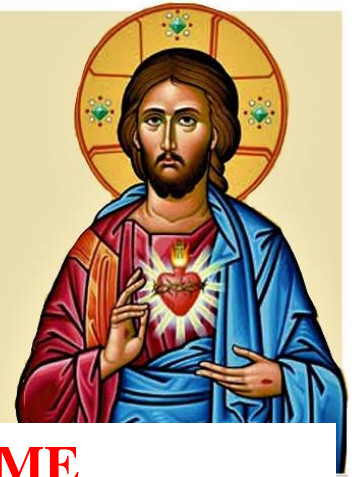


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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



18TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 4/5, 2018

FOR AUGUST



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

THE TREASURE OF FAMILIES –

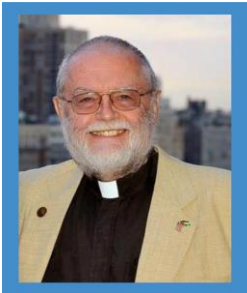
That any far-reaching decisions of economists and politicians may protect the family as one of the treasures of humanity.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- 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. 4 – Fr. Michael Linden, SJ celebrates 50 years of religious life
- 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
- Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows
- Sept. 21 – Feast of St. Matthew, Apostle
- Sept. 22 - First Day of Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM
- Sept. 23 – First Day of Autumn
- Sept. 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

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

I recently went to a concert at the Bank Al-Etihad auditorium. It was a wonderful concert, with the Etihad String Orchestra and a guest artist who played guitar. During the talk before the concert, the conductor asked people to please NOT have their cell phones on or use them, and just before the concert started, the Concert Master made the same announcement again.

I cannot decide if it is pride (“I am so important, I have to receive any phone call that is made to me at any time”) or if it is a short attention span (“After ten minutes I need to do something else besides just listen to music” – then why are you at a concert?) or if it is really an addiction (“I CAN’T go ten minutes without checking messages or my email or telling a friend where I am”) or if it just thoughtless and rude. I have to say their interventions were fairly successful. I only heard two phones during the concert. Now there was still a lot of checking of messages, and using the phone to take videos of the concert.

Which, I confess, I also don’t understand. What are these people going to do with these hand-held, shaky and badly photographed recordings that don’t even come close to reproducing what was at this concert the glorious sound of a string orchestra and a brilliantly played guitar? Not to mention that it is VERY distracting when watching a concert and suddenly the person in front of you sticks up a screen so you can’t see what is going on – or checks their messages, albeit silently, but the light and the moving fingers are equally disturbing. I used to work professionally as a photographer, and one of the things I learned is that when you are shooting an event, you have to remove yourself from involvement in the event. You step away – physically, but also emotionally, psychologically – because you are evaluating the event strictly in terms of what makes a good shot. You don’t listen to the music, you don’t marvel at the beauty of the bride, you don’t listen to the speaker – you watch the visuals and look for the good picture.

Actors and singers and musicians pretty much hate photography and video and cell phone use during a performance, even checking emails, because it distracts the audience and it distracts the performers. In case you hadn’t figured out where this is going – the same thing is true at Mass. When you pick up your phone and leave the church to answer a call, you distract all the people around and you distract the priest. Yes, we notice that. We notice when you leave your seat in the middle of the homily to go and put money in the box by the statue of the Blessed Mother and light a candle. We notice when you leave the Church to go to the bathroom – or whatever the reason you leave in the middle of Mass. (I can hear my mother’s voice – “Be sure you go to the bathroom before we leave for church!”) You can be a distraction and sometimes even a cause of sin for other people.

At the heading of the Mass program each week is a little reminder: *In our community, we come from many places and traditions. Yet we are one Church. As a sign of that unity, let us adopt a common form of posture during Mass. For those unable to kneel, please sit.* To express that unity, we share the same posture at Mass, even if we come from a different tradition, to show that at this time, in this place, we are trying to be one. Any action – be it cell phone, bathroom, candle lighting – that separates you from the community, weakens that unity. (By the way, so does coming late and leaving early.) It is not always easy to remember and to be a unified community – but it is always worth the effort.

