

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Week of October 21/22, 2017 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

FOR OCTOBER



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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.

Video Link: <https://youtu.be/Csr1ZgYSZss?list=PLTroqZcBkue16MMgzz9LKRp-W1biit5sp>

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 the repose of the soul of Marty Haddadin's mother
For family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family

For those working for faith and justice
For Fr McChesney's brother who has died
For the safety of all who are traveling
For Sana Dababneh, recovering from a fall
For those making critical life decisions

NOVEMBER – REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DECEASED

During the month of November, the names of family and friends who have gone to God will be placed on the altar at the daily Masses at the Jesuit Center and for the weekend Masses and they will be remembered at each Mass. Memorial slips are available as you leave Mass, or on the last page of this Newsletter. You may also send names by email and they will be included in the Memorial Box on the altar. A contribution for this remembrance is NOT necessary, but always welcome.

MASS NEXT WEEKEND – Mass next weekend will be a little different. I will introduce the celebration by reviewing many of the elements of the Mass, and during the Mass I will occasionally comment during the Mass to explain why something is done, what it represents and where it came from. I would urge all to try and be early, since the opening minutes are particularly important.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

October 27 – DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS – Clocks move back one hour

October 27 - English Mass at Church of the Annunciation, Jabal Luweibde (12 Noon)

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

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

October 28/29 – Narrated Mass in both sites

October 29 - English Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Jabal Amman - 11:30 AM

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

November 17 - English Mass at Church of the Annunciation, Jabal Luweibde (12 Noon)

November 18 - Children's Mass at Sweifieh. Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ Principal Celebrant and Homilist

November 19 - English Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Jabal Amman - 11:30 AM

November 21 – Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 22 – Memorial of St Cecilia, patron of music

November 25 – Begin the Novena to St. Francis Xavier

November 25/26 – Solemnity of Christ the King

November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

December 2/3 – First Sunday of Advent

December 9/10 – Second Collection in both Churches

15 – English Mass at Church of the Annunciation, Jabal Luweibde (12 Noon)

16-24 Christmas Novena

17 – English Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Jabal Amman - 11:30 AM

23 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Sweifieh

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING WORKSHOPS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST –

SESSION A – Friday, October 27, 1-3 PM

AND

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

OR Friday, November 17, 1 to 3 PM

(Candidates must participate in both A & B –
additional workshops will be scheduled)

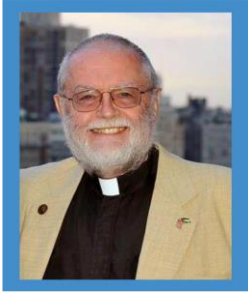
ALTAR SERVER – The privilege of serving at the altar does
require both knowledge and training, and the workshop is

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.

OTHER - Preliminary meetings have been scheduled for those interested in forming a youth group in the
parish, and those interested in projects to help the poor in our community. If you would like to participate
in either of these, contact Fr. John.

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.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This is a busy weekend. We have the Mass for Jesuit Alumni and Friends, and the universal Church celebrates World Mission Day. The Pope's message for this special and important celebration is included in this week's HEARTBEAT.

Our two celebrations tie these events together because one of the great missions of the Society of Jesus – and as the Holy Father emphasizes a mission of the Church – is education. When I was a Novice, one of my brother Novices said about a possible assignment that he had been a teacher before entering, so he didn't think that would be of great value to him. Our Novice Master asked, "But have you ever taught as a Jesuit?" His point was that when a Jesuit teaches, it should be something different. A Jesuit should bring something special to the classroom, whether he is teaching religion or science or mathematics. I would suggest that the same could be said – should be said of a Catholic. A Catholic teacher should somehow be different, special. I'm not suggesting that religion becomes part of a mathematics lesson. But the respect for the person, the vision of God that we should try to see in each human being, the presence of God in all aspects of life – that can change how a teacher approaches both the subject and the student. I suspect that many Jesuit alumni could speak eloquently to their experience of Jesuit education, and why it is special to them. In conversations I have had over the years, "the Jesuits" is the single element most-often mentioned as what is special about Jesuit education, whether as teachers or counselors or as friends.

I will not repeat the Holy Father's message – I would encourage you to take the time to read it. Much of what he says applies to us who have gone forth from our home countries, our "comfort zones," to be with and interact with and share with people of other cultures, other histories and other faiths. Our call is not to convert but rather to share, in the same way the Good Samaritan shared his concern with a stranger. Find yourself in the words of Pope Francis, and then ask yourself, "Now what?" Where does this message on this special weekend lead you as you look at your current life in this place, at this time?

