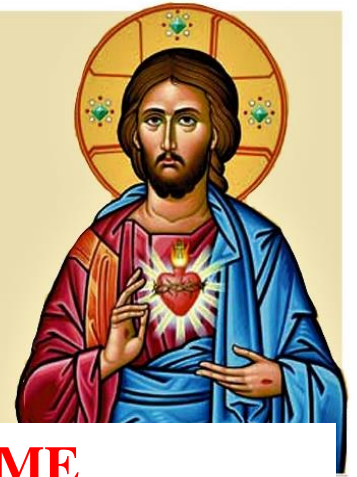


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



19TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

August 11/12, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR THE PARISH



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.

The link to the Holy Father's video for this month's prayer intention:

https://youtu.be/Je5frHq_-xA

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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. 8/9 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Sept. 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

Sept. 15 - Our Lady of Sorrows

Sept. 15 – Welcome/Welcome Back Reception after Mass in the Church hall

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. 24 – Ask Father John (*? To be confirmed*)

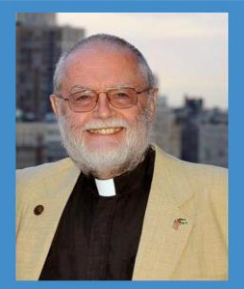
Sept. 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Oct. 8 – FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 7PM – Details to follow

Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 13 – Children's Mass

Oct. 20 – Jesuit Friends and Alumni Celebration – Special Mass and Reception



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

At least a half a dozen times this past week I have heard people talking about how quickly the “summer” has gone, how swiftly the last months have zipped by. Before we know it, schools will be in session, First Communion classes will be underway, and people will start to think about Christmas.

(Next week’s edition of HEARTBEAT will have all the details about registering for First Communion class, the dates for the Parents’ meetings and the preliminary schedule for the program.)

In the weeks that are left, I encourage you to take advantage of the time left. If there was a trip you wanted to take, go ahead and take it. If there was a recipe you wanted to try, now is a good time to experiment. If you wanted to spend one whole day doing nothing – I think it’s a wonderful plan, and just be sure to turn off your cell phone and make a resolution to NOT look at your computer for the whole day. I’ll let you know something – the world won’t end.

In the same vein, but in a gentle way, this is a good time to make some plans for the “new” year. I would hope that before your calendar is completely filled with schools and clubs and birthday parties and projects that Sacred Heart Parish might be a part of your schedule. Not just coming to Mass – you should do that every week no matter what. But it might be a good time to look and see how you – and your family – are living out the notion of service to the Church. We badly need additional altar servers. We desperately need Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) incorrectly called sometimes Eucharistic Ministers. (Technically, the administration of “Eucharist” is reserved to priests; lay men in this service are Ministers of Holy Communion. A small detail but someone quite properly corrected me when I mis-used the title.) I would LOVE to have a core of singers to enrich the music at the weekly liturgy, which would entail a weekly rehearsal as well as being at Mass. The privilege of reading at Mass is open to men and women and young adults, so being a Lector is yet another way to help. I would still like to have some people to assist in teaching catechism.

So before you become committed to six different committees and four wonderful organizations, see if your calendar can include Sacred Heart Parish. A number of our “stalwart” members have moved on to other countries and other works, so there is a need. It doesn’t take a lot of time, and you do get to meet interesting people. There are several other works I would like to start – if we had the people. So during your day off – think about what you might do.

Whatever your other plans and obligations, each day’s schedule should have some time in it for God. Quiet time, where you can relax and God can have a chance to insert a word, a thought – maybe even an inspiration – into your life. If you don’t have a lot of time – give up reciting prayers and just take time to listen and be open to God. Yes – Father is suggesting NOT “praying” if that means reciting prayers, because God knows what you want and what you need. The important part of prayer isn’t speaking – it’s listening. God know what you want – now be silent, and find out what God wants.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org

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. Maximilian Kolbe, August 14

St. Maximilian Kolbe was born January 8, 1894, in the Kingdom of Poland. Much of his life was strongly influenced by a vision he had of the Virgin Mary when he was 12.

