



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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July 1/2 2017

13th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Music for The 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time – July 8/9

(We will recite the Gloria, the Creed and the Our Father)

ENTRANCE HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

Whatsoever You Do

HOLY – ACCLAMATION – AMEN *(Let all that is within me...)*

AGNUS DEI *(Latin)*

COMMUNION

Amazing Grace

RECESSIONAL

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You

Music for the following week will appear in each edition of *HEARTBEAT*. Suggestions are welcome.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

CONTINUING PRAYER REQUESTS

St. Ignatius always said that God listens to our prayers, and when something important was coming up, he would encourage the early Jesuits to “storm heaven with” can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you.

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For family members who have died

For Ray Olfky, who has been diagnosed with cancer

For the repose of the soul of Dr. Barbara's sister

For a woman concerned about her daughter and her grandchildren

For Marisa, who is awaiting an operation

For the safety of all those who are traveling

For Colleen, who is in great pain unable to find relief

For a woman waiting a diagnosis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 9 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

July 12 – Fr. John returns to Amman

July 25 – Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits

PLEASE REGISTER!!!

There are usually registration slips at the back of the Church. There are four ways to register:

- 1) Fill out the slip of paper and give it to me.
- 2) Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online.
- 3) Send me an email with the basic information.
- 4) If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and leave me a message. I will admit you to the group and you can leave your details in a private message there as well.

ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday – 8:30 AM – Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

3rd Friday, 12 Noon - Jabal Luweibdeh, St. Mary of the Annunciation

Every Saturday at 5 PM– Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth

3rd Sunday – Jabal Amman, St. Joseph – 11:30 AM

Every Sunday – 6 PM - Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle

Most weekend Masses have confession for 30 minutes prior to the beginning of the Mass. Fr. John or other Jesuit priests are available to hear confessions by appointment as well.

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PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR JULY

Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



Ministry Assignments for 14th Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 8/9

| Ministry | Mary of Nazareth | Jean Baptiste de LaSalle | Notes or Special Events |
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| Coordinator | Marty Haddadin | | |
| Hospitality 1 ¹ | | | |
| Hospitality 2 | | | |
| Leader of Song | | | |
| Lector 1 ² | Eunice Dadsom | | |
| Lector 2 | Rhonza Khoury | | |
| Lector 3 | Marty Haddadin | | |
| Offertory Gifts | Jude Family | | |
| Collection 1 | | | |
| Collection 2 | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
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| Altar Server | Alexie Filonia | | |
| Altar Server | Bridget Adhiambo | | |
| Altar Server | | | |
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FEAST OF ST. THOMAS – JULY 3



Thomas the Apostle (called Didymus which means "the twin" or Mar Thoma in Syriac) was one of the Twelve Apostles of Jesus Christ, according to the New Testament. He is informally called doubting Thomas because he doubted Jesus' resurrection when first told (in the Gospel of John account only), followed later by his confession of faith, "My Lord and my God", on seeing Jesus' wounded body.

Traditionally, he is said to have travelled outside the Roman Empire to preach the Gospel, travelling as far as Tamilakam which are the states of Tamil Nadu and Kerala in present-day India. According to tradition, the Apostle reached Muziris, (modern-day North Paravur and Kodungalloor in the state of Kerala, India) in AD 52 and baptized several people, founding what today are known as Saint Thomas Christians or MarThoma Nazranis.

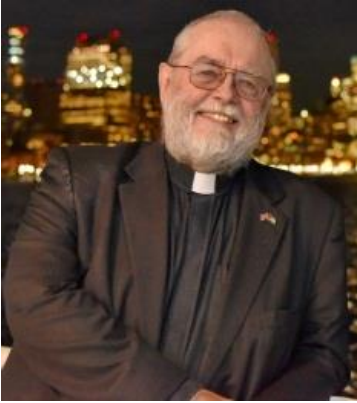
After his death, the reputed relics of Saint Thomas the Apostle were enshrined as far as Mesopotamia in the 3rd century, and later moved to various places. In 1258, some of the relics were brought to Abruzzo in Ortona, Italy, where they have been held in the Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. He is often regarded as the Patron Saint of India, and the name Thoma remains quite popular among Saint Thomas Christians of India.

In Paraguay, ancient tradition saved by Jesuits claims that Paí Tomé (as he is called in Guaraní) lived among the Paraguayan natives and preached the Gospel.

For more information about the legends and travels of St. Thomas, Wikipedia has an extensive and well-documented section on the saint and the various writings about him, especially in the early Church.

RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR



Time is funny stuff.

When I was doing my graduate degree in philosophy (one of the Jesuit requirements) I concentrated on two items – human consciousness and time. One of the key statements when dealing with the idea of time is that “time is a coefficient of matter.” In other words, if there is ever a state in which no matter exists, time would not exist either.

Everyone knows (to one degree or another) the notion from Einstein’s works that time is relative. It can move faster or slower in different circumstances. Now what Einstein meant has nothing to do with how long an hour or an afternoon can seem when you are stuck in a dull meeting or held captive by a boring teacher. Nor does it have to do with how fast time can go by when you are with someone you love, or doing something you enjoy.

I was talking with someone the other day and we realized, with something of a gasp, that the “summer” is around half over. That wonderful period, when everything is supposed to slow down, when there is going to be lots of time to study and clean and read and relax, when we will all jump off the treadmill (social, communal, work) and stop and smell the flowers. Or the ocean. Or whatever there is to be smelled. Somehow, without realizing it, we’re just about at the halfway mark.

Part of that is because school starts early, so the “end” of summer is often the second week of August. But part is our own sense of possibility when faced with summer. Those possibilities are all real, and many are still within our reach. But in order to make them happen, we have to act. And we have to act now.

You were going to visit Petra or Machaerus or Gadara? Start now. You were going to clean the back yard, or put up a deck or study Arabic? Start now. You were going to exercise more, sleep more, spend more time with the kids – start now. Because before you know it, summer of 2017 will be only a memory.

The same thing, of course, is true for our salvation. Been meaning to do some spiritual reading? Start now. Been meaning to start going to weekday Mass more often? Start now. Been meaning to say the rosary every day? Go to confession? And so on.

Because before you know it, not only will summer be over but time will be over, and you will face God, and an eternity without time.

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Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you will request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.