

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**Week of November 25/26, 2017 SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING  
SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CARE FOR THE POOR PROJECTS**



*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 your 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  
For those suffering from the cold  
For the end to abortions  
For peace in the world

For those working for faith and justice  
For the safety of all who are traveling  
For a woman suffering from bone cancer  
For those preparing for sacraments  
For all those in pain  
For justice for immigrants and refugees  
For an increase in volunteers for good works

**RCIA** – AN RCIA group has been formed, so if there is anyone interested in joining the Church, whether already baptized or not, or thinking about becoming a Catholic, contact Fr. John for further information. There is no obligation or commitment involved in beginning the program.

## **AS AN EXPERIMENT**

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent and continuing through December 31, there will be a Mass on Sunday morning at 10 AM at the Jesuit Chapel. There are people who cannot make Mass on Saturday, or who simply prefer a Mass on Sunday morning. We will begin as a “quiet” Mass, with no singing. If the numbers warrant and those attending want to sing, we can certainly make that happen. We will take up the usual Second Sunday collection. After Christmas we will evaluate.

## **PREPARING FOR ADVENT** – Advent Events

Daily Advent reflections by Email or online. Sign up if you want them delivered by email  
Sunday Mass at the Jesuit Center  
Advent Day of Recollection on December 3<sup>rd</sup>  
Farewell Reception for Fr. Peter Schineller

Advent Novena Prayers – delivered or online  
Advent Basket collection

## **UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

November 25 – Begin the Novena to St. Francis Xavier

### **November 25/26 – Solemnity of Christ the King**

Special Collection to Support Flu Shot Project

Installation of Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers at both churches as needed

November 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

December 1 – First Friday, adoration at the Jesuit Chapel following the 8:30 Mass

December 2/3 – First Sunday of Advent

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

December 3 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

**December 3 – ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION, 9 AM until 3PM – Jesuit Center. Reservation required**

December 6 – St. Nicholas Day

December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

**December 9/10 – Second Collection in both Churches**

December 10 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

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

December 16-24 Christmas Novena

December 16 – Farewell Reception for Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ

December 17 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

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

December 23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent, Sweifieh, 5 pm

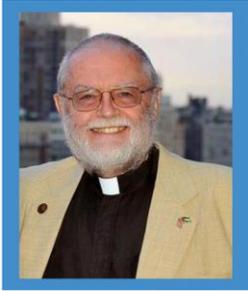
December 24 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM (*4<sup>TH</sup> Sunday of Advent*)

**CONTRIBUTIONS, DONATIONS, THANKSGIVING** – In many parishes, there is a regular program where people can contribute to providing the flowers, the Offertory Gifts, the candle lit in front of the tabernacle, in memory of a friend or family member or in thanksgiving for some blessing received. In our parish, we can accept gifts to help with our cost of printing the weekly edition of Heartbeat and the Mass Program, providing hosts at the Jesuit Chapel, as always as a way to honor or remember a friend or family member, or in the case of more significant gifts, to purchase a new vestment for celebrating Mass or adding a decoration (pre-approved) to the chapel. Contact Fr. John for further information. Mass intentions are a beautiful way to remember someone, either on a special event, like a birthday or anniversary, or to remember someone who has passed.

**2018 CALENDAR – LAST CALL** Advertising is available until Thursday, November 30. 1 half-page at 50 JD each, and support lines for 10 JD for individuals, families or organizations. There are 20 lines still available. Be a part of this parish calendar.

### **ADVENT PREPARATION DAY OF RECOLLECTION – Sunday December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

The Day of Recollection will begin at 9 AM with some points for reflection and the outline of the day. It is important that participants be on time to experience and understand the whole day. There will be time for private prayer, and Mass at 10 AM. After Mass, there will be coffee, and then a chance to review and share any graces or insights from the prayer time. There will be a short talk, some quiet time for prayer and then lunch. After lunch, there will again be a chance to share, and we will pray the rosary in common. A final session of points for prayer, prayer and sharing, and the day will close with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. There is no charge for the day (although free will offerings are always welcome but not necessary) but reservations in advance ARE required. Contact Fr. John by email, text or by phone (use the voice mail if he doesn't answer).



# RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR



Last Sunday was a special day of prayer, designated by Pope Francis for the poor of the world. I saw this cartoon and thought it wonderfully put before us the obligation we have to take care of one another. This weekend, as we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, the last Sunday before we enter into the season of Advent and prepare for the coming of the Lord, we are taking up a special collection to help our parish do precisely that – take care of the poor. A link to the Pope’s homily last Sunday is on the website and the Facebook page.

In this edition, we have a report on the 200 doses of flu vaccine that Sacred Heart Parish provided in cooperation with Jesuit Refugee Services, who identified the small children and seniors who received the free shots. There is also an expanded explanation of the Advent Basket program – and of course, if you don’t want to take part in the program, or if you are going to be leaving the area early, you can always contribute money so we can buy items to supplement the baskets. We are also working with several college students, collecting clothing they are donating as this winter season approaches. Many are expatriates, returning to their home countries at the end of the semester, and they are making room in their luggage for the return trip and contributing to the poor at the same time.

There is only so much that any one person or any one parish can do. Jesus reminded his disciples that the poor would always be with us. We cannot solve the problems of poverty but we can share what we have.

Jesus also said to “love your neighbor as yourself,” and included in that is the wise advice that we should also be taking care of ourselves. Certainly physically, but also spiritually. During the Advent season we are having a day of recollection on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, adding a Sunday morning Mass at the Jesuit Center and providing daily reflections (by email, on the web site and on the Facebook page) to help keep you in the season. The Jesuit priests are always available for confession, and if the time before Mass gets too busy, give a call and make an appointment.

