

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 24/25, 2018



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR MARCH

Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

Lenten Reflections – A weekly gathering to share reflections and help prepare for the great Easter celebrations. Each Saturday at the Jesuit Center, following the 8:30 Mass, until March 31. All are welcome, no reservation necessary.

EASTER VIGIL – It has been suggested that some people avoid attending the Easter Vigil because driving to Jabal Hussein can become difficult, and because some are cautious about driving at night. Would there be any interest in having a bus available to go from the Sweifieh parking lot to the Vigil Service, and returning when the service is completed? If you would like to see this as an option, let us know so we can see if it is a viable idea. Car pools also help but we are willing to arrange for a bus if there is a positive response. Last call to indicate interest.

CHECKING THE RECORDS

If you have completed a workshop for Lector or Eucharistic Minister and have NOT been formally installed and received your certificate, please send a note to Fr. John, so he can check against his list. Installation of Ministers is scheduled for April 21 and 22, depending on the physical church in which you most frequently serve.

AFTER EASTER

Once the great celebrations of Holy Week are over, the temptation is to take a great sigh and relax. But there are a number of important parish events coming up. Installation of Ministers, First Confessions, First Holy Communion – and on April 16, if there is interest, another session of ASK FATHER JOHN. At the moment we do not have a venue for that gathering, so if you would be interested in acting as a host, please let Fr. John know.

WHAT AM I DOING FOR TRIDUUM is available on the parish website if you did not get a print copy at Mass.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

RCIA Third Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass

March 26 – Celebration of the Solemnity of the Annunciation

March 30 – Daylight Savings Time begins in Jordan

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

March 31/April 1 – Palm Sunday celebration – Usual Mass schedule

April 2-4 – Regular morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

HOLY WEEK –

April 5 - Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 5 PM – deLaSalle Church

Following Mass, procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Jesuit Center

April 6 – Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – Noon – deLaSalle Church

Fr. McChesney, celebrant

April 7 – Holy Saturday – Condensed Vigil Mass, 5 PM, Sweifieh m(Fr. Linden Celebrant)

Holy Saturday – Full Vigil at 10 PM at deLaSalle Church

Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion of Kimberly Connell

April 8 – Easter Sunday – 10 AM – Mass at the Jesuit Center

Easter Sunday – 6 PM – Mass at deLaSalle Church

April 16 – “Ask Father John” – *Tentative – depends on finding a location* – 7PM

April 21/22 – Installation of Ministers – Lectors and Ministers of the Eucharist

April 28 – 4 PM at Sweifieh – First Confessions for First Communion candidates who missed the earlier Celebration

May 12 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION with a parish reception following the Mass

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.

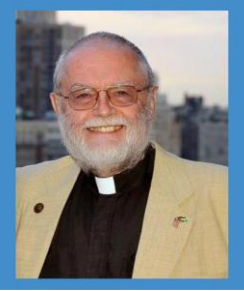
Daily Reflections during Lent – Available on request by email, and also available on the Parish Group page on Facebook. Those who have received them in the past will be automatically on the email list. Email Fr. John if you want to be added to the list.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG

As of March 20 , in the last 30 days we have had almost 4,000 visits to our web site. Are you one of the 4,000? If not – why haven’t you dropped in to the Sacred Heart Parish page to see what is available and going on?

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)



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Are you one of those people who looks at the ending of the murder mystery before actually getting there, so you know what is going to happen? When I was growing up, there were a series of mystery books written by Ellery Queen, and in many of them, there would be a page, alerting the reader that up to this point, all the clues to solve the crime had been presented. After this, the plot would start to be revealed, so if you wanted to try and solve the mystery, don't turn the page until you think you have the answer. I LOVED those books, and would spend days puzzling it out, re-reading sections, until I thought I had the answer.

For some people, that is why Easter doesn't have the impact the Church hopes it might. We KNOW what is going to happen, and we make the Passion and Crucifixion of Jesus less painful by remembering that it leads to the Resurrection. Spoiler alert – He is raised from the dead.

As we approach the final days of Lent, let me suggest we don't look to the Resurrection just yet. The sacrifice of Jesus Christ, on which our salvation depends and which forms the basis of the Mass, that wonderful and terrible trip to Calvary, THAT should be our focus in the next days, especially from Palm/Passion Sunday through Holy Week and into Good Friday.

These are days for quietly and prayerfully re-living the small moments. There are a series of small miracles scattered throughout the week that can be rich avenues of prayer. Jesus knows there will be a donkey ready for Him to use; Jesus knows a man with an upper room who will prepare it for the meal on Thursday. Jesus knows that Judas will betray Him, that Peter will deny Him, that the apostles will abandon Him, and His time in garden should be the model for every prayer we ever utter.

These are rich days coming up, and I would encourage you to NOT let them be diluted by the commercial side of Easter. Egg hunts and baskets and large rabbits are fun and great, and they have their place. But be sure that you and your family – especially the children – also know what the real reason for Easter is, and what the ceremonies in Church are all about. These are beautiful moments in the liturgy of the Church, and your children should be a part of them. The Holy Vigil on Saturday night is late, and it's long – and it is something even young children will remember, as the single light comes down the aisle in the darkness of the Church, and each person has a candle to hold and light and share the light. Don't deprive your children of this rich heritage of our Church; don't deprive yourself. Don't deprive the body of the Church of your presence.

