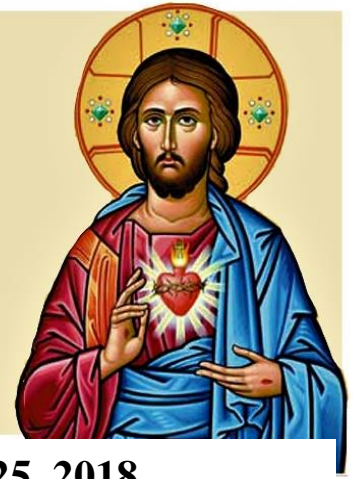


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – FEBRUARY 24/25, 2018

PARISH MEETING — The response to the inquiry about a parish meeting was largely that this is perhaps a good idea but for another time. There will, therefore, NOT be a meeting on the 26th.



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR FEBRUARY

Say “No” to Corruption

That those who have material, political or spiritual power may resist any lure of corruption.

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 and illness
For the end to abortions
For the safety of all who are traveling
For Fr. Predmore's mother, who is in hospice

For a woman with 2 broken ankles
For Ernie Ladores, recovering from spine surgery
For someone preparing for an act of consecration
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees
For Shannon, undergoing chemotherapy
For Aziza recovering from spine surgery

FIRST CONFESSIONS

On Saturday, March 3rd, at 4 PM, our First Communion candidates will make their First Confessions. It is an important step for them, and an important moment in the life of our parish. All are invited to come and participate in the ceremony. We will begin promptly, since there are 9 candidates. Fr. McChesney will be available to hear adult confessions while the young people are receiving the Sacrament. If you are unable to come, please remember them in your prayers on that day.

SACRAMENT OF THE SICK – Please see RAMBLINGS for news about anointing on March 3 and 4. It is a Sacrament of the Church, and thus only available for Catholics. Please alert Fr. John if you or someone you care for want to receive the anointing at Mass on either of the weekend celebrations.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

February 23 – Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Double session, 10AM to 12:30

February 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

February 24/25 – First Sunday of Lent

February 24 – Formal enrollment of Catechumen

February 23-26 – Jesuit Provincial and Consultors visit Amman

February 27 – Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Workshop, Session A, 7 PM

February 28 – Fr. Linden goes to the U.S.

March 1 – Fr. McChesney returns from the U.S.

March 2 – First Friday; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass

RCIA – Day of Recollection for Catechumens

March 3 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

March 3 – 4 PM - First Confessions for our First Communion candidates

RCIA Candidates – Penitential Rite

March 4/5 – Anointing of the Sick during Mass; please register if you wish to receive the Sacrament

March 4 – Novena to St. Francis Xavier begins – Patron of the Chapel at the Jesuit Center

March 6 – Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Workshop, Session B, 7 PM

March 9 - Lenten Day of Recollection – 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

March 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

March 10 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

March 10 – RCIA First Scrutiny

March 11 – Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)

March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier; end of the Novena

March 17 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

RCIA Second Scrutiny

Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan

March 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.

RCIA Third Scrutiny

March 30 – Daylight Savings Time begins in Jordan

March 31 – Final Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass.

April 1 – Palm Sunday – Usual Mass schedule

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Go to www.jordanjesuits.org, go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

Couldn't be easier. Thank you.

PRAYER TIMES DURING LENT

It is often good to simply pray in the company of others, and there will be several times when the Jesuit Chapel will be open and available for prayer. There will be no ceremony, no formal beginning or ending, just a chance to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and hopefully sharing some of that time in silence with others. No need to sign up – just show up and you will be most welcome. The front door should be open – if not, ring the bell or call Fr. John (079 013-8985). See the schedule on the last page.

LENTEN ACTIVITIES

*A Preliminary Look at Some Activities during the Lenten Season.
Suggestions for other Lenten activities or practices are always welcome.*

Daily Mass - Whatever other penitential practices you might choose, daily Mass, when possible, is a wonderful way to grow closer to God during these days of preparation for Easter, as well as receiving the stimulation of the readings and homilies from the Jesuit priests. Mass is celebrated Monday through Saturday at 8:30 AM in the Chapel of St. Francis Xavier at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein, next to the Toledo Hotel.

