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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 23/24, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 27 - 4:30 PM at the Royal Cultural Center - A Celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation

This feast is shared by Muslims and Christians, and this is the 2nd joint celebration



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

7 PM – 60 MINUTES 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

May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker

Labor Day holiday

May 3 – Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles – First Friday, Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass



Pope Francis'

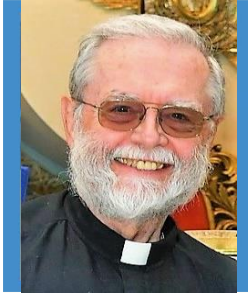
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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.

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

<https://youtu.be/fNxx4gtZQUA>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Someone recently sent me a photo of a sign posted outside the Cathedral in Baltimore in the U.S. The photo does not reproduce well, but it says:

**YOU ARE ABOUT TO PARTICIPATE
IN THE GREATEST ACT OF WORSHIP
THE WORLD HAS EVER KNOWN**

THE HOLY SACRIFICE OF THE MASS

**BE REVERENT...RESPECTFUL...
PRAYERFUL...UNBIASED AND QUIET.**

BE OPEN TO GOD'S GRACE

We can easily take our attendance at Mass for granted. We can easily forget how important and how truly miraculous this extraordinary sacrifice really is. We lose our sense of awe and wonder, we don't respond to the deeply sacred nature of this event, we respond with more reverence to public concerts or speeches or visits by "celebrities," and our attendance at Mass assumes the significance of being present at a family picnic or a cocktail party.

I know this is not true of all, and I admit that the exterior does not always reflect the interior. Sometimes, of course, the exterior does reflect the interior, and sometimes the exterior helps to set the mood – for the better, or not. But too often there is an informality that is not a sign of intimacy but rather of – well, a lack of respect. The sacred gives way to the casual and the demands of paying attention are sacrificed to the comfort of distraction. People checking their phones – sometimes even answering them – children old enough to be involved and to have a basic understanding instead with story books and water bottles and toys – the list of the exterior signs is long and worrisome.

Lent is a time of self-examination that hopefully leads to change. Let me suggest that instead of examining the obvious sins in your life, or making physical sacrifices, rather spend some time in deep thought and perhaps even prayer about the liturgy. How do you understand the Mass? How do you explain the Mass to someone else, another adult or even to a child? What does the Mass really mean in your life? Are you faithful to going to confession and careful about not receiving Communion with unconfessed sins? If you were not allowed to go to Mass, what would you do? How important would that be in your life?

During these days of Lent, let us continue to pray for one another as we move through these holy days.

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

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 service until 6 PM

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

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 at de LaSalle Church

APRIL 27 – HOLY SATURDAY

5 PM – Abbreviated Vigil Service at Sweifieh

TBA – Full Vigil Service at the Jesuit Center

APRIL 28 – EASTER SUNDAY

10 AM – Mass of Easter Morning at the Jesuit Center

The Annunciation



Salvation to all who will is nigh,
That All, which always is All everywhere,
Which cannot sin and yet all sins must bear,
Which cannot die, yet cannot choose but die,
Lo, faithful Virgin, yields himself to lie

In prison, in thy womb; and though he there
Can take no sin, nor thou give, yet he will wear
Taken from thence, flesh, which death's force may try.
Ere by the spheres time was created, thou
Wast in his mind, who is thy son, and brother,
Whom thou conceiv'st, conceived; yea thou art now
Thy Maker's maker, and thy Father's mother;
Thou hast light in dark; and shutt'st in little room,
Immensity cloistered in thy dear womb.

John Donne (1572–1631)



WEEKLY BIBLE GROUP FOR ADULTS

There is currently a group of adults that meets each week on Tuesday. We gather around 10:30 so we can begin promptly at 11 AM, and we finish at 12:30. The group does some Bible study, some shared reflection and we explore issues of liturgy, catechism, faith and all are encouraged to share their own experiences and points of view. Fr. John is the resource person, and sometimes does more formal teaching, but group Sharing and discussion is the usual format.

If there is any interest in creating a second group in the evening, for those who cannot make the morning session, and for more information and location of the morning group, please contact Fr. John or Sana Dababne at sana@dababneh.net or by calling 079 565-6844.

MARCH 29 – MIDNIGHT BECOMES 1 AM

Tonight we move the clocks ahead one hour and spring forward.



After the winter we've had, I'm all for anything with the word "spring" in it!

Don't be late for the

Concert in the Garden

On Friday night, March 29, in the Garden Theatre at the Jesuit Center, Michael Marrah and a cast of talented dancers and actors present

60 MINUTES IN THE GARDEN

The show begins at 7 PM

(Free admission – Reserved seats 10 JOD)

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Seating limited to 120 including reserved seats

