

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Week of October 7/8, 2017 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

## FOR OCTOBER

### **Workers and the Unemployed**

That all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights, and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

### **OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER**

*Feel free to share you special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.*

For victims of natural disasters and violence  
For a small girl recovering from heart surgery  
For family members who have died  
For all those looking for work  
For a woman concerned about her  
daughter and her grandchildren

In thanksgiving for the birth of a granddaughter to Zeina Fisher on her own birthday

For those working for faith and justice  
For Fr McChesney's brother who is very ill  
For the safety of all who are traveling  
For Sana Dababneh, recovering from a fall  
For those making critical life decisions  
For all expectant mothers in our parish

### **Weekly rosary at DeLaSalle before the Sunday Mass**

October is one of two months during the year specially dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. In October, each Sunday before Mass at DeLaSalle Church, those who wish may gather to recite the Rosary. All are welcome to take part in this particular devotion to our Blessed Mother. The starting time will depend on when the Mass before ours gets out, usually around 5:45.

### **CATECHISM FOR CHILDREN?**

Last call for expressions of interest for a catechism program for children not preparing for First Communion, for Confirmation candidates and perhaps for a Children's Liturgy of the Word during Mass. If you are interested, and/or are willing to be a teacher, contact Fr. John. In this case, silence will NOT imply consent.

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

### **October 8 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION AT DE LASALLE CHURCH**

October 9 - Minister of Hospitality workshop, 7-8:30 PM Jesuit Center

October 13 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the miracle at Fatima

Lector Workshop – 1-3PM at the Jesuit Center

### **October 14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION AT SWEIFIEH**

October 17 – Eucharistic Minister Workshop (A) 7-9 PM at the Jesuit Center

October 18 – Feast of St. Luke, Evangelist

October 20 – Fr. Linden returns from the U.S.

**October 21 – Mass Honoring All Jesuit Alumni from schools and programs around the world**

October 23 – Lector Workshop 7-9 PM at the Jesuit Center

October 27 – Eucharistic Minister workshop (A), 1-3 PM at the Jesuit Center

October 28/29 – Narrated Mass in both sites

October 28 – Feast of Ss. Simon and Jude, Apostles

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints – Mass at 8:30 AM and 6 PM at the Jesuit Center

November 1 – Father John away on retreat until November 10

November 2 – All Souls' Day

November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

### **November 11/12 – SECOND COLLECTION in each Church**

November 14 – Eucharistic Minister workshop (B) 7-9 PM (Must have attended workshop A)

November 16 – Fr. Robert McChesney arrives in Amman

November 17 - Eucharistic Minister workshop (B) 1-3 PM (Must have attended workshop A)

## **SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING WORKSHOPS**

### **LECTOR TRAINING WORKING –**

Friday, October 13 – 1 PM to 3:00 PM (*probably less*)

Monday, October 23 – 7 PM – 9:00 PM (*probably less*)

### **EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST –**

SESSION A – Tuesday October 17, 7-9 PM

OR Friday, October 27, 1-3 PM

**AND**

SESSION B – Tuesday, November 14, 7-9 PM

OR Friday, November 17, 1 to 3 PM

If you want to participate in one or more of these ministries but cannot make the workshops at the times scheduled, LET FR. JOHN KNOW! You are probably not the only one, and we will try to find a better time.

Don't give up easily.

**MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY –** Monday, October 9 – 7-8:30 PM

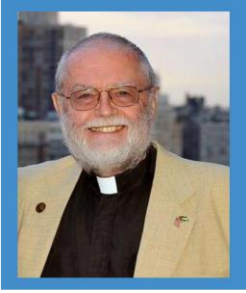
**HELPING WITH SPECIAL PROJECTS –** To sign up, contact Fr. John and he will put you in touch with the right people.

**ALTAR SERVER –** The privilege of serving at the altar does require both knowledge and training, and the workshop is for those who have been serving as well as those who wish to begin. Servers can be of any age. If you are interested, contact Fr. John to see when a workshop can be arranged.

**CASUAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR –** An announcement will be made at Mass this weekend.

**OTHER -** If there is a special skill you have, or a special interest that has not been listed above,

PLEASE contact Fr. John and we will see if we can find ways in which you may be a service as well.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I am of an age where the announcement of a friend dying has become an unfortunately regular occurrence. It is especially arresting when it is someone younger than I. As I was reflecting on this the other day, I realized that my reaction to a death tends to fall into one of three categories – active sorrow, regret for lost opportunity and nostalgia, and passing regret.

