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**16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**July 21/22, 2018**

## FOR JULY



*Pope Francis'*  
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### **Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**

That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**For the video of the Pope's monthly intention, go to:**

<https://youtu.be/LsVEdR9TfnY>

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

July 22 – Sr. Joana Carneiro will renew her vows at the Mass at Freres at 6 PM

A farewell reception will take place following Mass at the Jesuit Center. All are invited.

July 23 – Ask Fr. John – 7 PM (*Location at Paul & Vivian David's House*)

July 24 – St. Charbel Makhluf

July 25 – St. James, Apostle

July 26 – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Mother

July 31 – ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS

*(Observed as a Solemnity at the Jesuit Chapel- Reception following the 8:30 Mass)*

August 3 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 10 – Feast of St. Lawrence

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

*(Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM)*

August 22 – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew

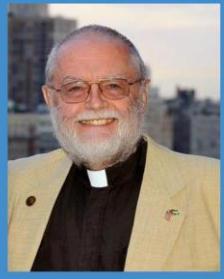
August 28 – St. Augustine

August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist (*Patron of the Amman Vicariate*)

Sept. 7 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

Sept. 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



# RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

We are often reminded that Sacred Heart Parish is a community where people tend to come and go. There are some who are residents, who have been here for years and who will hopefully be here for many more. But the bulk of our community is transient.

It is hard to see people leave we have come to like and admire. Yet it reminds us that we are all transient here on earth, we are all going to be leaving in one way or another, and saying goodbye is as much a part of our faith as is welcoming the stranger.



Each week for the last several weeks we have said goodbye to people from the parish. Some we have had the chance to really say goodbye to, others have simply and quietly moved on to other work, other countries, other phases in their lives. This week Sister Joana Carneiro is moving on, to take up new work in South Sudan. She has been a person who has touched many lives in all of the places where Sacred Heart Parish celebrates Mass, and has been a presence (if not to say a force) in many places in the wider community. We do have the chance to say goodbye to her, both at her Vow Renewal Mass on Sunday and at the reception following. (Someone did point out that “Farewell Reception” seemed to be a bit of an oxymoron, but “party” could suggest we were glad she was going. In the absence of a better idea, “reception” it is.)

St. Daniel Comboni was born in 1831 and in 1849 consecrated his life to Africa. He was ordained in 154 and in 1867 founded Comboni Missionary Institute and in 1872 the Comboni Missionary sisters.

Today Comboni Sisters are at work throughout Asia, Africa, Europe and the Americas. According to their website, there are 3,500 missionaries serving in 42 countries. Sister Joana – who speaks at least four or five languages, in addition to being a medical doctor – is an example of the talent and dedication that this religious order attracts. She is going to work in South Sudan, and if you don’t know much about the needs of this country, the NY Times in May had an article, which may be found at this link <https://www.nytimes.com/2018/05/30/world/africa/south-sudan-hunger-season.html>.



So once again we say goodbye to another of our friends and parishioners, but we know that her many talents and graces will be used well to benefit the people of South Sudan. She has been a gift to us, and we know she will be a gift to them as well.

If you can come to the Mass and/or the reception, please do. If you have not had the chance to meet Sr. Joana, this is your last shot.

Let us continue to pray for one another. And we should probably pray for Sr. Joana in a special way as well.

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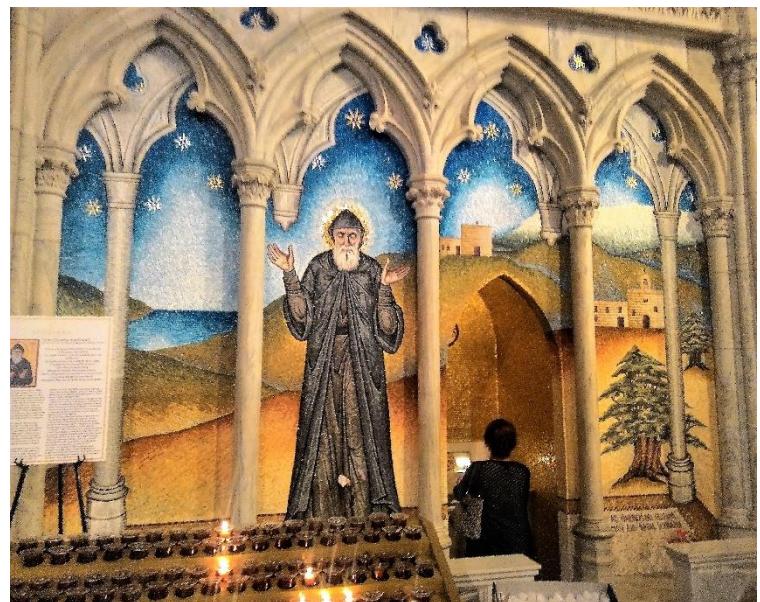
**Website:** [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org) **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Charbel Makhluf, July 24

