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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT March 16/17, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

March 17 – 1st Sunday of Lent; Feast of St. Patrick

Special Mass in honor of St. Patrick at 12:30 at the Jesuit Center

March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

March 20/21 - Mother's Day Bazaar in the garden at the Jesuit Center

March 21 – Mother's Day in Jordan – the 8:30 Mass will be celebrated for all mothers

March 23 – First Confessions at **3:00 PM** at St. Mary of Nazareth – All are welcome

A priest will be available for adult confessions during this time

March 23/24 – Anointing of the Sick at Both Masses

March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 29 – Daylight Savings time begins – clocks go AHEAD one hour

7 PM – ARTS IN THE GARDEN at the Jesuit Center (*Free admission – Reserved seats 10 JOD*)

For reserved seats call before March 28 at 079 679-3436

April 5 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

April 13/14 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

April 23 – Memorial of St. George

Palm Sunday and Triduum celebrations according to the posted schedule on Page 3



Pope Francis'

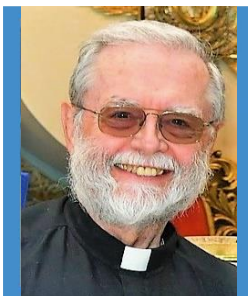
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

**The Link to the Video
accompanying the Pope's Prayer
Intention:**

Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities:

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.

<https://youtu.be/fNxx4gtZQUA>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

There's a lot going on. Mother's Day – clocks changing – Lenten observances – First Confessions next week and the Sacrament of the Sick – and we are already deep in preparation for the Holy Week Services.

But the cartoon on the right reminds me how important our mothers are, and it is not insignificant that next to Jesus, the Blessed Mother is often the intermediary for our prayers to God. We use the phrase "Holy Mother Church" and it is the only phrase that can capture the special relationship of the organization that Jesus created for us.

To be a mother is an extraordinary gift of being a woman. To bring human life into being is a daily miracle that boggles my mind. I've seen the pictures and the videos and I've been present at several births and I have no sympathy or understanding of those who can easily dismiss the unborn child and encourage its destruction.

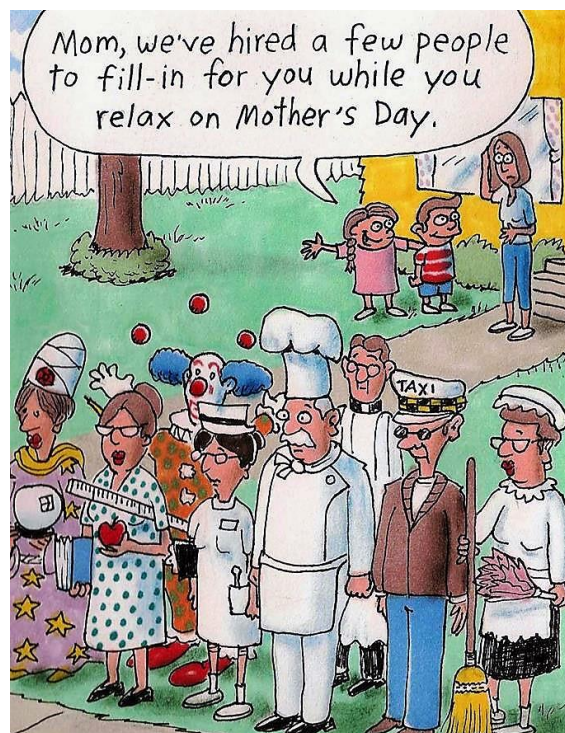
Lent is the season when we do penance, for ourselves but also for others. We are sinners and are in regular needs of God's help and grace. Next week at both the weekend Masses, we will be offering the Sacrament of the Sick, anointing. When I was growing up it was known as the Last Rites, and was administered when a person was dying. It still is, but Vatican II recognized that in the history and tradition of the Church, there is also an element of healing that is important. It can be physical healing, but it can also be spiritual or psychological healing.

The other sacrament of healing is, of course, Confession. Reconciliation. And during many of Masses during Lent, Fr. Linden will be available before Mass and during Mass up to the Offertory, for those who wish to avail themselves of this sacrament. In addition, you may always call any of the Jesuits and schedule a time for a private confession. Any time the chapel is open for private prayer, a priest – usually me – will be available for confession as well.

We also should remember to pray and sacrifice for others during these days. People we know in need, of course, but there are many in the world who need our prayers, who are – not to put too fine a point on it – purveyors of evil, actively and energetically promoting actions and causes and philosophies that are sinful. They certainly need our prayers and to have our sacrifices offered on their behalf. If one soul is saved, if one mind is changed because of our prayers, what a great thing that would be.

And as we pray for them during these days of Lent, let us most assuredly continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org Facebook: Parish Group. (Ask to be admitted)
Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.) Website: Jordanjesuits.org



LENTEN ACTIVITIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The chapel at the Jesuit Center will be open on the following days and times for private prayer. Whenever the chapel is open, Fr. John will be available for confession. You may also schedule private confession with Fr. John or any of the other Jesuits by contacting them directly.

