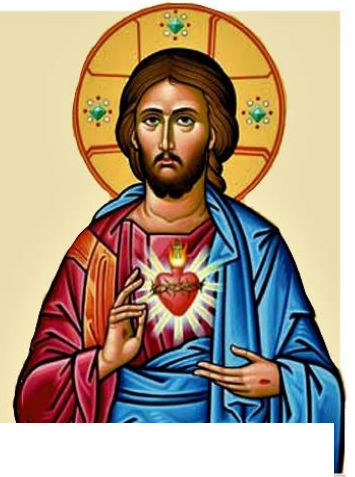


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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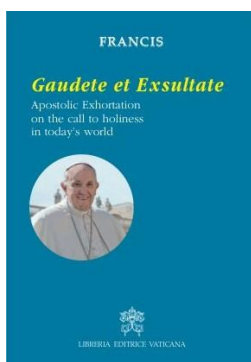
**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY AFTER EASTER**  
**APRIL 14/15, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

**ASK FATHER JOHN** – Monday Evening, April 16, 7 PM. The next edition where ANY question is allowed and every topic is open. Fr. John may not know the answer but if no one present does, he promises to find out. This session is being hosted by Frank and Clare Magee – the address and phone are on the COMING EVENTS listing on the next page. Meet people you've seen at Church but never talked to, and see what comes up. All are welcome.

**THE SACRED HEART PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY GROUP** – OK, we know it's not a great name but we're more interested in making beautiful music. Those who went to the Good Friday Service heard our first "appearance" and hopefully there will be many more. If you'd like to be part of a group to sing at Mass and explore some of the great music of our Catholic tradition, let Fr. John know. We're working on setting the time and place for a weekly gathering, so NOW is the moment to let your voice be heard. As it were. Take a chance – sing.

**CONGRATULATIONS** – To Arnaud Phipps and Kimberly Connell who received the Sacraments of Initiation over the weekend – Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Families came from the U.S. and France (the latter with great difficulty because of an Air France strike) but the celebrations were joyous and we are delighted to welcome them into full communion.



## **APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION** **ON THE CALL TO HOLINESS IN TODAY'S WORLD**

The latest writing from the Holy Father has just been released and is available at the Vatican website:

[http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost\\_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco\\_esortazione-ap\\_20180319\\_gaudete-et-exsultate.html](http://w2.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/papa-francesco_esortazione-ap_20180319_gaudete-et-exsultate.html)



## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

April 16 – “Ask Father John” –*Hosted by Franke and Clare Magee*– 7PM

Youssef Abu Shahhout St No 6, Apt 8 – 2nd Building From Jounia Pharmacy

If you get lost - 079 132 9343

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

April 25 – Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist

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

May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph the Worker

May 3 – Feast of Ss. Philip and James, Apostles

May 4 – First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

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

**May 12/13 – SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES**

14 – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

May 20 – Pentecost Sunday

May 27 – Trinity Sunday Return to regular schedule with the Western Church)

May 27 – June 26 – Fr. John in the U.S.

May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 1 – First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

### **HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?**

Go to [www.jordanjesuits.org](http://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.

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b><u>DAY</u></b>	<b><u>TIME</u></b>	<b><u>LOCATION</u></b>
<b>Mon - Sat</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Jesuit Center</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)</b>



*Pope Francis'*

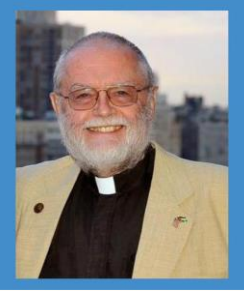
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### **FOR APRIL**

**Universal – For those who have Responsibility in Economic Matters**

That economists may have the courage to reject any economy of exclusion and know how to open new paths.

The link to the video on this intention - <https://youtu.be/fiBhmV6yev0>



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Now what?

We've fasted and abstained and given up and done extra and made it through the Sacred Triduum, simultaneously inspiring and exhausting. We've renewed our Baptismal vows and welcomed two new members into our Church community. Some of us have been away and are now coming back, some have been here throughout, but there is a sense that something has finished and.....

Now what?

Well, if nothing else occurs to you, there is always God. If you learned anything over these last weeks, perhaps you have learned something about God, or maybe about you and God. Maybe you have realized you need to learn more about your Church. Maybe you want to give God more of your time, in one way or another. Maybe you want to put into action some of the pious thoughts you had at prayer or as a result of something you read or heard. Whatever prompted it, and however you are responding, you think that maybe now it's time to give more of your life to God.

I approve. And if I can be of any help, you have my number. If the cell phone doesn't answer, leave a message. I said – LEAVE A MESSAGE. I get strange phone calls – from the Philippines, from Saudi Arabia, from numbers that prove to technically not exist. So if I don't recognize your number at first, I may let it go to the answering service. But I ALWAYS answer messages.

If you're looking for something and you're not sure what – there is the newly formed music group. (We're still looking for the right name.) Raise your voice in praise. If you've never studied singing don't tell me you can't do it. If you really can't – I'll tell you. There is the Care for the Poor group. We've stalled trying to get a Youth Group off the ground, might be you are the solution. We need to expand our group of altar servers, and in the best tradition of the Church, it does not have to be young people. Adults can – and should – also serve at the altar. You don't have to wear the cassock and surplice – we'll talk.

We are a Parish where people come – which is wonderful – and people go – which is sad – but it's not about to change. So people who have done “something” suddenly get the news they're leaving, and we need to find new people to help us “do something.” This past year I have been teaching First Communion, RCIA, Confirmation and sitting in on a study group and did a Lenten reflection session every Saturday. I love it – but it limits my availability and takes a lot of time and some of this could be – should be – done by others in the parish. I need help. Organizing receptions and events – and perchance as a parish there are other events we could be doing. Small one-day pilgrimages to places in the area. Days of recollection that aren't in Lent or Advent. Guest speakers brought in for an evening. Ideas are welcome, especially if people willing to put it together are part of the package.

So – now what? Ah well, as it always is, it's up to you. It's your parish. Now what?

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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

*Website: [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)*

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



### **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](mailto:nlkhamis@umich.edu) and Kelly Connors [kec3r@virginia.edu](mailto:kec3r@virginia.edu).