Lenten Reflections – A weekly gathering to share reflections and explore the history and meaning of Lent. Each Saturday at the Jesuit Center, following the 8:30 Mass, from February 24 until March 31. All are welcome, no reservation necessary.

Daily Reflections during Lent – Available on request by email, and also available on the Parish Group page on Facebook. Those who have received them in the past will be automatically on the email list. Email Fr. John if you want to be added to the list.

Anointing of the Sick - During Mass on March 3 and 4, the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick will be offered. If you or someone you care for would like to receive the Sacrament, please let Fr. John know, so appropriate arrangements can be made.

Lenten Day of Recollection – Friday, March 9 – 8:30 AM (Morning Mass) until approximately 3:30. Lunch is included. No charge for the day, but advance reservations **are** required. Fr. John and Fr. Robert will share the day.

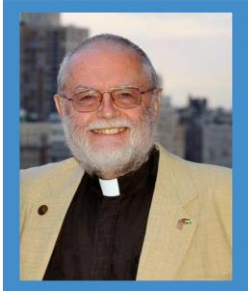
During Lent we will also be conducting the “Scrutinies” for the Catechumens, and on March 3rd, the First Communion candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. That ceremony will begin promptly at 4 PM in St. Mary of Nazareth Church, and all are invited to come and pray with the young people. A priest will also be available to hear confessions of adults while the candidates are making their First Confessions.

Sacred Space - Guided daily six-step prayer, taking about 10 minutes (or as much longer as you want). Run by the Irish Jesuits and available in Catalan, Chinese, Croatian, Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Indonesian, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Lithuanian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Slovenian, Spanish, and Swedish. Go to: <http://sacredspace.ie/#advice>

Mass Readings – Because we follow the Orthodox calendar during Lent and Easter, one week later than the Western Church, the usual links for Mass readings will be one week off. The Sunday readings will be posted on the website each week, so Lectors and others can easily access them. The link to the Universalis readings has the Orthodox calendar, but they do not carry the same translation of the readings that we use at Mass.

Pray the Rosary – The rosary is one of the most versatile and powerful prayers in our tradition. It can be adapted to particular saints or seasons, it can be prayed anywhere, with or without using the physical beads, it was given to us directly by the Blessed Mother (according to tradition), and as we prepare for the Passion and suffering of Christ, it is good to remember the sufferings that the Blessed Mother went through as well.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

THE SACRAMENT OF THE SICK. When I was young it was called Extreme Unction, and it meant you were getting ready to die. When I was a hospital chaplain, more than once I would go into the room of a patient newly-arrived, to introduce myself, and when they saw the Roman collar, the first reaction was, “Oh no, I’m not that sick!”

The new name reflects a deeper and a better understanding of the sacrament. It is one of the healing sacraments, and in conjunction with confession, helps open the body and the spirit to a deeper reception of God’s grace. It is very ancient, going back to the letter of St. James and building on a tradition of anointing with oil that goes back to the earliest days of Judaism. Today we realize that the sacrament has great grace and should be used for people who have a range of illnesses.

On March 3 we will celebrate the First Confessions of our First Communion candidates in a ceremony that will begin at 4 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth, and to which all are invited. On the same day, and at the Mass at Freres on the following evening, we will also administer the Sacrament of the Sick to those who ask for it. I ask that people notify me in advance if they wish to receive the sacrament, especially if some come with a wheelchair or a stretcher, just so we can make the necessary arrangements.

The sacrament is administered after the homily, and consists of a blessing, the laying on of hands, anointing the forehead and the palms with oil, and a closing prayer. While there is certainly a grace to be received with the sacrament, it is not the theological equivalent of chicken soup. The saying with chicken soup always was, “It can’t hurt.” The Sacrament of the Sick should be reserved for those who are truly sick, with short or long-term physical or mental difficulties. The purpose of the sacrament is not necessarily physical healing, although that can sometimes happen, but rather opening up to let God help us in our difficulties.

