



# HEARTBEAT

*News Notes and Inspiration*

*For the People of Sacred Heart Parish*

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**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

## **Music for the Fourth Week of Easter** *(First Holy Communion at Sweifieh)*

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

### ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I am, Lord

### ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

### OFFERTORY

Blest Be the Lord

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

### AGNUS DEI (Latin)

### COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

### RECESSIONAL

Sing to the Mountains

From now on we will try to have the music for the following week in each edition of **HEARTBEAT**.  
Suggestions are always welcome.

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **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.

### **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 prayer.”* can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you.

For a young woman, Kaitlyn, fighting cancer

For Ray Olfky, who has been diagnosed with cancer

For Fr. John's sister, Terry who is recovering from open heart surgery

For a woman concerned about her daughter and her grandchildren

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

May 1 – St. Joseph the Worker

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

May 6 – First Holy Communion at Sweifieh

May 13 – Our Lady of Fatima (Memorial)

4:30 pm – First Reconciliation Service

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.

May 24 – Our Lady of the Way (Memorial)

May 25 – Solemnity of the Ascension of Our Lord

Holy Day of Obligation – Masses at 8:30 AM and 6 PM in the Jesuit Chapel

May 31 – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 3/4 – Solemnity of Pentecost

Renewal of Marriage Vows in both churches

June 6 – Fr. John to the U.S.

June 10/11 – Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

June 17/18 – Solemnity of the Sacred Body and Blood of Christ

June 23 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart – Patronal Feast of Our Parish

June 24 – Solemnity of the Nativity St. John the Baptist

June 29 – Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 11 – Fr. John returns to Amman

### MAY 13 – MASS OF INSTALLATION

Formally installing a priest as the Pastor of a Church is not always done. The Bishop may not be readily available, the Pastor may not wish the attention or there may be other circumstances that make that kind of celebration not appropriate.

Since the English language parish had been so long without a formal Pastor, I felt that a ceremony was a terrific opportunity for us to celebrate together, and the Bishop was delighted to be able to come. Although our “parish” includes six different sites where we celebrate Mass, we can obviously only have one installation Mass, so that will be at Sweifieh at 5 PM on May 13<sup>th</sup>. (Certainly one of the reasons for choosing that church is that it is convenient for the Bishop.)

Please come. Even if you normally celebrate at another site, we would love to have members from all the different communities coming together, to let the Bishop know that the English language community, although we are dispersed, is a sizeable gathering of Catholics in his diocese. And of course, there is a reception afterwards, to which all are invited.

If you would like to participate – as a lector, an altar server, minister of hospitality, sing with the choir or help with the reception – please let me know. Plans for this event will be set well in advance – I am not a believer in “last minute” bringing things together. We have invited several special guests to join us, and I very much want to “show off” our parish in all its joy and diversity.

## PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

As part of the Mass, to show the diversity of the people who make up this parish, we will be offering the Prayer of the Faithful in a range of languages: English, **Arabic**, **Tagalog**, Polish, Spanish, **Armenian**, **Portuguese**, Italian, German, French, **Hindi**, Hungarian. If a language is in **bold** that means I already have someone who will translate and read a petition. But if it is NOT in bold, and you would be willing to provide the translation and read the petition at the Mass, please let me know. And if I have left a language out – PLEASE let me know, especially if you are able to do the translation and read at the Mass.

### 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

3<sup>rd</sup> Friday, 12 Noon - Jabal Luweibdeh, St. Mary of the Annunciation

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

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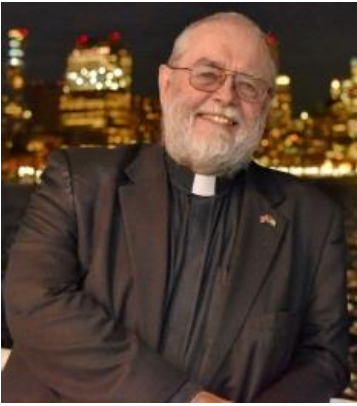
Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you will request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

## 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.

# RAMBLINGS

## FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR



Years ago, I learned that when I was scheduling an 8-day retreat for myself, I needed to block out 10 or 11 days for the process. It usually takes me a day or two to settle down from the activities of daily life and focus on the prayer and silence that is so important in a retreat, and I also learned that if I did not schedule an extra day or two at the end, I would start anticipating the end of the retreat. Despite my best efforts, by day 6 or 7 I would be thinking about my return – travel arrangements, people to call, things to do.

It is important to plan ahead. For much of my life I have been in jobs where it was crucial – a stage manager in theatre, a financial administrator, writing for magazines with deadlines nine weeks before publication, selecting items that needed to be brailled and duplicated and mailed in time to reach clients. Here in Jordan, I have already learned that altar wine is sometimes difficult to find, and special items for special celebrations need to be ordered or arranged for well in advance. We all know that for the best deals and sometimes the better seats, plane reservations have to be made months in advance. We all know about the need to plan ahead.

Christianity is, in one dimension, very much a religion of planning ahead. We are, in everything we do, working toward an eternal destination in heaven. Our acts, our decisions, our very way of life should be shaped by that realization – that everything we do will be part of our eternal life.

But at the same time, there is great richness and great importance in living “in the moment,” appreciating and experiencing the daily events as they occur. There is a danger in living so much in expectation that we lose the present moment.

This is a time of year when many of us are looking ahead. Some are leaving Amman for good; students are graduating and preparing for college. Summer vacation is a big item on the list of many people. I myself will be away for most of June and at least one week in July, as I complete the process of moving away from the United States.

Let's be sure to leave time and energy to deal with the things that are still going on, to fully experience and enjoy and take part in the events of today and the people we are with right now. The future can change; while we can prepare for it, we cannot control it, and our best-laid plans, as the Scottish poet reminds us, can “gang aft aglay.” But the present is here, and if we miss it, because our minds are focused on tomorrow, we can never recapture it.

Go forth and celebrate.

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