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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT March 30/31, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

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

April 13 – Light reception after Mass -come and meet your fellow parishioners

April 16 – Parish Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 PM

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

May 11/12 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 14 – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

May 18 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT SWEIFIEH – RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

May 24 – Our Lady of the Way

May 25 – Independence Day in Jordan

May 26 – Father John leaves for the US until July 4

May 30 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - A Holy Day of Obligation

May 31 – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 7 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

June 10 – Mary, Mother of the Church

June 11 – Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

June 15/16 – **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION



Pope Francis'

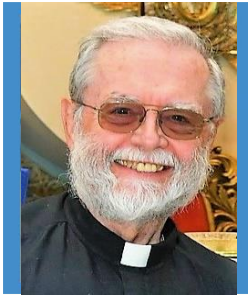
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

I am, by temperament and training, a contingency planner. I worked as a Stage Manager in theatre, I buy Christmas presents in April (I inherited that from my mother) and I am always wondering “What if...”

So forgive me if I seem to be jumping the gun by talking about Holy Week. But it is THE most important part of the Church year, and from my side it takes a lot of planning and preparation, and since we don't have the kinds of structures and organizations that are in many one-church parishes, some things are trickier, and some things simply can't happen. I am deep in both prayer and planning, and I thought it probably a good time to give the parish some information about what will be happening and when and where.

PALM SUNDAY – No change in the schedule. The local church provides us with the branches, usually olive instead of palm. I'll lay out the design of that Mass the week before, but other than the blessing of the branches and the procession, there are no great differences.

HOLY THURSDAY – The one Mass on Holy Thursday will be at the Freres Church, Jean Baptiste de LaSalle in Jabal Hussein. I have not received confirmation but probably at 5 PM. Following the Mass, at which the Washing of the Feet takes place, we will carry the Blessed Sacrament in procession through the streets down to the Jesuit Center, where it will be placed in the Altar of Repose, since the tabernacles are empty until Easter. The Chapel will be open for private prayer until 11 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY – The afternoon service – there is no Mass on Good Friday – will begin (again, subject to confirmation) at 3 PM. There is a Liturgy of the Word – Communion – and Adoration of the Cross. We reverse the last two items so that after individual adoration, people are free to remain in the Church or to leave.

EASTER VIGIL – There will be a condensed Easter Vigil at St. Mary of Nazareth at 5 PM. It is not the full vigil, but has most of the important elements. There will not be Children's Liturgy of the Word.

The full Easter Vigil will be celebrated at the Jesuit Center beginning at 8 PM. In the two years I have been here, the attendance at the Vigil has been disappointing. It is THE central act of worship in the Church Year, one of the most beautiful ceremonies the Church has – and last year I think we had 45 or 50 people present. I have heard people say they don't want to go Jabal Hussein – and in the next breath they talk about going to Mount Nebo for a dawn service. I've heard people say it's too late – but I remember as a boy, and an altar server, the Easter Vigil began at Midnight – as did the “Midnight Mass” for Christmas. I hope the change in time (which is only possible because of the change of venue) may encourage more people to make the effort.

EASTER SUNDAY – As we have done the past two years, the great Mass of Easter Sunday will be celebrated at the Jesuit Center at 10 AM. I hope that – wherever you may be for Holy Week – you will make attending these special and moving services of the Lord's Passion, Death and Resurrection a priority for you and your family.

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

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

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

8 PM – Full Vigil Service at the Jesuit Center

APRIL 28 – EASTER SUNDAY

10 AM – Mass of Easter Morning at the Jesuit Center

WEEKLY BIBLE GROUP FOR ADULTS

There is currently a group of adults that meets each week on Tuesday. We gather around 10:30 AM 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.

IT WAS A GREAT MOMENT

Despite some scheduling confusion with the church, I found the combination of First Confessions and the Sacrament of the Sick to be a very moving and in some moments inspiring combination. We have an extraordinary group of children preparing for their First Communion, and our parish should be very proud of them. Please plan on joining us for this very special day on May 18th and for the reception afterwards.

EXPLORING THE CHURCH – FOR YOUNG ADULTS

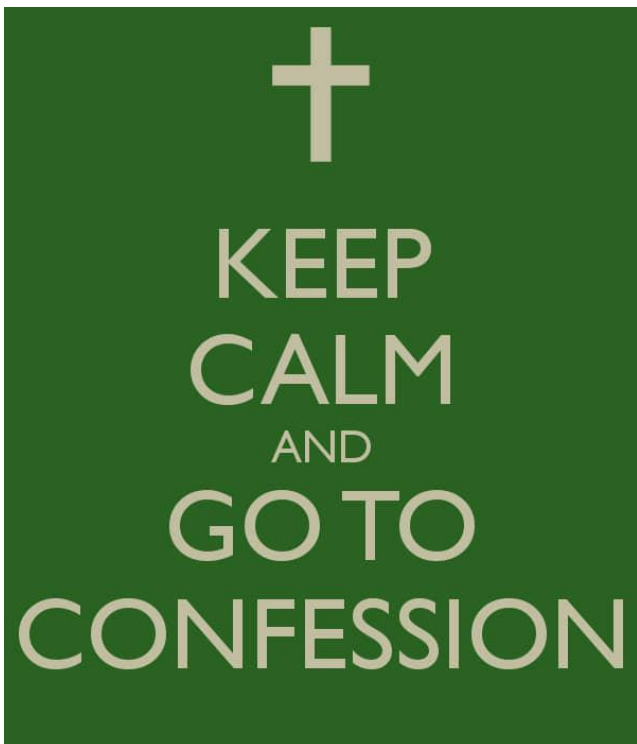
It is one of the unfortunate realities that many young people, for one reason or another, have not received a solid grounding in our faith. In response to several requests, we will be beginning an informal group of young adults – which I guess is the current term for teenagers – on Saturday morning at the Jesuit Center. I realize some have school on Saturday; if there is an interest from others who cannot make Saturday let me know. If you fit into this older teen-age/young adult age group would like to join this group, give me (Father John) a call or an email. The key word is “informal” – conversation and exploration more than “school.”

Photo of First Confessions

(Additional photographs are available on the website at the "Media" section)



Never underestimate how tricky it can be to get a picture of 16 children where you can see all their faces and all eyes are actually open.



A REMINDER

It is a Commandment of the Church that a Catholic must receive Holy Communion at least once during the Easter Season and to go to the Sacrament of Confession at least once a year. During the Sundays of Lent, Father Linden is available at the weekend Masses in the confessional. (He will NOT be available for the weekend of April 6/7.) You may also make an appointment with any of the Jesuits for confession at the Jesuit Center.

“Don’t be afraid to go to the Sacrament of Confession, where you will meet Jesus Who forgives you.”

Pope Francis

Confession is an act of honesty and courage – an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and a forgiving God.

St. Pope John Paul II