"That night I asked the Mother of God what was to become of me. Then she came to me holding two crowns, one white, the other red. She asked me if I was willing to accept either of these crowns. The white one meant that I should persevere in purity, and the red that I should become a martyr. I said that I would accept them both."

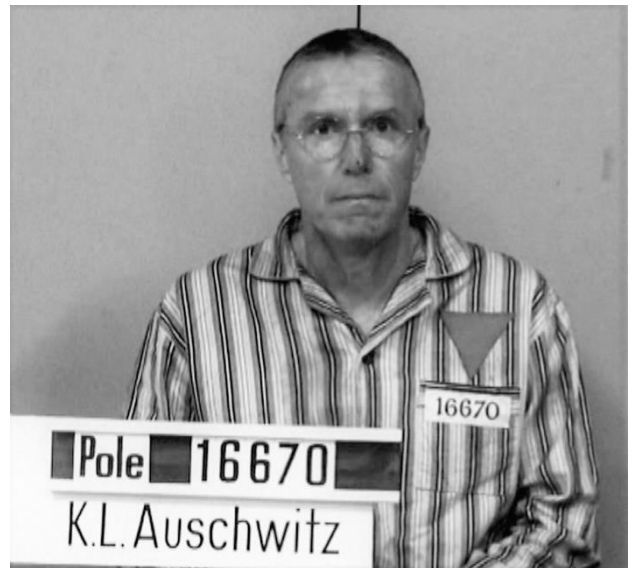
One year after his vision, Kolbe and his elder brother, Francis joined the Conventual Franciscans. In 1910, Kolbe was given the religious name Maximilian, after being allowed to enter the novitiate, and in 1911, he professed his first vows. At the age of 21, Kolbe earned a doctorate in philosophy from the Pontifical Gregorian University. He would also earn a doctorate in theology by the time he was 28.

Kolbe organized the Militia Immaculata (Army of the Immaculate One) to work for the conversion of sinners and enemies of the Church, specifically, the Freemasons, with the intercession of Mary. In 1918, he was ordained a priest and continued his work of promoting Mary throughout Poland. Over the next several years, he founded a monthly periodical titled Knight of the Immaculate. He operated a religious publishing press and founded a new Conventual Franciscan monastery at Niepokalanow, which became a major religious publishing center. Kolbe also founded monasteries in both Japan and India. To this day, the monastery in Japan remains prominent in the Roman Catholic Church in Japan.

In 1936, Kolbe's poor health forced him to return home to Poland, and once the invasion by Germany began, he became one of the only brothers to remain in the monastery. He opened up a temporary hospital to aid those in need. When his town was captured, Kolbe was sent to prison but released three months later. He refused to sign a document that would recognize him as a German citizen and continued to work in his monastery, providing shelter for refugees - including hiding 2,000 Jews from German persecution.

On February 17, 1941, the monastery was shut down; Kolbe was arrested by the German Gestapo and taken to the Pawiak prison. Three months later, he was transferred to Auschwitz. Toward the end of his second month in Auschwitz, men were chosen to face death by starvation to warn against escapes. Kolbe was not chosen but volunteered to take the place of a man with a family. In the death cell, he led prayers to Our Lady with the prisoners and was the last of the group to remain alive, after two weeks of dehydration and starvation. The guards gave him a lethal injection of carbolic acid. It is said that he raised his left arm and calmly awaited death.

St. Maximilian Kolbe died on August 14 and his remains were cremated on August 15, the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary. He is the patron of drug addicts, prisoners, families, and the pro-life movement.



