



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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PALM/PASSION SUNDAY



HELPING AT HOLY WEEK – If you meant to volunteer to help at one or more of the Holy Week celebrations and forgot or never got around to it – and you would still like to – contact Fr. John ASAP as the final arrangements have to be put in place.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

BLESSING BASKETS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

If you are planning on bringing an Easter basket to the Saturday evening Easter Vigil to be blessed, and you have NOT let me know – please do, so we can be adequately prepared. It is a lovely custom, bringing together several different strains of tradition and I encourage families and individuals to think about taking part.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Saturday May 6 – Sweiffieh

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

April 11/12 – 8PM – A Concert at St George Greek Melkite Church - Behind Jaber Complex,
In conjunction with Caritas

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

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

April 16 – Birthday of Pope Benedict XV

April 17 – Easter Brunch following the 8:30 AM Mass at the Jesuit Center

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

7 PM – A Mass at Our Lady of Peace Center celebrating 25 years of Focolare. Bishop Shomali will celebrate the Mass, a reception will follow

April 22 - 5:00 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

May 6 – First Holy Communion at Sweifieh

May 13 – Mass of Installation of Fr. John Sheehan as Pastor of the English Language Church in Amman – at Sweifieh at 5 PM. Bishop William Shomali will be the Principal Celebrant. A reception will follow and all are invited.

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 woman trying to decide if she should have surgery

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For Ray Olfky, who has been diagnosed with cancer

For Adrienne Powers, who died on March 27

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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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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FIND GOD IN ALL THINGS

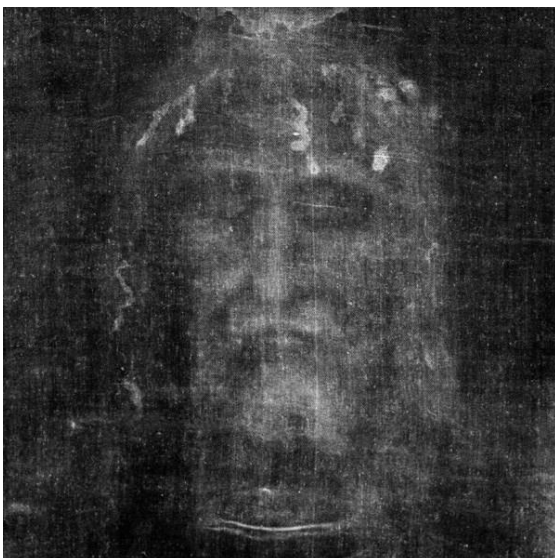
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PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR APRIL

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

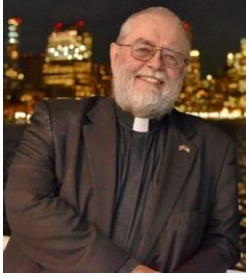
CELEBRATE THE END OF LENT – DYNGUS DAY, WET MONDAY, FOOL'S DAY

In many places in the world, the day after Easter is a day of special celebration. On Monday, April 17, following the 8:30 Mass at the Jesuit Center, there will be an Easter Brunch, to help celebrate the Resurrection and the end of the Lenten season. The whole family is welcome; there will be a light breakfast, with coffee, tea and juice. People are free to bring a side dish or a special Easter treat to share. Please come and continue the celebration of the Resurrection and our parish community. If you can drop a note to let us know if you are coming, and how many in your family or your group (feel free to invite friends!), we can be sure to have enough food. And if there is anyone who would like to help organize and set up, Father John needs all the help he can get.



Many people believe the Shroud of Turin is the cloth that was used to wrap the body of Jesus. Although the Church has never made a definite pronouncement, the process by which the image was created has never been definitely proved.

This is the face of the man from the Shroud.



RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR

One of today's buzz words is "multi-tasking," the ability to do more than one thing at once. It originated with computers, but today is being applied to human beings, and usually in a positive sense. In many fields, it is considered to be a good thing.

