



HEARTBEAT

News Notes and Inspiration

For the People of Sacred Heart Parish

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August 5/6 2017

FEAST OF THE TRANSFIGURATION

Music for The 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time – August 12/13

Suggestions for Hymns

are always welcome

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

ENTRANCE HYMN

Be Not Afraid

ALLELUIA (Gaelic)

OFFERTORY

Blest Are You Lord God of All

Creation

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

AGNUS DEI (*Latin*)

COMMUNION

One Bread, One Body

RECESSIONAL

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name



PRAYER INTENTION OF THE HOLY FATHER FOR AUGUST

For Artists

That artists of our time, through their ingenuity,
may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.

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 Paul undergoing cancer rehab therapy

For family members who have died

For Caijul who is fighting cancer

For a woman concerned about her daughter
and her grandchildren

For Ray who has moved into hospice

For all expectant mothers in our parish

For the safety of all who are traveling

For a man who will undergo surgery

For Colleen, unable to find relief from pain

CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

August 5/6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord (precedence over Sunday Mass)

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

August 12/13 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

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

Lector Training workshop, 7:30 PM at the Jesuit Center

August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 25 - Lector Training workshop, 10:00 AM at the Jesuit Center

August 28 - Lector Training workshop, 7:30 PM at the Jesuit Center

August 30 - Lector Training workshop, 7:30 PM at the Jesuit Center

August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist

September 1 - 1st Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass

September 6 – Singing with Father John, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – Tuesday, September 19 – Meeting of parents of First Communion candidates for 2018 at 7:00 PM at the Jesuit Center. Only one parent need attend, Baptismal certificate needed for admission to the program. Details to follow.

On Saturday, October 21, we will have a special Mass to celebrate and honor all Alumni of Jesuits schools, anywhere in the world. Anyone who attended a Jesuit school or a certificate program is most welcome. There will be reserved seating for alumni and a reception after Mass. Additional details to follow.

PLEASE REGISTER!!!

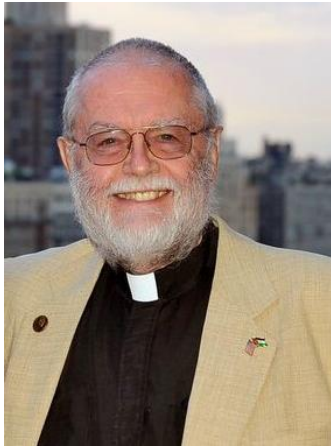
There are usually registration slips at the back of the Church. There are four ways to register:

- 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.

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Ministry Assignments for 19th Sunday of Ordinary Time, August 12/13

| 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 | Paul David | Kathleen Euler | |
| Lector 2 | Rhonza Khoury | Dr. Barbara | |
| Lector 3 | Marty Haddadin | | |
| Offertory Gifts | Lamond Family | | |
| Collection 1 | | | |
| Collection 2 | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
| Eucharistic Min. | | | |
| Altar Server | Austin Pulickal | | |
| Altar Server | Athan Pulickal | | |



RAMBLINGS

FROM THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I remember the first time I realized that the Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord was the same day that the first atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima in Japan. It was like the first time, as an adult, I really heard the Old Testament reading about Moses holding up the bronze image of the snake, so that anyone who looked on it would be cured of their snake bite. When I started singing as Cantorial soloist at a Jewish Temple, I realized how similar to the Catholic Mass the Friday Shabbat service was.

In each case, I had this sense that God was taking part in this world. I felt that these were more than simple coincidences but were signs that God would, on occasion, get directly involved. In the years since then, I have increasingly come to believe that, while respecting our free will, our ability to say “No” and turn away, God still gives us little nudges, moments of grace, if we are open enough to see them.

Of course, the reality in our lives is that while God will sometimes give us those moments of grace, more frequently, it is up to us to create them. Rather than creating an event, God gives us the impulse to do something, to get involved – to help someone, to start something, to try something new. These are urges we should pay attention to. Sometimes they may just be our better nature, but sometimes they might be another gentle nudge from God.

So pay attention to the world around you, and be alert for those moments when you might just see the hand of God at work, or feel a gentle nudge in your life. The more you look, the more you will see.

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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.

SIMPLE SINGING SESSIONS

Three Sessions of Singing



Starting on Wednesday, September 6 and going for three weeks (September 6, 13 and 20) there will be an informal meeting of anyone who wants to get together and sing. We will work on basic vocal technique, blending voices, and simple harmonies and rounds. The idea is to get together and sing for fun. No commitment, no obligation. Ability to read music not necessary. Desire to sing a bonus. If anyone thinks, “Oh I can’t sing” come and see. I might be able to help you discover you CAN sing, and if you already sing, you might find ways to sing better.

We will meet at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, and we will start around 7 PM. I’ll be there by 6:30 PM if anyone wants to come earlier and warm up or ask questions or just sit in the air conditioning. I’ll provide the music – bring your voice.

The Feast of the Transfiguration seems to be an appropriate time to begin the conversation about the transfiguration of our Parish and our Church communities. Below are some upcoming dates and events to start the process.

In the past, it seems that participation in many of the services, especially those connected with our weekly worship, were somewhat “informal,” with members pressed into service or volunteering at the last minute. Because we are a community where many of our members are in transition over longer or shorter periods of time, it is sometimes difficult to organize volunteers on a regular basis, and there have been some truly heroic efforts in the past. I would hope we can become more focused and prepared.

LECTORS

The Lector is entrusted with proclaiming the Word of God at Mass and other public celebrations. This year we will have a required Workshop at the beginning of the year, with additional classes as needed throughout the year. In addition to the technical dimension of proclaiming the readings, Lectors should regularly pray with the readings. This ministry is open to all who are in Grade 10 and above. The Lector is an established ministry in the Church, and so those who take and pass the course will be officially recognized at Mass. Even those who have been reading in the past are asked to please come and take the workshop if they wish to continue this ministry.



A workshop for Lectors will be held on

Tuesday, August 22, at 7:30 PM SHARP at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi, Jabal Hussein

Friday, August 25 at 10 AM SHARP at the Jesuit Center (*Feast of St. Genesius, patron of actors*)

Monday, August 28 at 7:30 PM SHARP at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi, Jabal Hussein

Wednesday, August 30, at 7:30 PM SHARP at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi, Jabal Hussein

Topics will include (but are not necessarily limited to) – Praying with Scriptures – Giving Meaning to the words – Using your voice – how to use a microphone – Presence, Posture and Personality.

It is necessary to only attend one of the sessions but members must be present for the whole session. Please call or (even better) email Fr. John to indicate which workshop you will be attending, so we can have materials for all who attend. If you can attend none of these workshops but would still like to be considered, let us know so we can add your name to a list for future workshops. Workshop will run approximately two hours, depending on the number of people present.

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In the weeks to come, workshops and special training will be announced for Ministers of Hospitality, teachers in the catechism program (if it turns out there is a need), Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, Altar Servers and those interested in serving on a Liturgy Planning Committee, to help plan in advance the Eucharistic and other celebrations. As always if there are areas where you think there is a need that has not been mentioned, please step and make your voice heard.

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ENGLISH MASS SCHEDULE

Monday to Saturday – 8:30 AM – Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

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

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.