MARCH

18 – 11 AM until 12:30

22 – 1 PM – 2:30

26 – 6 PM to 8 PM

31 – 2 PM – 4

APRIL

3 – 9 – 10:30 AM

6 – 9 – 10:30 AM

8 – 2 – 4 PM

10 – 3 – 5 PM

14 – 2 – 4 PM

19 – 9 – 10:30 AM

22 – 3 – 5 PM

24 – 10 – 11:30 AM

25 – Holy Thursday – after the evening service until 11 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried in

Procession from the de LaSalle Church to the Jesuit Chapel.

26 – 10AM – 12:30 PM

After the afternoon Good Friday Service service until 6 PM

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

APRIL 21 - PALM SUNDAY

Usual schedule for weekend Masses

APRIL 25 – HOLY THURSDAY

Mass at de LaSalle Church at 5 PM

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Jesuit Chapel

APRIL 26 – GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Service at 3 PM

APRIL 27 – HOLY SATURDAY

5 PM – Abbreviated Vigil Service at Sweifieh

TBD – Full Vigil Service at the Jesuit Center

APRIL 28 – EASTER SUNDAY

10 AM – Mass of Easter Morning at the Jesuit Center

A Proposed Day of Recollection on March 29 – Mass at 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Registration until March 25.

ADVENT BASKET PROGRAM/CARE FOR THE POOR

The Advent Basket program was an extraordinary success and thank you for your generosity. We had 78 cans signed out – at this writing 16 have not been returned but we went ahead and opened the others and the total was 2,546.57 JOD, with an average gift of 41.07 JOD. 5 cans had over 100 JOD in them and the high “can” was 171.90 JOD. In addition, we had \$181.54 US, and English pounds, Euros, Egyptian pounds, Israeli shekels, Qatar Riyals and some coins we honestly don’t know what they are but we will find out.

So far this year we have given away 50 heating units (had we been able to find the proper pots we could have done more), plus 50 boxes of food and 100 blankets. The Iftar dinner last year was a great success, so we will probably repeat that again, and are open to suggestions for other ways we can help to alleviate suffering or enhance the lives of people in this area.

Thank you for your continuing generosity and all that we are able to do for other because of it.

REMINDER – To receive the daily reflections you must request that separately. Receiving HEARTBEAT does NOT mean you automatically get the reflections.

MUSIC FOR HOLY WEEK – If there is anyone interested in being part of a small singing group to provide music for the Holy Week Services and perhaps the First Communion Mass, please get in touch with Fr. John IMMEDIATELY so we can try and put something together.

A WORD ABOUT THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Next week at both of the weekend Masses the Sacrament of the Sick will be offered to all those who feel they are in need of healing. While this could apply to everyone, the sacrament is specifically for those with serious physical, psychological, emotional or spiritual problems. Healing, of course, can take many forms, and some who are not healed physically have reported an increased feeling of peace, of a richer sense of God, of finding new meaning in the sufferings they are undergoing. There is a difference between being healed and being cured – but whatever happens, the sacrament is another invitation for God to come into your life in perhaps new and certainly richer ways. If you do not feel the need, do not feel pressured somehow to come forward. If you DO feel the need, please don't feel embarrassed about coming forward. We all need God; some at different times and others in different ways, and as Jesus so often reminded His followers, we are not supposed to judge one another. Our call is to love and support and help when we can; the judging part belongs to God.

REPORT FROM THE PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL (PAC)

The first meeting of the Parish Advisory Council was held on Tuesday evening, March 12. Even though it was technically Mardi Gras, the meeting was serious and discussed a number of different topics about parish life and activity. Among the items discussed was holding the Saturday Easter Vigil at the Jesuit Center rather than at Freres Church, beginning an adult religious education group on Tuesday evening (if interested contact Sana Dababne at: sana@dababneh.net), a catechism class for children after First Communion but not ready for Confirmation (probably start in the Fall), pilgrimages and retreats and possible Mission opportunities, and several ideas for social events including a progressive dinner, again trying to start a Hospitality ministry at the Church and looking at smaller events to help bring people together. It was a stimulating evening and hopefully some of these ideas will become reality in the near future.



MOTHER'S DAY BAZAAR

As has been the case for the last several years, Jesuit Refugee Services will be hosting a Bazaar in the garden of the Jesuit Center during the day on March 20 and 21. (The idea for the two-day event is to encourage you to buy something for your mother!) Crafts and other items will be available for sale and some of the talent of the crafts people involved is VERY impressive. Each year I have come away with lovely presents for others (and even a couple of gifts for myself!). Come and spend a little time in a beautiful setting with nice people and beautiful items. No charge for admittance.

FIRST CONFESSIONS

Our First Communion candidates will make their First Confessions next week on Saturday at 3:00 PM in the Church at Sweifieh. The public celebration of this sacrament is fairly new in the Church, and many have never attended a ceremony. All are most welcome to join the candidates and their parents. During the ceremony, Fr. Michael Linden will also be available to hear confessions of adults and others present who might wish to take advantage of this opportunity. If you cannot attend, please remember our children and their parents in your prayers.