*On my recent trip to the United States, I stopped in to make a visit at St. Patrick's Cathedral. It is the church where my parents were married, where I was baptized and I have celebrated Mass there many times.*

*I discovered that a new shrine had opened, with a lovely mosaic, honoring St. Charbel. I knew of this saint from my time in Nigeria, when we used the Maronite Church for a Mass group I started.*

St. Charbel was born on May 8, 1828, in the village of Bekaa Kafra, possibly the highest in the Lebanese mountains. He was raised in a pious home and became drawn to the lives of the saints and to the hermit life, as was practiced by two of his uncles. As a young boy, he was responsible for caring for the family's small flock. He would take the flock to a grotto nearby, where he had installed an icon of the Blessed Virgin Mary. He would spend the day in prayer.



In 1851, Youssef left his family and entered the Lebanese Maronite Order at the Monastery of Our Lady in Mayfouq to begin his training as a monk, later transferring to the Monastery of St. Maron in Annaya, near Beirut. Here he received the religious habit of a monk and took the name **Charbel**, after a Christian martyr in Antioch from the 2nd century. He made his final religious profession in the Order on November 1, 1853.

As a young monk Charbel began his study of philosophy and theology at the Monastery of Saints Cyprian & Justina in Kfifan, Lebanon, to prepare himself for receiving Holy Orders. Among his professors at the seminary was Father Nimatullah Kassab, who was himself later also declared a saint. He was ordained six years later, on July 23, 1859, in Bkerke. He was sent back to St. Maron Monastery, where he lived a life of severe asceticism in the monastery.

In 1875, Charbel was granted by the abbot of the monastery the privilege of living as a hermit at the Hermitage of Saints Peter and Paul, a chapel under the care of the monastery. He spent the next 23 years living as a solitary hermit, until his death from a stroke on December 24, 1898.

### Death and miracles

Charbel was interred at St. Maron's Monastery on Christmas Day of that year. One of his pallbearers reported, "Father Charbel died on the eve of Christmas; the snow was heavy. We transferred him to the monastery on Christmas day. Before we moved him, the snow was falling rapidly and the clouds were very dark. When we carried him, the clouds disappeared, and the weather cleared."

In the years 1950 and 1952, his tomb was opened and his body supposedly still had the appearance of a living one. In this century his grave has been opened four times, the last time being in 1955, and each time "it has been noticed that his bleeding body still has its flexibility as if it were alive"; no mentioning of later openings. The Catholic Tradition website says: Father Joseph Mahfouz, the postulator of the cause, certified that in 1965 the body of Saint Charbel was still preserved intact with no alteration. In 1976 he again witnessed the opening of the grave; this time the body was completely decomposed. Only the skeleton remained.

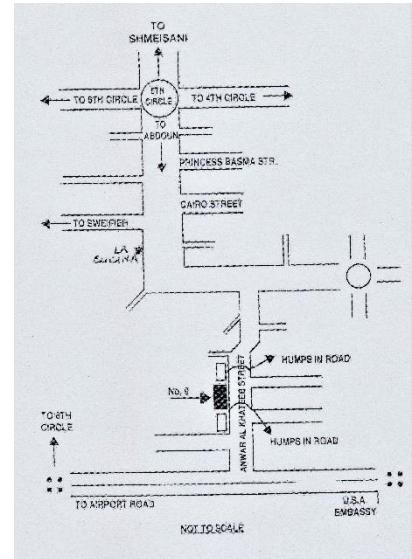
## JULY 22 – VOW RENEWAL MASS AND FAREWELL RECEPTION

Sr. Joana Carneiro will be leaving Amman before the end of July and moving on to her new assignment in South Sudan. On Sunday, July 22, she will renew her vows as a Comboni Sister at the 6 PM Mass at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church. There will be a farewell reception immediately after the Mass at the Jesuit Center, to which all are invited. Although we celebrate in different places, we are all one parish, and all are invited to share in this special Mass, and the reception. If you are interested in helping with the reception – organizing, setting up, contributing your favorite recipe – please contact Fr. John, Marian Karmandarian or Dr. Barbara Burgan to volunteer. And THANK YOU!

## “ASK FATHER JOHN” – Monday, July 23 – 7 PM

We are ready to have another session where any question is permitted and nothing is off the table. The session is being hosted by Paul and Vivian David, at 9 Anwar Al Khatib Street, Sweifieh. Their apartment is on the top floor. In case you get lost -- 079 588-9330. Map on the right. Please RSVP.