It is appropriate for those who are pregnant to come forward, those who have disabilities, those who are having difficulties because of old age, as well as for those who care for the sick and share their burdens. “All who are united in the bond of a common baptism and a common faith are joined together in the body of Christ since what happens to one members affects all. The sacrament of anointing effectively expresses the share that each one has in the sufferings of others.” As a sacrament of the Church, while we welcome others to join us in prayer, it is reserved for practicing Catholics.

So let us come together in prayer and in love to celebrate the First Confessions of our young people, and to join our prayers with those of the whole Church in support of our members who are ill or suffering. It is always appropriate for us to celebrate and to pray for one another, but perhaps never quite so much as during these days of Lent.

Remember that there will be a Day of Recollection at the Jesuit Center on Friday, March 9. It will begin with the 8:30 Mass, and will continue until around 3:30 PM. Lunch is included. There is no charge but a reservation IS required.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Mon - Sat	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 (Al Razi Street)

WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

For anyone interested in becoming a Lector, or men interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, workshop times are below. An RSVP is not required but appreciated, so we can be sure to have enough copies of materials. If you are interested and NONE of the scheduled dates is possible, please let Fr. John know so you can be notified if other dates are added.

LECTOR WORKSHOP (Attendance at one only)

Monday - March 5 – 7 PM to 8:30PM

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST (2 Sessions required, A and B)

Friday – February 23 -A and B together – 10 to 12:30

Tuesday – February 27 (Session A) - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Tuesday – March 6 (Session B) – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

ALTAR SERVERS

Because school schedules are so different, anyone who has made their First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact Fr. John and we'll arrange a time for the workshop and for the practicum at the church. Adults may also serve.

OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

Workshops not required – just a desire to be of help. While Fr. Sheehan is available as a resource, each group should run as independently as possible. If interested let Father know and your name will be added to be notified for future meetings.

CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP – Helps organize and run projects to reach out to those in need in and around our community. If interested we will add your name for notice of future meetings.

SPECIAL EVENTS – Individuals who arrange receptions and other special activities outside the celebration of Mass.

YOUTH PROGRAM – Just getting started, the idea being to see if there is interest in helping form a group for young adults from 18 to 30. So far there has been one meeting to explore options, and another will be scheduled if there is any interest. (NOTE: Fr. Sheehan has NOT been a “youth” for longer than many parishioners have been alive, so this is definitely an activity where others have to step up.)

MUSIC MINISTRY – There was a meeting on February 13. We had six people who are interested but could not come – and two who braved the cold and rain. The three of us did some singing and (we say humbly) sounded pretty good. There will be another try shortly – hopefully at a venue more centrally located than Jabal Hussein. Those who indicated an interest will be notified by email – if you would like to be on that list (no other obligation) let Fr. John know.

LENTEN PRACTICES

Good Friday is an obligatory day of fasting and abstinence for Catholics.

In addition, Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence.

For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.

The norms concerning abstinence from meat are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.

If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the "paschal fast" to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus, and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily his Resurrection.

PRAYER TIMES DURING LENT

The Francis Xavier Chapel at the Jesuit Center will be open for private prayer during Lent on the following days and times:

Monday, Feb 26 – 9 AM – 10:30 AM

Thursday, March 1 – 9 AM to 3 PM

Monday, March 5 – 5 PM – 6:30 PM

Tuesday, March 6 – 5 PM to 6:30 PM

Sunday, March 11 – 3 PM to 5 PM

Friday, March 16 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Monday, March 19 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Wednesday, March 21 – 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Friday, March 23 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Sunday, March 25 – 1 PM to 3PM

Tuesday, March 27 – 9 AM to 10:30 AM

Friday, March 30 – 9 AM to 11 AM

April 5 – HOLY THURSDAY

No Morning Mass - Mass at Freres at 5 PM

Blessed Sacrament in repose at the Jesuit Chapel after Mass

Chapel will remain open for prayer until 11 or as people have signed up

Advance permission needed for all-night vigil

April 6 - GOOD FRIDAY

Service at Freres at Noon - Jesuit Chapel open for prayer from 3 PM until 8 PM

April 7 – HOLY SATURDAY - Chapel open for prayer from 10 AM until noon

Confession will be available during all of these prayer times.