

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**Fourth Sunday of Advent December 22/23, 2018**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

- Dec. 22/23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, regular Mass schedule  
Dec. 24 – Vigil Mass at Sweifieh, 5 PM – Fr. Michael Linden, celebrant (Begins promptly at 5 PM)  
Dec. 25 – Mass of Christmas morning, 10 AM, Jesuit Center, Jabal Hussein.  
Dec. 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr  
Dec. 27 – Feast of St. John the Evangelist  
Dec. 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents  
Dec. 29/30 – Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph (Regular Mass schedule)  
Jan. 1 - **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**  
*Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 and 10 AM*  
Jan. 4 – First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass  
Jan. 5/6 – The Feast of the Epiphany  
Jan. 12 – First Communion class resumes  
Jan. 12/13 – The Baptism of the Lord



## **MASS SCHEDULE FOR SACRED HEART PARISH** **Christmas/New Year's 2018/19**

- SATURDAY, DECEMBER 22 – 5 PM – Mass at Sweifieh, 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 – 6 PM – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Freres Church**  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 5 PM - Mass of Christmas Vigil, Sweifieh**  
**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 25 – 10 AM, Mass of Christmas morning, Jesuit Center**  
**Regular Mass Wednesday through Saturday – 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Chapel**  
**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 29 – 5 PM Sweifieh, Mass of the Holy Family**  
**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 6 PM, Freres Church, Mass of the Holy Family**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – Mass of the Solemnity, 8:30 AM Jesuit Chapel (No Music – quiet Mass)**  
**TUESDAY, JANUARY 1 – Mass of the Solemnity, 10 AM Jesuit Chapel**

**ADVENT BASKETS** – You may bring your baskets/cans to any Mass, or to the Jesuit Center. If you want to keep your baskets until after Christmas, or even after New Year's, terrific. Just get them back to us so we can use your gifts for others.



# Pope Francis'

## MONTHLY PRAYER INTENTIONS

**In the Service of the Transmission of Faith**  
That people, who are involved in the service and the transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language that is suited to the conditions of the present times.

### The video for this month's prayer intention:

[https://youtu.be/S\\_MONMIX8Lc](https://youtu.be/S_MONMIX8Lc)

### WEB SITE

Please remember that we have a parish website at

**Shp.Jordanjesuit.org**

and on it you can get the current and back issues of HEARTBEAT, the most up to date calendar, a different version of the Rambling of Father John than appear in the HEARTBEAT and a lot of other useful information and links.

In the last month (30 days) we have had 1,201 visitors to the web site, with 4,219 visits. Most of our visitors use Google, and the most come from computers listed as being in the United States. Second are visitors from Jordan, then Germany, "unknown" – which means the computer does not display its origin, then China, the UK, France, Australia, the Russian Federation and India.

## Have YOU visited?

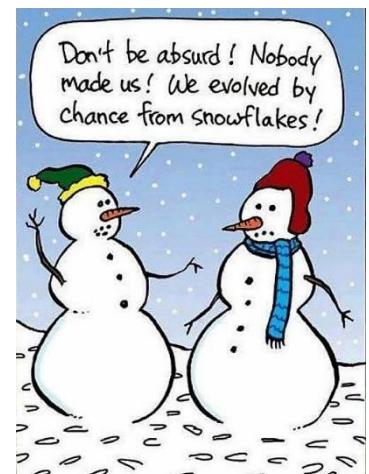
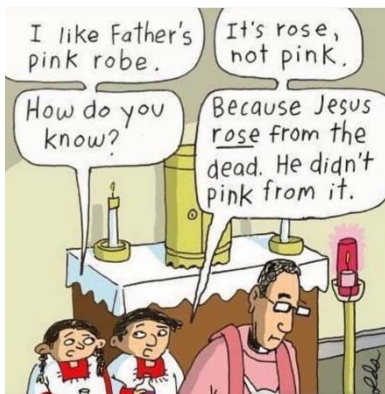
### END OF YEAR DONATIONS – IN THE US, IN JORDAN

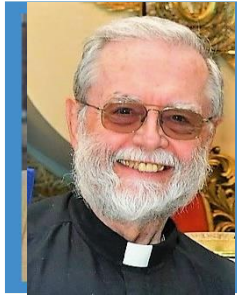
It is certainly the case that the parishioners of Sacred Heart Parish continue to be extraordinarily generous and this is not a solicitation for money. But some have asked about making donations at the end of year, so here is the information.

