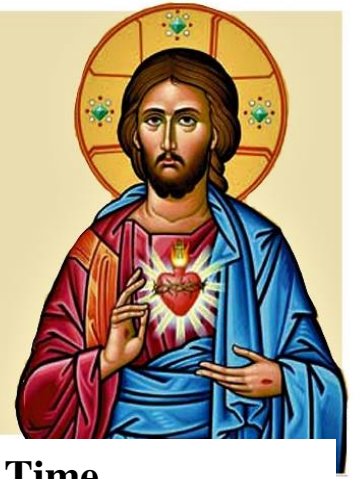


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Week of November 4/5, 2017 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time
NEXT WEEK – 2ND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR NOVEMBER

CHRISTIANS IN ASIA – That Christians in Asia, bearing witness to the Gospel in word and deed, may promote dialogue, peace, and mutual understanding, especially with those of other religions.

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 family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family
In thanksgiving for a successful diagnosis

For those working for faith and justice
For the safety of all who are traveling
For a woman suffering from cancer
For those making critical life decisions
For all those in pain

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. 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.

SCHEDULE FOR REMAINING WORKSHOPS

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST –
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)

NOVEMBER 13 – Ask Fr. John
An informal gathering where you can ask questions about the Church, the Faith, practices and traditions or anything else you want to know.
Venue to be announced.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

November 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

November 11/12 – SECOND COLLECTION in each Church

November 13 – Ask Fr. John – an open discussion about anything you want to ask about the Church, the faith, or anything that concerns you. (Venue to be announced.)

November 14 – Eucharistic Minister workshop (B) 7-9 PM (Must have attended workshop A)

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

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

3 PM – Care for the Poor meeting at Jesuit Center

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

Installation of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at both churches

November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

December 2/3 – First Sunday of Advent

December 2 - Introduction of First Communion and Confirmation candidates at Sweifieh

December 6 – St. Nicholas Day

December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

December 9/10 – Second Collection in both Churches

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

December 16-24 Christmas Novena

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

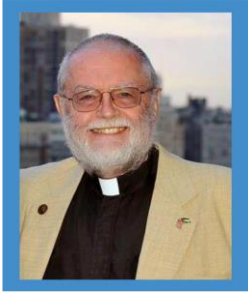
23 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Sweifieh

PARISH MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS – Anyone interested in serving the parish as a Lector, Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist (men only), Altar Server, or participating in the Youth Program, please let Fr. John know so you can be notified. See the report in this edition about joining the Care for the Poor group.

ALTAR SERVERS Boys and girls who have received First Holy Communion and who are usually (although not always) ten years of age or older who are interested in becoming an altar server, please let Fr. John know. Servers begin by observing at Mass with someone who will help explain as the action of the Mass goes on, and then serving with experienced servers.

CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, THANKSGIVING – In many parishes, there is a regular program where people can contribute to providing the flowers, the Offertory Gifts, perhaps the candle lit in front of the tabernacle, in memory of a friend or family member or in thanksgiving for some blessing received.

2018 CALENDAR – We are in the process of putting together a Parish calendar for 2018, and there are two pages that have been reserved. There are three half-pages available to advertise a business, an agency or activity, a particular project or to just indicate your support for the parish. Each half-page is 50 JD. And there is one half-page that will be for individuals to simply support the Parish and the calendar with a one-line, usually the name of an individual or a family. Those are 10 JD. There are 25 lines available. For both the advertising space and including in the support page – first come, first served.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

While I am on retreat, I will check my email once a day, so if something comes up, if you wish to volunteer for something, if you want to reserve a copy of Bishop Maroun's book – don't feel you have to wait until I return. In a real emergency I will be only about a 45 minute drive away, and I can always enlist the aid of others as needed. I will be praying for you all when I am away, and I would ask for your own prayers, both for me and especially for our parish.

The month of November begins with All Saints and All Souls, and at the end of the month we celebrate the end of the liturgical year, and prepare for Advent, the great season of recollection that leads to the Nativity of Jesus Christ. It sounds redundant, but November is a good month for remembering our family and friends who have gone to God. The names that have been submitted will be on the altar each day at every Mass during November, and you may add names at any time, either by handing in a slip on which you have written names or by sending an email with the names. In the middle of the month, on November 11, in many countries around the world, we remember the men and women who have served and died in war, and it is a good time to both remember their sacrifice and to pray for peace.

On November 13, in response to several requests, I will be hosting "Ask Father John," a gathering when you are free to raise any questions you might have about the Church, the Bible, current events – all topics are fair game. I am still trying to set the venue, so it would be a help if you could send me an email if you are planning to attend. If ten people are coming, it is a different venue than if 50 decide they would like to show up. 50 would be wonderful, but it would be GREAT help if I had some idea of what to plan for. The venue will be in next week's HEARTBEAT and on Facebook and the website as soon as I know where it will be.

November is also a time for preparing for Advent, itself a season of preparation. People talk a lot about getting ready for Christmas; it is equally important to get ready for Advent. How will you celebrate Advent with your children, your family, in your own personal life of prayer and reflection?

I know I am repeating myself from last week – but as I did for Lent, during Advent there will be a daily reflection available on the web site, at our Facebook page and to be emailed directly to those who would like to receive it. If you received the reflections during Lent, you will automatically be on the list for the Advent reflections (unless you tell me to take you off). If you would like to be added, just send me a note.