In response to a number of people indicating a need to learn more about our faith and our customs as a Church, next week we will have what I have called a "narrated Mass." Before the formal start and during the Mass itself, I will be explaining the history and tradition of many of the elements of the Mass. In November (date to be announced) I will host a "Catholic Q&A," an informal gathering where any question can be raised, any topic introduced. If you have always wanted to know "Why" – whether a custom, a teaching of the Church, a moment in history – this will give you the opportunity to ask. If I do not know the answer, I promise you I will look it up and get back to you.

Fr. McChesney's arrival has been postponed until January, so he can spend some time with his family after the death of his brother. I will be away from November 1 until 10 on retreat. I will be praying for you, and I would ask you to remember me in your prayers during those days. Before I leave I hope to have something concrete to report about Care for the Poor projects, a Casual Christmas Choir, perhaps a Youth Group and a Christmas pageant for children.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray for one another.

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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 30TH SUNDAY – October 28/29, 2017

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	No Opening Hymn
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	No Offertory Hymn
<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	Amazing Grace
Recessional Hymn	Let Us Build the City of God (Depends on time)

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 30TH SUNDAY – October 28/29, 2017

MINISTRY	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste De La Salle
Coordinator	Donna Naber	Barbara Burgan
Lector 1	Ian Hopkins	
Lector 2	Kelly Connors	Stephanie Madzey
Lector 3	Donna Naber	Barbara Burgan
Offertory Gifts	Jude Family	
Eucharistic Minister	Jett Lagado	Volunteer Needed
Altar Server	Austin Pulickal	NA
Altar Server	Athan Pulickal	NA
Collection	Sawsan Al Nimri	Philomena Perera
Collection	Maria Solomon	

**MESSAGE OF POPE FRANCIS
FOR WORLD MISSION DAY 2017
*Mission at the heart of the Christian faith***

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Once again this year, World Mission Day gathers us around the person of Jesus, “the very first and greatest evangelizer” (Paul VI, *Evangelii Nuntiandi*, 7), who continually sends us forth to proclaim the Gospel of the love of God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. This Day invites us to reflect anew on the *mission at the heart of the Christian faith*. The Church is missionary by nature; otherwise, she would no longer be the Church of Christ, but one group among many others that soon end up serving their purpose and passing away. So it is important to ask ourselves certain questions about our Christian identity and our responsibility as believers in a world marked by confusion, disappointment and frustration, and torn by numerous fratricidal wars that unjustly target the innocent. What is the *basis* of our mission? What is the *heart* of our mission? What are the *essential approaches* we need to take in carrying out our mission?

Mission and the transformative power of the Gospel of Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life

1. The Church’s mission, directed to all men and women of good will, is based on the transformative power of the Gospel. The Gospel is Good News filled with contagious joy, for it contains and offers new life: the life of the Risen Christ who, by bestowing his life-giving Spirit, becomes for us the Way, the Truth and the Life (cf. *Jn* 14:6). He is the *Way* who invites us to follow him with confidence and courage. In following Jesus as our *Way*, we experience *Truth* and receive his *Life*, which is fullness of communion with God the Father in the power of the Holy Spirit. That life sets us free from every kind of selfishness, and is a source of creativity in love.

2. God the Father desires this existential transformation of his sons and daughters, a transformation that finds expression in worship in spirit and truth (cf. *Jn* 4:23-24), through a life guided by the Holy Spirit in imitation of Jesus the Son to the glory of God the Father. “The glory of God is the living man” (Irenaeus, *Adversus Haereses* IV, 20, 7). The preaching of the Gospel thus becomes a vital and effective word that accomplishes what it proclaims (cf. *Is* 55:10-11): Jesus Christ, who constantly takes flesh in every human situation (cf. *Jn* 1:14).

Mission and the *kairos* of Christ

3. The Church’s mission, then, is not to spread a religious ideology, much less to propose a lofty ethical teaching. Many movements throughout the world inspire high ideals or ways to live a meaningful life. Through the mission of the Church, Jesus Christ himself continues to evangelize and act; her mission thus makes present in history the *kairos*, the favourable time of salvation. Through the proclamation of the Gospel, the risen Jesus becomes our contemporary, so that those who welcome him with faith and love can experience the transforming power of his Spirit, who makes humanity and creation fruitful, even as the rain does with the earth. “His resurrection is not an event of the past; it contains a vital power which has permeated this world. Where all seems to be dead, signs of the resurrection suddenly spring up. It is an irresistible force” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 276).

