the gospel free of charge, not making full use of my right in the gospel.

For though I am free from all men, I have made myself a slave to all, that I might win the more. To the weak I became weak, that I

might win the weak. I have become all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. I do it all for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings.

The word of the Lord.

Or:

I always carry you in my heart.

A reading from the Letter of St. Paul to the Philippians **1, 3-11**

Brothers, I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, thankful for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to feel thus about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, so that you may approve what is excellent, and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruits of righteousness which come through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

The word of the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 28:19-20

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

or, in Lent:

R. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;
Behold, I am with you always, to the close of the age.

GOSPEL

He sent me to preach good news.

A reading from the Gospel according to Luke **4, 16-21**

Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up; and he went to the synagogue, as his custom was, on the sabbath day. And he stood up to read; and there was given to him the book of the prophet Isaiah. He opened the book and found the place where it was written,

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor.
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed,
to proclaim the acceptable year of the Lord.”

And he closed the book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down; and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. And he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The Gospel of the Lord.