If you are away, find the local Church and make the effort to go to the Holy Thursday Mass, and the washing of the feet; the Good Friday service, with the unveiling of the Cross and the adoration; the beautiful Easter Vigil, and yes, go to another Mass on Easter Sunday, with its total focus on celebration and rejoicing. The Triduum is extraordinary. Let these days and their services be a part of you – you and your family. Even though you know how it will end.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: pastorsh@jordanesuits.org

Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Website: Jordanesuits.org

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

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. No need to sign up – just show up and you will be most welcome. Follow the signs – if you need the elevator, call Fr. John (079 013-8985)

Friday, March 23 – 9 AM to 11 AM

Sunday, March 25 – 1 PM to 3PM

Tuesday, March 27 – 9 AM to 10:00 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

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 31/April 1

Saturday – Mass at 5 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth, Sweifieh

Procession and blessing of Olive branches

Sunday – Mass at 6 PM at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

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Monday to Wednesday – 8:30 AM Mass at the Jesuit Center

Holy Thursday – April 5 – 5 PM

Mass of the Lord's Supper at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

Washing of the Feet – Procession after Mass with the Blessed Sacrament

To Francis Xavier Chapel/Jesuit Center. Adoration until 11pm.

Good Friday – April 6

Good Friday Service at Noon at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

Chapel open for prayer from 3 PM until 8 PM

Holy Saturday – April 7

Chapel open for prayer from 10 AM until Noon

Condensed Vigil Service at St. Mary of Nazareth at 5 PM

Full Vigil Service at 10 PM Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

Easter Sunday – April 8

Mass of Easter morning – 10 AM – Jesuit Center, Jabal Hussein

Mass of Easter Day – 6 PM - Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

BLESSING BASKETS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

There is a tradition in several different communities of blessing Easter baskets at the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday. Last year we had the blessing of baskets, and we will continue the tradition this year. Baskets often feature eggs (both plain and decorated), salt, different kinds of meat, and bread. They can be simple or quite elaborate. At the end of the ceremony, each family or individual collects the basket they brought, and takes it home for their own celebration of Easter.

In case you wonder why some of the items are in the basket, here is the background on the assembling of the Easter Basket:

EGGS: A sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell of an egg at birth. Because of the special meaning, it is fitting that the eggs to be blessed are decorated with symbols of Easter, Alleluia. The use of hard-boiled eggs goes back to the ancient Passover when the Jews used them in their Passover meal.

BUTTER: Butter in the form of a Lamb or just butter on a dish. The butter represents the innocent victim (Lamb – Jesus). The Lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. Jesus is our Paschal (Passover) Lamb by whose blood we are saved.

BREAD: A small loaf of round bread (Pascha) usually with a braided top. The bread represents the staff of life and the braid represents the cross of Christ. The bread as a whole reminds us that Jesus, the Risen Lord, who in the Eucharist is the food of our earthly journey and the true bread of everlasting life.

SALT: Represents the Truth of His message.

HORSERADISH, VINEGAR OR SOUR CREAM: Recall the Gall, given our Lord, crying out, “I thirst”. It also represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the Bitterness of Jesus’ Passion by which he entered into glory.

MEAT: Ham celebrated the freedom of the new law, which came into effect through Jesus’ Resurrection, in distinction to the old law which forbade certain meats. Kielbasa, an ethnic addition, its links remind us of the chains of death, which were broken when Jesus arose. Lamb, may also represent Jesus as the Innocent lamb and remind us of the lamb’s blood, which saved the ancient Israelites during the Passover. Other meats may be added as meat in general represents the means of survival.

CHEESE: Represents the abstinence from dairy products on certain days of the “Great Fast”.

WINE: Is the drink of the Passover meal and of the last supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter the joy of the Resurrection.

A cloth glorifying Christ’s resurrection is usually placed over the items in your basket until the time of Blessing. It is also customary to have a candle lighted in your basket during the Blessing. Other foods such as nut rolls, chocolates, etc. can also be placed in your basket for Blessing.

As circumstances dictate, substitutions are of course permitted, and if it is not possible to obtain some items, the basket remains a symbol of your faith and your celebration of this great feast.

VOLUNTEER CORNER

While there is always a need for volunteers to help with the parish – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, ALTAR SERVERS, Musicians, Coordinators, Care for the Poor, Youth, Special Events – many in our parish are already volunteering time and talent with local agencies and projects.



If you are involved with a local group that could use more help, let us help spread the word. As space permits, we will share the needs of local groups so that others who might feel called can participate. Be sure to include dates, contact information and enough about the project or the group to help someone take the first step.



Nina Brekelmans Camp and Race for Girls: Call for Volunteers

The Nina Brekelmans Memorial Foundation was established to foster athletic opportunities for young women in the Middle East by supporting running programs in Jordan to encourage healthy living, expand participation in the sport, and promote women's empowerment. Our programs welcome girls ages eight to fourteen from a cross-section of Jordanian society to participate in an annual spring running camp and capstone race at Sport City in Amman. We are excited to announce the dates for the third annual Nina Brekelmans Running Camp for Girls and Nina Brekelmans Race for Girls in Amman, Jordan!

The camp will be held on four consecutive Saturdays - April 7, April 14, April 21 and April 28, from 10AM-1PM - at Sports City, Amman. The culminating event - a 3k race - will be held the following weekend, May 5, at Sports City.

We are looking for volunteers for both the camp and race day. Persons interested in volunteering for the camp or race can email Nicole Khamis at nlkhamis@umich.edu and Kelly Connors kec3r@virginia.edu.



JESUIT REFUGEE SERVICE

JRS is looking for a home placement for a volunteer who will be coming from France to work with the agency for approximately 6 to 7 months, starting in September. Until the specific volunteer is identified we won't know if a man or a woman, but it will be an established professional, speaks English and Arabic (and probably French), who will receive a small stipend and support from the agency. The ideal would be for this person to live with a family. If anyone is interested in learning more about this possibility, please contact Fr. John. The organization in France that coordinates the volunteers needs to know if there is a housing option before they start to interview candidates, and they need that information by April 2.