

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. You do not have to reserve in advance; after the homily, all those wishing to renew their vows will be asked to come forward.

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 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 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
For a woman waiting a diagnosis.

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 7th Week of Easter, May 27/28

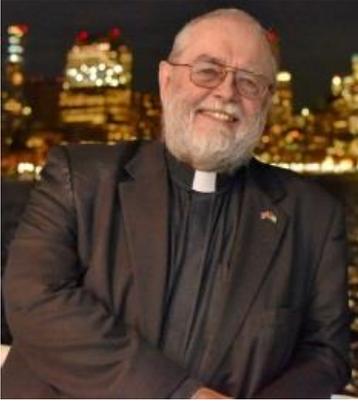
| Ministry | Mary of Nazareth | Jean Baptiste de LaSalle | Notes or Special Events |
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| Coordinator | Marty Haddadin | | |
| Hospitality 1 ¹ | | | |
| Hospitality 2 | | | |
| Leader of Song | | | |
| Lector 1 ² | Elizabeth McCoy | | |
| Lector 2 | Oliver Buc | | |
| Lector 3 | Marty Haddadin | | |
| Offertory Gifts | Lamond Family | | |
| Collection 1 | | | |
| Collection 2 | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
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| Altar Server | Sophie McCoy | | |
| Altar Server | Bridget Adhiambo | | |
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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
 Eventually the 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



Change is one of the basics of life. In nature, there are only two options – grow (which is another word for change) or die. When you stop growing, you're either dead or on the doorstep. Obviously growth does not mean growing larger or taller, but it certainly means being open to change in its many forms.

In the Jesuits we have a term, "Continuing Formation." Formation is the period of training and education before ordination, and Continuing Formation reminds us that we should never stop being open to learning new things, that we should explore new experiences, that we are never "fully formed." True for Jesuits, and true for everyone. We have an obligation to not just be open to new growth but in fact to pursue it. We may graduate from school; we never graduate from life. Some people feel that heaven will be a state of continually coming to new understandings about God for all eternity.

Children go to school and attend CCD classes. They have parents who love them and make sure that they are involved in the process of learning and growing. But adults are often better at taking care of their children than taking care of themselves. When was the last time you read a book about contemporary ethical issues? When did you last read the life of a saint, or attend a discussion on a theological issue? What have you done to increase your faith life recently? You cannot teach your children if you do not know about things yourself.

Summer is a time when the rhythm changes. Many people go away for longer or shorter period, life is slower, activities and distractions are fewer and there is more "free time." Some will be traveling to places where access to religious bookstores is easy and material is available. Let me suggest that these months in between is a good time to do something for your own spiritual life. Spend extra time in prayer. Read some books. If you're not sure where to start, have you ever read the Bible? All the way through? You can skim some of the lists and genealogies, but there are some great stories you may discover aren't exactly as you think you remember them.

Wherever you are this "summer," and whatever else you are doing, make time for yourself – and God – and open yourself to new growth in your faith.

After the summer, we will start to talk about First Communion class (don't anticipate, no one will be admitted until we make the announcement, and the first step is for the parents to have a meeting with me), we may have candidates for Confirmation, and I would like to see about creating an adult group, maybe a Book Club format where we can read and discuss books or articles or documents. But don't wait for me. Use the time to increase your own knowledge and strengthen your own faith.

God bless you – if I don't see you before you take off, safe travels – and do something good for yourself today. You deserve it.

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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.