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PENTECOST SUNDAY

May 19/20, 2018

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR IFTAR DINNER PROJECT



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR MAY

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

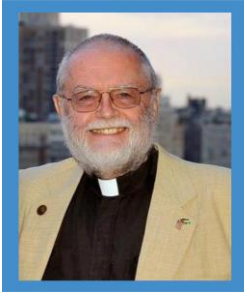
FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MAY 12, 2018

There was a professional photographer at the Mass and the reception, so there will be more pictures of this great day and many will be available for viewing on the web page. These were taken by the grandmother of one of the children, so we can have something to share while the memories are still fresh.



Of course, receiving Holy Communion for the first time was the highlight of the day. But the reception – and the cake, and the cupcakes, and the food – came a close second.

Many thanks to all who made this great day possible.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Practical Matters – if you are going to be away for a period of time this summer, and you do not already receive the Newsletter by email, you might want to sign up, so you can keep in touch while you're away. And if you are a Lector, an altar server, or regularly help in other ways for the Mass, please alert Marian Karmandarian, so she can schedule people who will actually be here. It's a great help, and thank you in advance.

As long as we're catching up on details, I note that in the past two weeks I have had a number of requests for copies of baptismal certificates, and letters of support for one thing or another. Remember – your baptismal church is your church of record for all your life, and that church has the official record of your reception of the sacraments. If you have not registered with Sacred Heart English Language Parish, please do. I cannot write a letter testifying to your status as a “good” Catholic if you're not registered. I will not accept your child for First Communion or Confirmation class if you are not registered. It is more than a mere formality, it is important. Again, thank you in advance.

Not that this will come as a surprise to anyone, but there are bad people in the world and many of them have computers. I had five “attacks” in the past week, and while my security systems caught and stopped each one, in one case I did have to change several passwords. As you travel, or even staying at home, be careful. If a friend sends you an attachment, make sure it really is from your friend, and if the attachment sends you to a different page – be VERY cautious. And if any of those asks for a password, or asks you to sign in – make absolutely sure this is coming from your friend before proceeding. Your Guardian Angel can protect you from a lot of things, but we have to do our part as well.

Finally, for everyone who helped make last week's celebration so lovely, thank you. This was an exceptional class of young people and it was a joy to work with them each week. Their parents could not have been more supportive, and of course, the whole staff at St. Mary of Nazareth Parish could not have done more for us. None of this happens without our Coordinators (speaking of Guardian Angels) and our altar servers and the Music Group and a host of people who did things great and small that all were a part of making the celebration in the Church and in the hall one for our First Communicants to remember.

Now we take a deep breath and work with new altar servers, we keep hoping that more people will take a chance and come and sing (it really is true, the more people who sing the better it sounds) and we are preparing for the Iftar Dinner. The Confirmation candidates get the summer off (well, because they are both leaving the country) and we will start to advertise for the next First Communion class in September.

Just like being a Catholic – it never ends. There is never a day – or a moment – when we are not Catholics, when the call of Jesus Christ is not a part of our lives. At least that is how it should be. So as we celebrate and we plan and we rest (and that is important too!) and we travel and we stay home – no matter what we do, we do it as Catholics, members of the Roman Catholic Church and followers of Jesus Christ.

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 **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

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)

YOU'RE INVITED

On Thursday, May 24th, Sacred Heart Parish, in cooperation with the Jesuit Center (who is providing the space) and Jesuit Refugee Services (who is helping coordinate the invitations), will be hosting an Iftar Dinner for invited refugees and their families, people who have no other family or places where they can celebrate. The dinner will start after the final call to prayer, probably some time between 7:45 and 8 PM. Venue – the picnic area in the spacious gardens at the Jesuit Center.

If you would like to be a host – send Fr. John an email. At the moment we may have enough people – but we will put your name on a waiting list if someone has to cancel, and you will be first on the list if we do a 2nd dinner. This weekend we will have a special second collection to help with this project. Ramadan is a special time of the year, and Sacred Heart Parish is honored to be reaching out in hospitality to help make this the season of celebration and coming together that it should be.

LEFT AND LEAVING

Because we are a parish in constant flux, often people leave without our having a chance to say goodbye. Next Sunday we will have a special prayer and blessing for all those who are going to leave in the next couple of months and we will include those who have already left. LET US KNOW if you are going to leave or if you want to remind us of someone who has already left. Even if you can't make the Mass, let us include you and your family in our prayer. Don't assume someone else will do it – LET US KNOW.

Because our Masses are constrained because of Masses following ours, we often cannot include some elements of special feasts. Here is the Pentecost Sequence we did not sing during the Mass:

Sequence - Veni, Sancte Spiritus
Come, Holy Spirit, come!
And from your celestial home
Shed a ray of light divine!
Come, Father of the poor!
Come, source of all our store!
Come, within our bosoms shine.
You, of comforters the best;
You, the soul's most welcome guest;
Sweet refreshment here below;
In our labor, rest most sweet;
Grateful coolness in the heat;
Solace in the midst of woe.
O most blessed Light divine,
Shine within these hearts of yours,
And our inmost being fill!

Where you are not, we have naught,
Nothing good in deed or thought,
Nothing free from taint of ill.
Heal our wounds, our strength renew;
On our dryness pour your dew;
Wash the stains of guilt away:
Bend the stubborn heart and will;
Melt the frozen, warm the chill;
Guide the steps that go astray.
On the faithful, who adore
And confess you, evermore
In your sevenfold gift descend;
Give them virtue's sure reward;
Give them your salvation, Lord;
Give them joys that never end. Amen.
Alleluia.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

May 19/20 – Pentecost Sunday celebrated – Ordinary time resumes in the Church calendar

Special collection for the Care for the Poor project – Iftar Dinner

May 22 - Music Group rehearsal, 7 PM – contact Jeff (079-662-3346) for directions if your 1st time

May 24 – Sacred Heart-sponsored Iftar Dinner at the Jesuit Center

May 25 – Independence Day Jordan

May 26/27 – Trinity Sunday

May 26 – Special Blessing for those leaving, and prayers for those who have already left

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

May 29 - Music Group rehearsal, 7 PM – contact Jeff (079-662-3346) for directions if your 1st time

May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

June 2/3 – Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

June 6 – Birthday of Fr. Anton, St. Mary of Nazareth Church

June 8 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Patronal Feast of Our Parish

Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ

June 9/10 - SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES

June 15 (Approx) – Beginning of Eid al Fitr

June 24 – The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 27 – Fr. John returns from U.S.

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

June 29 – Ss. Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

July 4 – US Independence Day

July 6 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