If you have never attended one of these, it is an informal gathering where any question is permitted. Topics can be topical, historical, personal, theological, philosophical or just things that you have always wondered about.. If Fr. John doesn't know the answer, someone else present might. If no one knows – Fr. John promises he will look it up and find the answer. Great fun, a chance to meet people you've known by sight from Mass and sometimes even educational. Please join us.



## JULY 31 – SOLEMNITY OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA

As you know, St. Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. In our chapel, this day is celebrated as a Solemnity. Mass will be at the usual time of 8:30 AM, and following the Mass there will be a small reception in honor of our founding. Coffee and juice and some pastries – nothing elaborate but for those who are able to attend, we invite you and look forward to sharing with you something of our own celebration.

## COMING AND GOING

If you are new to the Parish, please go online and register at [jordanjesuits.org](http://jordanjesuits.org). You will see a link to Sacred Heart Parish and on the right side of that page is a link to the registration. We apologize in advance – in a little while we will be asking everyone to update their registrations, but when you register you will have the opportunity to get the newsletter and other announcements by email, and to volunteer for different parish activities.

And if you are in the Parish and are leaving – please let us know. A note to Fr. John will do the job. If you receive the weekly newsletter we will keep you on the list until you ask us to remove you, but we would also like to say goodbye and give you a farewell prayer or a blessing or a Bon Voyage! Thank you for what you have done for and with us during your time here, and all the best wherever you are headed next.

## MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
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)

# A NEWS ITEM YOU MIGHT HAVE MISSED

Over 200 young Catholics in the UK have signed a letter in support of the Encyclical "Humanae Vitae." The full text of the letter is below:

## The full letter:

It has been suggested that Catholic teaching on contraception has failed to "engage with social change" (Letter, June 22). Yet one must not confuse being unfashionable with being untrue.

Living out chastity is counter-cultural and difficult, but rewarding for relationships.

It reminds us how the person to whom we are attracted is not a thing to be used, but an equal to be loved, honoured and treated with reverence. The philosopher Elizabeth Anscombe rightly observed that "in this contraceptive day", however, sex becomes seen as "no more than a sort of extreme kiss, which it might be rather rude to refuse".

At the heart of chastity is the simple yet revolutionary idea that we are made for love, and our sexuality has been given to us in order to fulfil this call. Hence, as Pope Francis puts it, "The image of God is the married couple". Sex can never be truly casual, because it is so inherently filled with meaning – namely, the mutual love of the couple and openness to new life. That is why respecting the integrity of the sexual act matters. It is in allowing sex to convey its full meaning that we can give oneself to one's spouse completely in love.

As young, lay Catholics living in Britain who find this teaching on sexuality beautiful and prophetic, we therefore wish to affirm the relevance of *Humanae Vitae* for our generation – and indeed for generations to come.

*Given the constant drum beat from so many sources about the "dreadful attitudes" of young people, it is good to know that there is a balance in the world.*

## INTERNSHIP POSSIBILITIES?

A student at the University of Notre Dame is coming to Jordan for one semester and is interested in finding an internship that he can coordinate with his studies while he is here. He is Austrian, and bilingual in English. His French is at a professional level, he has a working knowledge of Spanish and elementary MSA and Levantine dialect. He is majoring in Economics, and has a GPA of 3.802 (out of 4.0). He spent a summer in a Study Abroad Program in Morocco, and another in Poland. He is certified as a volunteer emergency medical technician (100 hours of theory, 160 of practice), was an international student ambassador for the university (with special recognition from the US State Department), and in addition to be a student research assistant for a professor in the department of political science, has served as an intern at the University Hospital in Salzburg, and at OrthomedPlus, a center of Orthopedics and Medicine.

If anyone works in or knows an organization that might be interested in having this young man as an intern for a semester, contact Fr. John who can give you a copy of his resume and put you in touch.



## Psalm 23



**The Lord is my Shepherd  
(That's Relationship!)**

**I shall not want  
(That's Supply!)**

**He maketh me to lie down in green pastures  
(That's Rest!)**

**He leadeth me beside the still waters  
(That's Refreshment!)**

**He restoreth my soul  
(That's Healing!)**

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness  
(That's Guidance!)**

**For His name sake  
(That's Purpose!)**

**Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death  
(That's Testing!)**

**I will fear no evil  
(That's Protection!)**

**For Thou art with me  
(That's Faithfulness!)**

**Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me  
(That's Discipline!)**

**Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies  
(That's Hope!)**

**Thou anointest my head with oil  
(That's Consecration!)**

**My cup runneth over  
(That's Abundance!)**

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life  
(That's Blessing!)**

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord  
(That's Security!)**

**Forever (That's Eternity!)**