



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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14th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Music for The 15th Sunday of Ordinary Time – July 15/16

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Here I Am Lord

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

Blessed Be God

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

AGNUS DEI *(Latin)*

COMMUNION

I Am the Bread of Life

RECESSIONAL

Sing to the Lord

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 family members who have died

For Marissa, undergoing treatment

For a woman concerned about her daughter and her grandchildren

For the safety of all those who are traveling

For Colleen, who is in great pain unable to find relief

For a woman waiting a diagnosis.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

July 9 – 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2nd Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

July 12 – Fr. John returns to Amman

July 25 – Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, Founder of the Jesuits

August 1 – First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 Mass

Memorial – St. John Vianney, patron saint of priests

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (takes precedence over the Sunday Mass)

August 10 – Feast of St. Lawrence, Deacon and martyr

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation – Mass at 8:30 AM and 6 PM at the Jesuit Center

August 22 – Memorial of the Queenship of Mary

August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist

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 JULY

Lapsed Christians

That our brothers and sisters who have strayed from the faith, through our prayer and witness to the Gospel, may rediscover the merciful closeness of the Lord and the beauty of the Christian life.



Ministry Assignments for 16th Sunday of Ordinary Time, July 15/16

| Ministry | Mary of Nazareth | Jean Baptiste de LaSalle | Notes or Special Events |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Coordinator | Donna Naber | | |
| Hospitality 1 ¹ | | | |
| Hospitality 2 | | | |
| Leader of Song | | | |
| Lector 1 ² | Paul David | | |
| Lector 2 | Irene Adhiambo | | |
| <i>Lector 3</i> | Donna Naber | | |
| Offertory Gifts | Darby Family | | |
| Collection 1 | | | |
| Collection 2 | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
| Altar Server | Alexie Filonia | | |

The Precepts of the Church

The Catechism of the Catholic Church lists 5 precepts. The last two are included elsewhere in the catechism but are not listed as precepts. They are equally important.

I. To attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and resting from servile works.

II. To observe the days of abstinence and fasting.

III. To confess our sins to a priest, at least once a year.

IV. To receive Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist at least once a year during Easter Season.

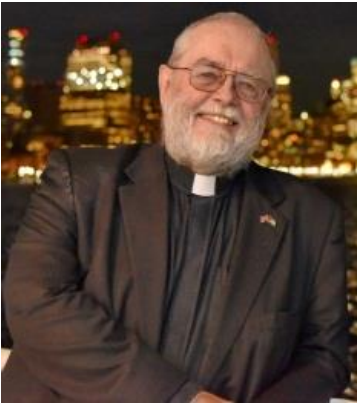
V. To contribute to the support of the Church.

To obey the laws of the Church concerning Matrimony.

To participate in the Church's mission of Evangelization of Souls.
(Missionary Spirit of the Church)

RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR



Last week in the United States there were the usual annual celebrations of the 4th of July, American Independence Day. It marks the anniversary of the proclamation of the Declaration of Independence in 1776 and is the occasion of family picnics, trips to the beach and amusement parks, and every city, town and village has a fireworks display.

A good friend of mine has a large tract of land outside Washington, DC. For many years he worked for the Washington Post and has written several books. Each year he would host a large party on the 4th of July, with a huge barbecue and many invited guests. He had a large fireworks display but before the pyrotechnics started, he did a very dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence, I sang the National Anthem, and just as I was finishing, the first sky rocket would burst into color and noise. It was always an exciting moment.

Each year, there would be people present who had never read the Declaration, and found hearing the words to be a moving experience. Some of the key phrases are familiar (“Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” is perhaps the best-known) but many people don’t know that it also lists in detail the reasons for advocating the separation from Great Britain. It is a very concrete and beautifully-written document.

One of the things that stand out for me is the emphasis on God. That phrase about “life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness” comes after “We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are...” God is present throughout the Declaration and was just as present in the lives and thoughts of the founders of this new country. Do I need to say that God should be just as present in whatever we do, however we live?

The other thing that strikes me is that the Declaration is clear about the corresponding responsibility that comes with the listing of rights. The rights that come from God also have responsibilities. The same thing is true about being a Catholic. We have extraordinary gifts and blessings and privileges as members of the Catholic Church, but they came with corresponding responsibilities. We have the obvious obligations of following the teachings of Christ and the Ten Commandments but we have additional obligations with regard to the Church. They are listed on the page above. Five are listed as formal Precepts in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, and the other two are included in other sections of the *Catechism*.

God’s greatest gift to us is perhaps freedom, the independence to be able to walk away from God. We choose to follow Christ freely and we accept the responsibilities that go with it. It is always our choice. But when we choose to be members of the Catholic Church, that means we accept the teachings of the Church, and commit ourselves to following them.

St Ignatius encouraged us to “Find God in all things.” It’s easy to find God in nature or when things go well. But we must also find God in the responsibilities of being a Catholic and living our faith.

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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.