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

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Mobile: 079 013-8985

Website: Jordanjesuits.org with a link for the Sacred Heart Parish

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 32nd SUNDAY – November 11/12, 2017

| | SONG TITLE |
|---|--|
| Entrance Hymn | All Creatures of Our God and King |
| <i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i> | |
| Offertory Hymn | Blest Are You, Lord God, of All Creation |
| <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 | Here I am, Lord |
| Recessional Hymn | Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God |

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THE 32nd SUNDAY – November 11/12, 2017

| MINISTRY | Mary of Nazareth | Jean Baptiste De La Salle |
|----------------------|------------------|---------------------------|
| Coordinator | Kelly Connors | Elysa Estrada |
| Lector 1 | John Lyons | Fabio Bezerra |
| Lector 2 | Rhonza Khoury | Stephanie Madzey |
| Lector 3 | Kelly Connors | Volunteer Needed |
| Offertory Gifts | Darby Family | |
| Eucharistic Minister | Andrew Petrovich | |
| Altar Server | Bridget | NA |
| Altar Server | Alexie | NA |
| Collection | Sawsan Al Nimri | Philomena Perera |
| Collection | Maria Solomon | |

CARE FOR THE POOR

On October 27, a group of interested parishioners met to explore ways in which we as a parish might more effectively reach out and help care for some of the poor in our area. They started with a few questions:

- How do we identify “the poor” and what they really need?
- Should we be aware of existing programs and agencies, and not “re-invent the wheel?”
- Since there are many agencies and programs in Amman, should we look outside the city?
- We are a Catholic group. Should Catholics, or Christians, get priority?

In the discussion that followed, a couple of thoughts reached a consensus point with the group:

- While individual programs or projects are good, and sometimes the best way to reach a group, the ideal would be to establish a relationship with a community, or a tribe, or a group. We could get to know them more deeply and learn from their how best we might help. Sustainability was mentioned as a goal, both to keep the work alive and to provide long-range assistance.
- While we need to be careful about not seeming to proselytize or evangelize, there might be projects or efforts for which we might involve other groups, such as schools, a Rotary club or other existing organizations with which we could work. For some ideas, coordinating with JRS could be useful, since their Home Visit program provides a base of families. We would like our efforts to be accessible, so that more people can be involved. For instance, providing gifts and necessities as part of a Christmas project is a natural, but it becomes even more valuable when parish members can be part of distributing the items.

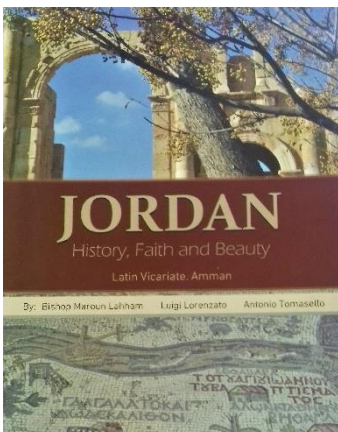
Some specific ideas were discussed, including the Dom encampment at Bayader, where heating is always an issue. Some people had experience with Fuel Efficient Stoves, and ceramic stoves – individuals volunteered to look into those in this area. One possibility was raised that if they are not locally available, perhaps we might explore helping a group to start that business. In general, helping individuals and groups to become self-sustaining is often a good strategy.

One specific project that everyone liked was the Advent Basket program, which is outlined in this newsletter.

Several of the group left with “homework” assignments. The next meeting of the group will be at the Jesuit Center on Friday, November 17 at 3 PM. Newcomers are most welcome.

If anyone has ideas, reactions or would like to “officially” join the group, please contact Kelly Connors (Email: kec3r@virginia.edu)
Or Nick Neibauer (Phone: 962 787 263 263 email: Nick.neibauer@gmail.com).

A CHRISTMAS PRESENT FOR OTHERS OR A GIFT FOR YOURSELF



Bishop Maroun has put together an extraordinary book about the history and holy places in Jordan. It is available in English, Arabic, and French, and is 10JD. Next week at Mass we will have copies of the English edition available for sale. Especially if you have friends or family outside of Jordan, it is a wonderful Christmas gift – and also a great book to have in your own home.

If you send Fr. John an email indicating you want a copy (or how many copies) you will have reserved copies at Mass. You are free to take your chances, but those with reservations are guaranteed a copy, others are first come, first served.



ADVENT BASKET - The idea is not original but seems valuable. Instead of, or in addition to the traditional Advent calendar, where a new window is opened every day, we'd like to suggest an Advent Basket.

A family – or members of a family, each with their own – or individuals, put a basket in their house and each day they put something in the basket. It could be a non-perishable food item, a toy for a child at Christmas, an article of clothing. But each day, something is added to the basket. It could become a ritual moment for a family, where everyone takes a turn putting something in or each member or each group (adults and children, boys and girls) have their own basket. Just before Christmas, all the baskets will be brought to the Church, and they will be sorted, added to as needed and distributed to needy families. Additional information (dates for dropping off your baskets, distribution schedule, etc) will be forthcoming in future issues. Suggestions are ALWAYS welcome.

Things to Remember when selecting items:

Food items that don't spoil and that are local necessities. Unusual and very "foreign" items are probably not appropriate.

Clothing should be new, or if used, like new. This is NOT an opportunity to get rid of old clothes. And in winter, clothing is especially needed, for adults and for children both.

Toys again should be new, or like new, and should NOT involve electricity or batteries. Computer games, for instance, are probably not the best idea.

CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

So far there has been no response to the idea of a Christmas pageant. Perhaps we don't have enough children, or enough interest or organization. Good ideas have a season, and perhaps that idea has had a season and now it is time for something else. I'll make a final decision when I get back from retreat but at that point there would only be four weeks. I'll keep you posted.

The Good Book by TATK