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

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**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	10:00 AM	Jesuit Ctr Chapel <i>(Begins Dec. 3)</i>
	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 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
<i>Holy</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus. Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in Nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
<i>Acclamation</i>	We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.
<i>Amen</i>	“Lillies of the Field”
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis/dona nobis pacem</i>	
Communion Hymn	One Bread, One Body
Recessional Hymn	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

## MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste De La Salle
Coordinator	Marian Karmandarian	Elysa Estrada
Lector 1	Ian Hopkins	
Lector 2	TBA	
Lector 3	Marian Karmandarian	
Offertory Gifts	Darby Family	
Eucharistic Minister	Andrew Petrovich	
Altar Server	Bridget	NA
Altar Server	Alexie	NA
Collection	Sawsan Al Nimri	Philomena Perera
Collection		

### ASK FATHER JOHN

On Monday evening, November 13, the first session of “Ask Father John” was held at Sana Dababneh’s house. About 12 people showed up which filled the living room comfortably, although there was food and drink for perhaps twice that number. Questions ranged from Fr. John’s background as an actor to questions about sin, history of the Church and life after death. Everyone present seemed to enjoy the evening, and several suggested that it be repeated. December is filled with holiday celebrations and visiting but look for another evening with Fr. John in January. If anyone would like to volunteer to host that, please contact Fr. John.

### FLU SHOT PROGRAM

After weeks of praying for rain, on Tuesday, as senior citizens and young children from different refugee communities gathered at the Jesuit Center for free flu shots – THEN we had rain. The staff from Jesuit Refugee Services had contacted the appropriate individuals and did a magnificent job of crowd control. We had two nurses administering the shots, and things went very smoothly, and the participants were very grateful. The flu strain this year is particularly nasty, and while a shot may not always prevent catching the flu, it does lessen the impact. Sacred Heart Parish can be proud of helping to provide this great service.

### YOUTH PROGRAM

On the registration for the Parish there is a spot to indicate something you would like to do that is not listed as one of the possible ministry areas. In the recent registration push, several people wrote that they had worked with a youth group in other parishes, so we had a meeting and will shortly be announcing the first activities for the Sacred Heart Parish Youth Group – and hopefully one of the first things the group will do will be to come up with a better name. We will be starting by focusing on those 18 and up – but if there are any who are interested in starting a group for those who are younger, anything is possible with enthusiasm and the Holy Spirit, so get in touch with Fr. John and we’ll see what happens. Stay tuned for more “youth” news.

### NEXT WEEK – CHANGE OF MUSIC

For the Advent season, we will return to the practice we started in Lent, with no instrumental accompaniment to the singing until Christmas. In addition to the hymns, we will be adding some new responses – the Sanctus for the “Holy,” a new setting for the Eucharistic acclamation, and the “Amen” from *Lillies of the Field*.

## THE ADVENT BASKET PROGRAM

The idea of the Advent Basket is to help families and individuals keep the spirit of preparation and of giving alive with a daily act of choosing and putting something in the basket that will help a poor family. It doesn't have to be a physical basket – one family has designated a lower shelf in the cupboard (at child level) and each day a new item will be added.



The other purpose of the program is, of course, to pool our resources and provide something extra for families and individuals who are in need. The Care for the Poor group has had several meetings and since this is all new, a first for our parish, they made several decisions:

We would like to build an ongoing relationship with a community, or a parish, or a group of families, rather than simply popping up at a holiday with gifts.

Because there are many groups who do focus on Christmas, we will bring our contributions in the early part of January, as part of the celebration of John the Baptist, patron saint of Jordan and our Vicariate.

Because not everyone has access to transportation in our parish, we will arrange to collect baskets from those who cannot easily bring them to a central location. Father John will coordinate that.

We will be working with a parish and a group of young people, and will take the items up, with as many from the parish who wish to come. The group proposed having a lunch to which the parish priest or the local contact who knows families would invite them. Hopefully that would give our group a chance to begin the process of meeting those we might be able to help over the longer term. The donation will be made from our parish to the parish there for the priest to distribute, so people who are uncomfortable asking for help or receiving help will not be made to feel awkward.

Once the baskets have been collected we will sort and catalogue what has been received, and a couple of people have indicated they would contribute to help make up specific shortfalls in areas.

For people who do not want to participate with a basket, cash contributions are most welcome, again to be used to help fill in blanks. And if there are families or individuals who are leaving before Christmas, we will be pleased to collect your baskets or contributions before you go.

**Good items to include in the Advent Basket:** non-perishable food, including both staples and some “luxury” items. Visiting is a great tradition at this time of the year, and it is important for a family to have something offer guests when they come, like dates or nuts. Warm clothing, blankets, cold weather items are always welcome, and toys for children can be very important. Obviously computer games, things that need batteries are probably not appropriate.

Thank you in advance for your generosity and we will announce a date for collection of baskets. If you are going to participate in this program, an email to Fr. John just letting him know will help plan how big a truck or trucks we need to schedule.

FYI – A group of college students are going to be collecting clothing from classmates, especially expatriates who will be returning to their home countries after studying in Amman.

## NEXT WEEK WE WILL FORMALLY PRESENT OUR CONFIRMATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES.



As two of our First Communion candidates were coming to class, they ran into Bishop William Shomali, who chatted with them and had his picture taken with them. He was very pleased at their answers. (The boys were not present and so missed getting to meet the Bishop.)