

HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Music for the Sixth Week of Easter

(We will recite the Creed and the Our Father)

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I am, Lord

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace

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

AGNUS DEI *(Latin)*

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL

Sing to the Mountains

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



A few pictures from our celebration of First Holy Communion last week.

If people would like to share their own pictures, send them to Fr. John and they will be put on the website, to join the ones already there..



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. All couples are welcome to come forth during the Mass, and renew their Marriage Vows. The ceremony will take place during the Mass. If you have not been validly married in the Church, taking part in this ceremony will NOT validate your marriage.

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
For the repose of the soul of Roy Ouelette, who died unexpectedly
For Paul Cuskley, diagnosed with throat cancer
For the safety of all those who are traveling
For a woman in great pain unable to find relief

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 26 – Beginning of the Novena to the Holy Spirit
(Prayers available at the website and Facebook, and at the Jesuit Center)
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

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 MAY

That Christians in Africa, in imitation of the Merciful Jesus,
 may give prophetic witness to reconciliation, justice and peace.

Ministry Assignments for the 6th Week of Easter, May 20/21

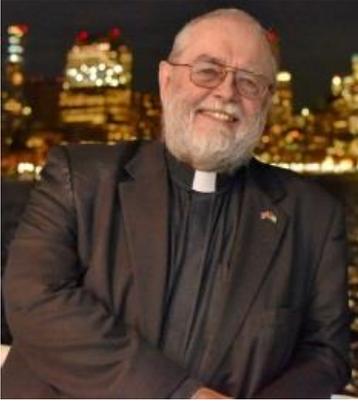
| Ministry | Mary of Nazareth | Jean Baptiste de LaSalle | Notes or Special Events |
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| Coordinator | Marian Karmandarian | | |
| Hospitality 1 ¹ | | | |
| Hospitality 2 | | | |
| Leader of Song | | | |
| Lector 1 ² | Alejandro Proana | | |
| Lector 2 | Ronza Khoury | | |
| Lector 3 | Irene Adhiambo | | |
| Offertory Gifts | McCoy Family | | |
| Collection 1 | | | |
| Collection 2 | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
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| Altar Server | Elizabeth Christopher | | |
| Altar Server | Deepika Christopher | | |
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- 1 – A family may serve as Ministers of Hospitality. Adults are required to be present but children may certainly help in welcoming and passing out materials.
- 2 – 1st Lector reads the First Reading and on occasion the Responsorial Psalm
 2nd Lector reads the Second Reading and the Prayer of the Faithful

This is the form that will appear in the Heartbeat every week, reminding those of their upcoming commitment for service. Some of the areas of service are changing and others are being added. For a while – hopefully a short while – there will be blanks, and not all ministries are the same for each Church. For whatever reason, if an individual wants to keep their name from being public, we will assign an alias, so they can be reminded and still maintain privacy.

RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR



One of the constants in my life has always been music. When I was little, I would stand on a little stool and help Toscanini conduct the NBC Symphony Orchestra on television. (And one day I got to actually conduct that orchestra.) For years I would sing myself to sleep. Until I was seven, when we visited the Carmelite Sisters, I was allowed inside the cloister, where I would sing How Much is That Doggie in the Window? for the nuns. I sang with the Columbus Boy Choir as a guest singer and appeared at Radio City Music Hall. Throughout my life I have formed trios and quartets, created performing groups, and when I was in Nigeria I even managed to produce several CD's.

I mention this not to boast, but because music is an important part of who I am. At one point the Jesuits had approved my spending a summer continuing to study voice and piano. When I thanked the Formation Director, he replied, "Well, we figured it was cheaper than therapy." He was probably right.

When I go home in June for a short time I hope to be able to bring back with me more of my music and perhaps a couple of instruments. I have prerecorded accompaniments and I hope to be able to spend part of each day both singing and playing at least one instrument. I sang a Farewell Concert before I left New York. If doctors told me I would have to lose a leg or an arm, I suspect I could deal with it with equanimity. If they told me I had completely lost my voice, I'm not sure what I would do.

But for all this, music is not the most important thing in my life. Neither is my priesthood or even my membership in the Society of Jesus. What is most important is my faith as a member of the Roman Catholic Church. No thing that I own, no talent I have, is more important to me than my faith, and I hope I would be able to walk away from or give up anything here if the other choice were denying my faith.

As Catholics, we are called to faith – and to renewing and feeding and strengthening our faith. We are called to self-examination, to be sure that nothing (no-thing) has grown so strong or so important that it has taken the place of faith in our world. We are called to love our neighbor as much as we love ourselves, and to be willing to sacrifice everything in the name of Christ. We are called to know what our Church teaches, what is optional and what is essential to our faith. What we believe will be shown in how we live – what choices we make – what priorities we assign each day for ourselves and for those we love. In all of our lives there are many different pressures, things we want to do, people we want to please, groups within which we want to fit. Not all – if we look at them carefully – fit with the call to follow Christ. Not all are possible, if we want to give God the time and place in our lives that should be most important. We can choose our friends, our careers, our clothes and many aspects of our lives. We cannot choose only some of the teachings of Christ or only some of the teachings and commandments of the Church. It's all or nothing.

What is most important in your life?

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(If no answer, leave a message on the voicemail.)

Website: Jordanjesuits.org and there is a separate section for the Sacred Heart Parish

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.