Certainly when a close friend dies, someone with whom I have regular contact and with whom I continue to share things, I feel the loss most deeply. When someone dies who was a friend at one point but whom I have not seen in a while, or kept up with except for an occasional birthday or Christmas card, I feel the loss of missed opportunity, sorrow that we were not closer during the years. And nostalgia for the times in the past when we did spend time together and share things. And then, to be honest, there are people who die that I knew, but with whom I have not kept in contact. I feel for their families and loved ones, but I have to admit that their passing will not change anything in my life, that their absence will not really be noticed.

As I was wandering down this lane of recollection, I wondered – what if the Church disappeared? How would people react if there were no Church, no Mass, no priest around? And I suspect the reactions of most would fall into one of those same three categories – a deep personal loss, a sense of regret and nostalgia for what had been but a relationship that was more memory than an active part of our lives, and then – and I fear for too many – a passing notice but the loss of the Church would not mean much of a change in their lives. For some, it might even be a relief that they would no longer have to fit that additional item into an already busy schedule.

Where do you fit? What would be your honest reaction if the Church were to disappear?

Jesus promised that the Church would survive until the end of days. That does not mean that the presence of the Church in a given community is guaranteed. In many countries, those who wish to conquer first control the media, then eliminate the government, and then wipe out the Church – Christianity in general but usually the Catholic Church in particular, in any place where it is strong.

What does it mean to have a “strong” Church? For me, it means a Church where the people are active, working together to live out Christ’s teachings. Not simply coming to a weekly Mass – although that is important – but participating in the life of the Parish and its works, both inside the Church building and outside. That is a Church that not only strengthens faith but influences the wider community, a Church that lives the teachings of Jesus Christ, a Church that hearkens back to the early days of our faith when people wanted to join this new group because they saw “how they loved one another.”

So how would you feel if the Church “disappeared?” What kind of Church do you want to be a part of? Let us continue to pray for one another.

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Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message on the voicemail.)

**Website:** [jordanesuits.org](http://jordanesuits.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 request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.

## Mass Schedule:

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday to Saturday	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

## Parish Registration

There is a **NEW** registration form. There are **2 ways** to register:

1. Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. This is the best and the easiest.
2. Fill out the registration form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr. John or the presiding priest.

You can also send Fr. John an email or check in at the parish Facebook page (Parish Group)

## MUSIC FOR THE 27<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – October 14/15, 2017

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	All Creatures of Our God and King
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	Yahweh, I Know You Are Near
<i>Holy, Acclamation, Amen "Let all that is within me..."</i>	
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis/dona nobis pacem</i>	
Communion Hymn	One Bread, One Body
Recessional Hymn	Sing to the Mountains

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 28<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY – October 14/15, 2017

MINISTRY	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste De La Salle
Coordinator	Martian Karmandarian	
Lector 1	Irene Adhiambo	
Lector 2	Paul David	
Lector 3	Marian Karmandarian	
Offertory Gifts	Pulickal Family	
Collection		
Collection		
Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer Needed	NA
Altar Server		NA
Altar Server		NA



## *Sacred Heart Parish - Vicariate of Amman* (English-Language)

### **A Ministry of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits)**

The Jesuit Center – 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

PO Box 212074 Amman 11121 Jordan

Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ - Pastor



**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 21**  
**ST. MARY OF NAZARETH**  
**CHURCH**

**SWEIFIEH – 5 pm**

**6 pm - RECEPTION AFTER**  
**MASS**

<http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/sweifieh-church/> for  
directions to the church

All Jesuit graduates, past students and friends of the Jesuits are invited to join in a celebration of the work of the Society of Jesus in education around the world. Anyone who has attended a Jesuit school or a Jesuit organization, who has sent children, who is a “fan” of the Jesuits is welcome. It is an opportunity for us all to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Sacred Heart Parish joins with parishes around the world in recognizing those who have experienced the Jesuit approach, and we invite all to join us in this weekend celebration.

**PLEASE REGISTER!** Let us know you are coming, since Jesuit Alumni and Friends will have reserved seating in the Church, and we would like to include your school or organization in the Mass program for the day. We don't need your phone # or your email, you will not be put on a mailing list (unless you would like to be) but we do need to have a sense of how many people we might expect for the Mass and for the reception. And we **DO** want to be able to list your school or the place where you encountered the Jesuits.

Please send your registrations and school information to:

[PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org) or Text to 079 013-8985

**Please help share the news of this event at your embassy, your school, your workplace, your gym or wherever you socialize. It is surprising how many people have an attachment to a Jesuit school, and we want to be sure to include those schools and invite those people.**



“Only God can  
judge me”

-actual translation-

“shut up so I can  
sin in peace”

God grant me the  
serenity to accept the  
people I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the one I can, and the  
wisdom to know it's me.

Author unknown, variation of an excerpt from "The Serenity