4. Let us never forget that “being Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a Person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction” (Benedict XVI, *Deus Caritas Est*, 1). The Gospel is a Person who continually offers himself and constantly invites those who receive him with humble and religious faith to share his life by an effective participation in the paschal mystery of his death and resurrection. Through *Baptism*, the Gospel becomes a source of new life, freed of the dominion of sin, enlightened and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Through *Confirmation*, it becomes a fortifying anointing that, through the same Spirit, points out new ways and strategies for witness and accompaniment. Through the *Eucharist*, it becomes food for new life, a “medicine of immortality” (Ignatius of Antioch, *Ad Ephesios*, 20, 2).

5. The world vitally needs the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Through the Church, Christ continues his mission as the *Good Samaritan*, caring for the bleeding wounds of humanity, and as *Good Shepherd*, constantly seeking

out those who wander along winding paths that lead nowhere. Thank God, many significant experiences continue to testify to the transformative power of the Gospel. I think of the gesture of the Dinka student who, at the cost of his own life, protected a student from the enemy Nuer tribe who was about to be killed. I think of that Eucharistic celebration in Kitgum, in northern Uganda, where, after brutal massacres by a rebel group, a missionary made the people repeat the words of Jesus on the cross: “My God, My God, why have you abandoned me?” as an expression of the desperate cry of the brothers and sisters of the crucified Lord. For the people, that celebration was an immense source of consolation and courage. We can think too of countless testimonies to how the Gospel helps to overcome narrowness, conflict, racism, tribalism, and to promote everywhere, and among all, reconciliation, fraternity, and sharing.

Mission inspires a spirituality of constant exodus, pilgrimage, and exile

6. The Church’s mission is enlivened by a spirituality of *constant exodus*. We are challenged “to go forth from our own comfort zone in order to reach all the peripheries in need of the light of the Gospel” (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 20). The Church’s mission impels us to undertake a *constant pilgrimage* across the various deserts of life, through the different experiences of hunger and thirst for truth and justice. The Church’s mission inspires a sense of *constant exile*, to make us aware, in our thirst for the infinite, that we are exiles journeying towards our final home, poised between the “already” and “not yet” of the Kingdom of Heaven.

7. Mission reminds the Church that she is not an end unto herself, but a humble instrument and mediation of the Kingdom. A self-referential Church, one content with earthly success, is not the Church of Christ, his crucified and glorious Body. That is why we should prefer “a Church which is bruised, hurting and dirty because it has been out on the streets, rather than a Church which is unhealthy from being confined and from clinging to its own security” (*ibid.*, 49).

Young people, the hope of mission

8. Young people are the hope of mission. The person of Jesus Christ and the Good News he proclaimed continue to attract many young people. They seek ways to put themselves with courage and enthusiasm at the service of humanity. “There are many young people who offer their solidarity in the face of the evils of the world and engage in various forms of militancy and volunteering... How beautiful it is to see that young people are ‘street preachers’, joyfully bringing Jesus to every street, every town square and every corner of the earth!” (*ibid.*, 106). The next Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, to be held in 2018 on the theme *Young People, the Faith and Vocational Discernment*, represents a providential opportunity to involve young people in the shared missionary responsibility that needs their rich imagination and creativity.

The service of the Pontifical Mission Societies

9. The Pontifical Mission Societies are a precious means of awakening in every Christian community a desire to reach beyond its own confines and security in order to proclaim the Gospel to all. In them, thanks to a profound missionary spirituality, nurtured daily, and a constant commitment to raising missionary awareness and enthusiasm, young people, adults, families, priests, bishops and men and women religious work to develop a missionary heart in everyone. World Mission Day, promoted by the Society of the Propagation of the Faith, is a good opportunity for enabling the missionary heart of Christian communities to join in prayer, testimony of life and communion of goods, in responding to the vast and pressing needs of evangelization.

Carrying out our mission with Mary, Mother of Evangelization

10. Dear brothers and sisters, in carrying out our mission, let us draw inspiration from Mary, Mother of Evangelization. Moved by the Spirit, she welcomed the Word of life in the depths of her humble faith. May the Virgin Mother help us to say our own “yes”, conscious of the urgent need to make the Good News of Jesus resound in our time. May she obtain for us renewed zeal in bringing to everyone the Good News of the life that is victorious over death. May she intercede for us so that we can acquire the holy audacity needed to discover new ways to bring the gift of salvation to every man and woman.

From the Vatican, 4 June 2017

Solemnity of Pentecost

FRANCIS