



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

HERE'S WHAT WE NEED FOR HOLY WEEK

HOLY THURSDAY – Altar servers to help with ringing the bells - Altar servers or volunteers to help with washing the feet – adult volunteers to strip the altar – altar server or volunteer for incense.

GOOD FRIDAY – Two readers for the Passion Reading – volunteers to help dress the altar before Communion – volunteers to help hold the Cross for veneration.

EASTER VIGIL (Short version at Sweifieh) – Altar servers to help with the rituals

Full Easter Vigil at Freres – Volunteers to supervise the placing of the Easter Baskets before the service begins - Altar servers or volunteers to help distribute candles, hold the book and candle, carry the book into the church, help light the individual candles inside the Church – Readers for the four readings before the Gospel – volunteers to help ring bells after the reading –

EASTER SUNDAY – Altar servers or volunteers for incense

And on the next to last page of this edition, there are songs we might use for each of the different services. We won't use all – but during these most important services of the year, we all should be able to sing in rejoicing, so we want to try and pick songs that many – if not most – people know. I will also have the list on the Facebook Parish Group, and on the website, so PLEASE let me know what songs YOU know and are comfortable singing with.

At each service volunteers to pass out programs, collect them at the end, and take up the collections.

SHARE YOUR EVENTS – OR EVENTS YOU KNOW ABOUT

Even though we celebrate in several different locations, we are one parish and so I will share special events for all of our locations and communities. If you know of an event coming up, please do NOT assume I know about it. Tell me, and I will find room for it. In addition to the weekly HEARTBEAT, events can be posted on the website and on our new Facebook group if I know about them.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING BASKETS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

Last week I mentioned that we would be including the blessing of the Easter baskets with our Easter Vigil Service on Holy Saturday at the Church of Jean Baptiste de LaSalle. I encourage families and individuals to think of taking part – and remind those who do decide to bring a basket to let me know ahead of time, so we can be adequately prepared.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday May 6 – Sweifieh

We will be celebrating the First Holy Communion of several children of our parish on this day, which is a very special event.

JUNE 3 AND 4 - IN BOTH

ST. MARY OF NAZARETH and ST. JEAN BAPTISTE de LaSALLE

That weekend we will be celebrating the great feast of Pentecost. At both Masses, we will also celebrate the renewal of marriage vows. There will be more details forthcoming, but mark your calendars for this very special occasion.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

April 1 – Social Gathering after Mass, Sweifieh

50 Anniversary of the Chapel at St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, 7 PM Celebration

April 7 – First Friday. St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle (Memorial)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 Mass.

April 8/9 – 2nd Sunday Collection at St. Mary of Nazareth and St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle

April 9 – PALM/PASSION Sunday

April 13 – Holy Thursday - No morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

(See back page for the schedule for the Triduum and Easter Sunday)

April 16 – Birthday of Pope Benedict XVI

April 21 – Fr. John at Jabal Weibdeh – 12:00 Noon

April 22 - 6:00 PM - Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter, Sweifieh

April 23 - 11:30 AM - Fr. John at Jabal Amman

6:00 PM - Mass of 2nd Sunday of Easter, Jabal Hussein

April 25 – Feast of St. Mark, Apostle

April 27 – St. Peter Canisius, SJ (Memorial)

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

May 3 – Feast of SS. Philip and James, Apostles

PRAYERS AND INTENTIONS

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 woman trying to decide if she should have surgery

For Fred Schwally, diagnosed with a returning cancer, the doctors give him a short time to live.

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For Ray Olfky, who has been diagnosed with cancer

Sunday Mass is always offered for the intentions of the community, and individual intentions for other Masses often cannot be announced. If you wish to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion (birthday, anniversary, memorial of a death) or to have a Mass said for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, there are envelopes at the rear of the Church or ask one of the Fathers. There is no charge for a Mass (you cannot “buy” a Mass!) but it is customary to offer a stipend, usually the equivalent of a meal out.

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.

A REMINDER

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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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.

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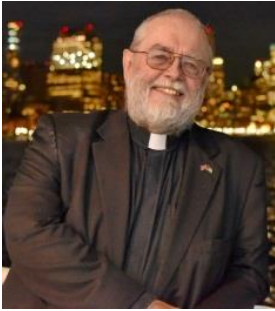
PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

Young People – That young people may respond generously to their vocations and seriously consider offering themselves to God in the priesthood or consecrated life.