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)

THE JESUIT CENTER IN AUGUST

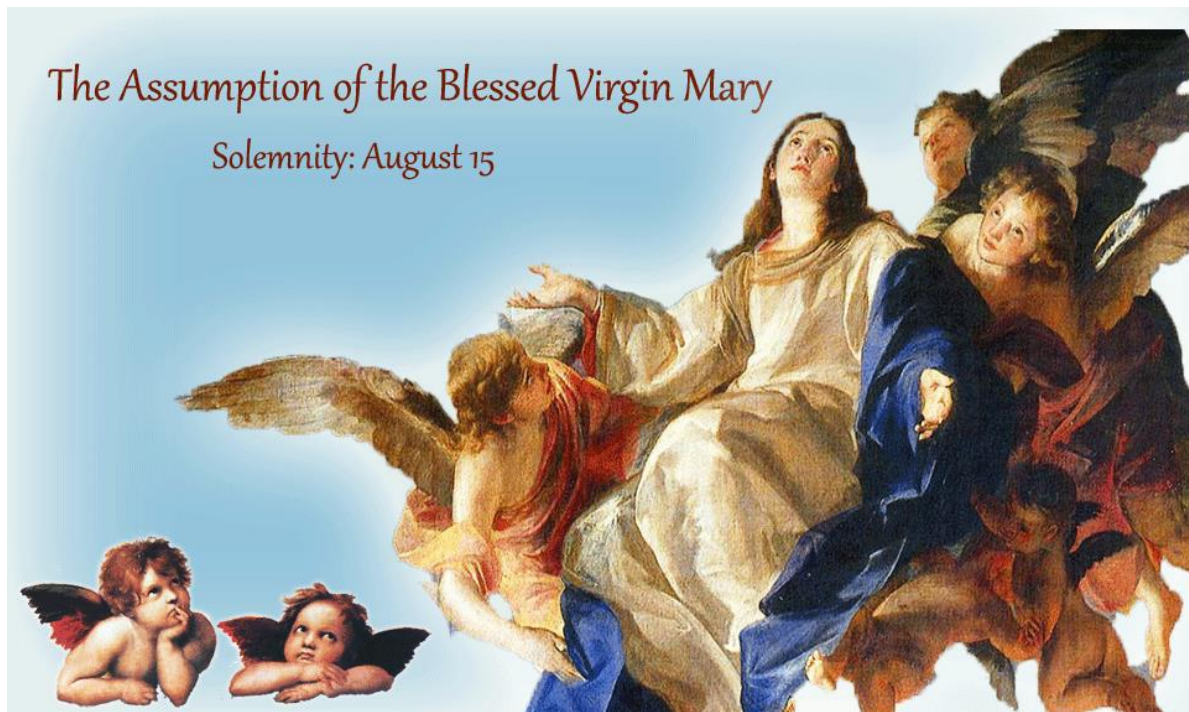
As has been the custom in recent years, the Jesuit Center will be closed for the month of August, to give our staff some time off, and to do some necessary repairs and maintenance. Daily Mass will still be celebrated Monday through Saturday at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel, with an additional Mass at 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.

POPE ASKS FOR YOUR SUGGESTIONS

We need your suggestions for helping the discernment of Pope Francis for his prayer intentions in 2020. Each month is typically dedicated to a specific category of intentions.

- The first category of intentions are on **issues that can concern all people of good will, not only Catholics:** “challenges that confront humanity.” They are for deep concerns of the universal Church, but they go beyond its boundaries. Basically they regard our desire for peace and justice in the world and the commitment of the Church with the situations described. The Pope himself invites us to pray and work for those issues, sending us out as a praying Church in an attitude of humble service and dialogue with the world. We are open to collaboration with people from other religions or that think different from us.
- The second category of intentions, on the other hand, regard **challenges for the life of the Church**, showing the desire to make of her a better instrument for evangelization.

E-mail us at intention@popesprayerusa.net by **August 15** to propose an intention for the world to pray for in 2020.



**THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION
IS A HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

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