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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Lawrence

St. Lawrence is the patron saint of a long list of places, and of comedians, librarians, students, miners, tanners, chefs, roasters, the poor, and firefighters. That alone says something about the man, his life and his very wide, if not universal, appeal.

He is thought to have been born in Valencia. He encountered the future Pope Sixtus II, who was of Greek origin in Caesaraugusta (today Zaragoza). Eventually, both left Spain for Rome. When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained St Lawrence as a deacon, and though Lawrence was still young appointed him first among the seven deacons who served in the patriarchal church. He is therefore called "archdeacon of Rome", a position of great trust that included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the indigent.



St Cyprian notes that Roman authorities had established a norm according to which all Christians who had been denounced must be executed and their goods confiscated by the Imperial treasury. At the beginning of August 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict that all bishops, priests, and deacons should immediately be put to death. Pope Sixtus II was captured on 6 August 258 and executed forthwith.

After the death of Sixtus, the prefect of Rome demanded that St Lawrence turn over the riches of the Church. St Ambrose is the earliest source for the narrative that St Lawrence asked for three days to gather the wealth. He worked swiftly to distribute as much Church property to the indigent as possible, so as to prevent its being seized by the prefect. On the third day, at the head of a small delegation, he presented himself to the prefect, and when ordered to deliver the treasures of the Church he presented the indigent, the crippled, the blind, and the suffering, and declared that these were the true treasures of the Church. One account records him declaring to the prefect, "The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor." This act of defiance led directly to his martyrdom.

The legend about his martyrdom has persisted since ancient times. The Prefect was so angry at what Lawrence had done that he had a great gridiron prepared with hot coals beneath it, and had Lawrence placed on it, hence his association with the gridiron. After the martyr had suffered pain for a long time, the legend concludes, he cheerfully declared: "I'm well done on this side. Turn me over!"



THE JESUIT CENTER IN AUGUST

As has been the custom in recent years, the Jesuit Center will be closed for the month of August, to give our staff some time off, and to do some necessary repairs and maintenance. Daily Mass will still be celebrated Monday through Saturday at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel, with an additional Mass at 6 PM on August 15th – the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. If you have a regular activity at the Center, please check to be sure if it is still going to take place, or if it has been postponed until the Center re-opens. Thank you for your understanding.

PRELIMINARY PARISH PLANNING

Some things are starting to come together and here are some items to put on your calendar, at least in pencil. They are tentative, so if you see a problem or have a suggestion, please let Fr. John know.

AUGUST

11/12 – Second Sunday Collection

18/19 – Announcement of Registration procedures for First Communion class

SEPTEMBER

8/9 – Second Sunday Collection

22 – First Class for First Communion candidates

OCTOBER

8 - Father John in Concert – 7 PM – Bank Al-Etihad Auditorium

13/14 – Second Sunday Collection

Children's Mass

20 - Jesuits Friends and Alumni – Special Mass

20/21 – World Mission Sunday

NOVEMBER

1 – All Saints (Holy Day of Obligation – 2 Masses at the Jesuit Center)

1-10 – Father John on Retreat

3 – No First Communion class

10/11 – Second Sunday Collection

24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King

DECEMBER

During Advent there will also be a Sunday Mass at 10 AM at the Jesuit Center

2 – Advent Day of Recollection at the Jesuit Center

3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier, Patron of the Missions and the Chapel at the Jesuit Center

8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (*Holy Day of Obligation*)

8/9 – Second Sunday Collection

15 – The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop William Shomali

25 – There will be a morning Mass on Christmas Day at the Jesuit Center. Other Christmas Masses will be announced as soon as they are confirmed.

AUGUST

1 Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ

2 Aleksandra BA...bel

Brian Grube

4 John Lyons

Clare Magee

Gabriel Sivzattian



8 Basil Fakes
Rika VanVuuren
11 Alexandra Dominguez
14 Johnny Church
23 Drew McCloud
29 Luis Ramirez