FIRST RECONCILIATION ON MAY 13

I am delighted to announce that we have one more young person in our parish who will be celebrating her First Reconciliation in May, and will make her First Holy Communion at her home parish. At 4:30 on May 13th – all things being equal - Valeria and her parents will join us for a special ceremony celebrating her First Confession. All are welcome to join us. (I note that May 13th is also Valeria's birthday.)



RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR

When I was young, one of my absolute favorite kinds of candy was a chocolate-covered cherry. I also loved a Tootsie Pop, and I was very partial to the ice cream on a stick with orange sherbert on the outside and vanilla inside.

I have always been fascinated with what is in the center.

As I have grown older and more experienced at being a Christian, I am increasingly convinced that what is in the center is the most important. Not so much inside the chocolate or the lollipop but what is inside ourselves. We live in an active world and we lead busy lives, for better or worse – the danger is that in taking part in so many activities, we can lose sight of what should be our ultimate goal, getting and staying in touch with God. The secret, of course, is to be sure that God is part of everything we do. The secret is to make God our center, rather like the cherry in the candy.

That sounds sensible. How? How is that done?

Let's go back to that cherry candy. (I apologize to those of you who may have given up candy for Lent. But it's a great image.) For too many people, the cherry is the world, and the chocolate is God. The world is at the center, and God is poured over the top. People go to church, people take part in activities, but if you could open them up and look inside, you'd find not God (more chocolate) but the cherry, the real concern being the world and the things of the world.

The goal is to make the cherry God in our image. God is in the world – covered with chocolate. But when you bite in, the cherry changes the whole flavor and the whole experience.

Okay, the image isn't perfect. But the basic idea is important, that God needs to be at the center of our lives. It doesn't mean you go out and preach on street corners or pray for guidance before you buy a box of cornflakes. I've known people who usually didn't even think of God during a normal day. But God was at the center of their lives, and what they did, and how they treated other people, reflected God's love and Christ's teaching.

This isn't something that happens overnight. And different people will find and show God's love in different ways. But it is something to work toward, something to aim at in your life.

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God Himself does not propose to judge a person
until he is dead.
So why should you?

POSSIBLE MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK

Please remember these are suggestions. I need to hear from you which songs you know, and which ones you particularly like.

As a parish we come from many different backgrounds and traditions, and I would like to find the music that is familiar for most of the people who will be coming to these sacred services.

Email me

Use the website (www.jordanjesuits.org)

Use Facebook (Parish Group)

Send me a text on my cell phone (079 013-8985)

But let YOUR voice be heard. And feel free to make a suggestion of a hymn or hymns that are not on this list.

PALM SUNDAY

The King of Glory Comes
Jesus Remember Me
Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley
I heard the voice of Jesus say
All Glory, Laud and Honor
Crown Him with Many Crowns
O Sacred Head Surrounded

HOLY THURSDAY

Lord Who Throughout these 40 days
Page Lingua
Amazing Grace
I Am the Bread of Life
There Is A Wideness in God's Mercy
At That First Eucharist
Ubi Caritas
Whatsoever You Do
Christians Let Us Love One Another
Where Charity and Love Prevail

GOOD FRIDAY

At the Cross Her Station weeping
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
O Sacred Head Surrounded
Lift High the cross
Only This I Want
Jesus Remember Me
Ubi Caritas
Were You There
Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

VIGIL/EASTER SUNDAY

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
Alleluia Sing to Jesus
I Know That My redeemer Lives
Jesus Christ Is Ris'n today
O Sons and Daughters
Easter Sequence
Sing with All the Saints in Glory
That Easter Day with Joy was Bright
The Strife is Oer
Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2017

(All services are in English unless otherwise noted)

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY – April 8/9

The usual weekend schedule, 2nd collection for the English Parish

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY – April 10, 11, 12

8:30 AM - Morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

HOLY THURSDAY – April 13

No morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

5 PM- Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper

at St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church, Jabal Hussein

GOOD FRIDAY – April 14

No Masses are celebrated on this sacred day

Noon - Solemn Liturgical Service

St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church, Jabal Hussein.

HOLY SATURDAY – April 15

5 PM St. Mary of Nazareth, - Abbreviated Easter Vigil Service

(Approximately 50 minutes)

10 PM – St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church, Jabal Hussein

Solemn Easter Vigil. Please arrive early – those arriving after we have started the vigil cannot enter the Church until after the entrance of the Paschal Candle.

EASTER SUNDAY

9:30 AM – Easter Mass at OWWA

11:30 AM – Easter Mass in English and Tagalog at Jabal Amman

12:00 Noon – Easter Mass in English at Jabal Weibde

6:00 PM – English Mass at St. Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church