#### To make a US tax-deductible contribution

- 1) Make out the check to: UNE Province - Society of Jesus
- 2) Send the check to Treasurer - Society of Jesus  
39 East 83rd Street  
New York, NY 10028
- 3) **IMPORTANT** – Attach a note that this donation is for Father Sheehan and his work in Jordan.

If you are able to make a tax deduction for contributions in dinars, we have to know that the contribution is from you (ie we cannot credit what you have put into the collection basket anonymously) and we are pleased to write you a receipt for your gift. Our understanding is that in some cases this is accepted and in some cases it is challenged. If you are making a gift in the name of a company or corporation, let us know the exact wording for the acknowledgement.





# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

**IT'S HERE!!!!** Well, almost. We've prepared, we've waited, we've prayed (hopefully), we might even have done some shopping, supported a bazaar here and contributed to a worthy cause somewhere else. Children have made lists and visited Santa in different locations, in our churches decorated trees and Christmas creche scenes have appeared – and it's almost here.

Please let us remember that Christmas Day is not the end. It is not the culmination, not the conclusion, not the climax. Christmas Day is the first day of the Christmas season, and the celebrations should continue until January 6, when we celebrate Epiphany. Even more, Christmas is the celebration of the beginning of the real presence in the flesh of Jesus Christ. (He had been in the flesh since the Annunciation on March 25, but now everyone could see Him in His flesh.) It is the celebration of our Redemption, because while we celebrate the act of redemption during Holy Week and Easter Sunday, this marks the beginning of our salvation, the fulfilment of the promise God had made long before.

So as packages are unwrapped and relatives visited, as dinner are prepared and consumed, as we gather in churches and raise our voices singing Christmas carols, let us celebrate the beginning – and continue the celebration throughout the whole Christmas season.

That, of course, is also good advice for January 7<sup>th</sup>. And all the days that follow. We blithely talk about “keeping Christmas in our hearts,” or “living Christmas every day.” It's a lovely thought, but it disappears faster than grandmother's ginger cookies or Aunt Mary's candy balls. It doesn't mean we give presents every day or keep our trees up until July (although – ahem – trees SHOULD stay up until Epiphany.) It DOES mean that we should remain conscious of the presence of Jesus Christ in our daily lives – not just the church events but in everything that we do. Our salvation is not an occasional event, it is/should be part of all that we do, every day.

Don't forget to write thank you notes (I can hear my mother's voice in my ear as I write those words) and remember that it is NEVER too late to remember someone with a call, a card or a gift. Even if you had forgotten them, that you did remember is the special moment that they will treasure. (And in case you were looking for a last-minute small present, don't forget the 2019 Parish Calendars – not only attractive, but useful and they will think of you each time they use it.

Another “end of the year” item: Please register in the parish, or update your registration. We will shortly be sending in our parish statistics to the Patriarch's office in Jerusalem, so if you have not registered with the parish, please do it before December 31, so we can include you and your family in our report.

It is not just at Christmas but true all the year long - let us continue to pray for one another, and all the people we serve.

Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org)

Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

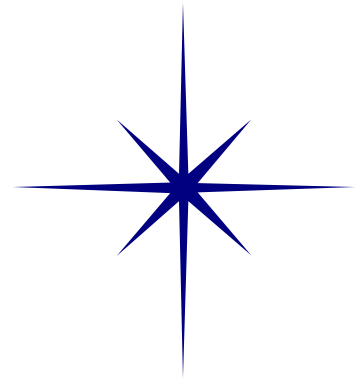
**Website:** [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)

**Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

The lady rode a donkey,  
the man walked,  
and the baby was inside the lady.  
They had to stay in a stable with an ox  
and an ass (hee-hee)  
but the Three Rich Men found them  
because a star lited the roof.  
Shepherds came  
and you could pet the sheep but not feed them.



She was five, sure of the facts,  
and recited them with slow solemnity  
convinced every word was revelation.  
She said



they were so poor  
they had only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat.  
And they went a long way from home without getting lost.

Then the baby was borned.  
And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated to silver dollars.

The baby was God.

And she jumped in the air, whirled round, dove into the sofa and  
buried her head under the cushion  
which is the only proper response  
to the Good News of the Incarnation.