But no matter how skilled someone may be at multi-tasking, it cannot be denied that for humans, at least, it means losing some degree of focus and intensity. We cannot concentrate as well on six things as we can on one single topic.

This is a week when we should resist the temptation to be involved and busy. This should be a week when we concentrate. There should be one topic, one focus, as far as we can, and that should be the passion and resurrection of Jesus Christ. We still must eat and go to work (unless we are able to take some time off) and go to school. But the necessary things should be done in the context of the religious events of the week, and insofar as possible, other events not necessary should be postponed or avoided. There will be invitations, activities, movies and meetings and social events, and many of them you will want to attend and take part in. For this week, participation in the social life of Amman is a temptation to resist, if you are going to give your full attention and energy to participating in the sufferings and death of the Lord. You cannot simply switch gears and go to church for the Mass of the Lord's Supper or the Good Friday Service and hope to enter fully into the spirit of the service, if you have spent the previous hours watching television or playing a computer game or having drinks with friends.

This is a week to turn off the television and read a spiritual book. This is a week to sit down and read one of the Gospels all the way through. This is a week to spend some quiet time alone, reflecting on the year past, in the world and in your life. This is a time to look back at what you said you wanted to do during Lent, and see how you have done. A time to look at your life, where you have been and where you are going and where you want to go. A time to look at your daily and weekly routine and see how your life reflects what you believe.

It can also be a time to talk with members of your family or close friends about the Passion, about your faith, about ways to live the teachings of Christ. Sharing your faith with others is a proven way of helping to strengthen that faith. Putting your faith into action can be another part of living out this very special week. It can be by becoming more actively involved at events in church, or helping someone in special need or ways particular to your life and situation.

There is no one way to remember the sufferings of Christ, no one schedule that applies to all people. Some people will spend more time in prayer, others in reading, some inside the church and others outside in the community. Anything that brings you closer to Jesus Christ, that makes His sacrifice more real and important to you, is good. But you need to make the choice between the Passion and the world.

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WASHING OUR FEET

Supper was special that night.
There was both a heaviness and a holiness
hanging in the air.
We couldn't explain the mood.
It was sacred, yet sorrowful.
Gathered around that table
 eating that solemn, holy meal
 seemed to us the most important meal
 we had ever sat down to eat.

We were dwelling in the heart of MYSTERY.
Though dark the night,
Hope felt right---
 as if something evil
 was about to be conquered.

And then suddenly
the One-Who-Loved startled us all.
He got up from the table
and put on an apron.
Can you imagine how we felt?

GOD IN AN APRON!

Tenderness encircled us
 as He bowed before us.
He knelt and said,
 "I choose to wash your feet
 because I love you."

God in an apron, kneeling.
I couldn't believe my eyes.
I was embarrassed
 until His eyes met mine.
I sensed my value then.
He touched my feet.
He held them in His strong, brown hands.
He washed them.
I can still feel the water.
I can still feel the touch of His hands.
I can still see the look in His eyes.



Then He handed me the towel
and said,
"As I have done,
 so you must do."
Learn to bow.
Learn to kneel.

Let your tenderness encircle
 everyone you meet.
Wash their feet--
 not because you have to--
but because you want to.

It seems I've stood two thousand years
 holding that towel in my hands.
"As I have done, so must you do,"
 keeps echoing in my heart.

"There are so many feet to wash,"
 I keep saying.
"No."
I hear God's voice
 resounding through the years.
"There are only My feet.
What you do for them,
 you do for Me."

HOLY WEEK SERVICES 2017

(All services are in English unless otherwise noted)

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

8:30 AM - Morning Mass at the Jesuit Centre

HOLY THURSDAY – April 13

No morning Mass at the Jesuit Centre

5 PM- Evening Mass of the Washing of the Feet
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

9:00 AM – OWWA – Mass in Tagalog

Noon – Easter Mass in English at Jabal Luweibde

1:00 PM – Easter Mass in English and Tagalog at Jabal Amman

6:00 PM – Easter Mass in English Jabal Hussein