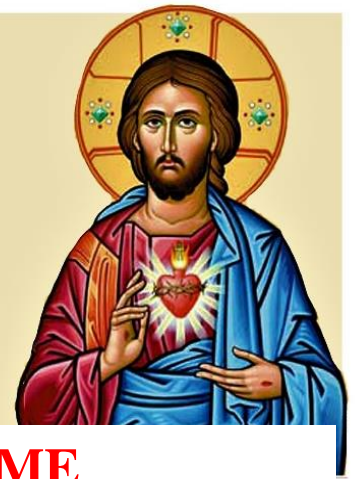


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



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

**August 18/19, 2018**



*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 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*)

7PM – Meeting for parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates, Jesuit Center

August 31 – 10 AM - Meeting for parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates, Jesuit Center

Sept. 3 - 7PM – Meeting for parents of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion candidates, Jesuit Center

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

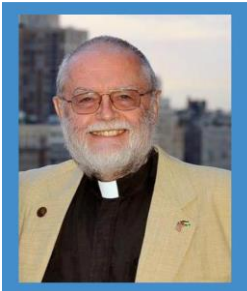
Oct. 5 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

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

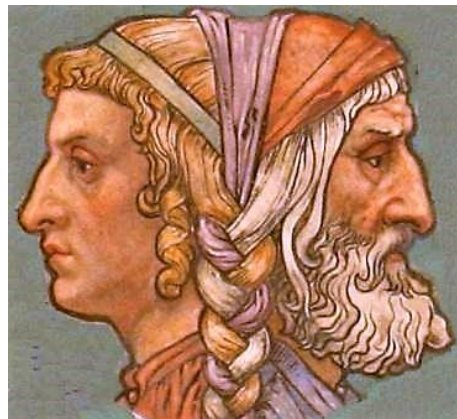


# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I continue to feel like the old Roman god Janus. He was the god of transitions, since he was at once the god of beginnings and of endings. I continue to spend my days looking backward and forward and it would be much easier if, like Janus, I actually had two heads.

It's not unique to my job, it's the human condition. We treasure memories, and we build on our experiences. We learn from the past, and we take that knowledge to create the future. We worry about what we have done (yes, and what we have failed to do) and at the same time, we worry about what we will do.



What have I done for Christ?  
What am I doing for Christ?  
What will I do for Christ?

St. Ignatius says that these are the three questions we should ask at the end of our time of personal prayer, as we imagine ourselves standing at the foot of the Cross. They encompass the whole of our relationship with Christ - our past, our present, and our future. We cannot change the past - we are living the present - and we can influence the future yet to come.

The future is, for me at least, the most difficult. When I was a director in theatre, I found it more difficult than I did being an actor. As an actor, when I was on stage, if something went wrong, I could do something about it. As a director, standing in the back of the theatre watching, if something went wrong there was absolutely nothing I could do. So it is with the future. I can make plans, and involve other people, and pray. But until that future becomes the present, it is all on paper and in my mind and waiting for something to happen.

As my childhood hero Charlie Brown used to say, "Aaaaaaargh!"

So pray as if everything depended on God, and work as if everything depends on you. (Some scholars say that should be the other way around, and yet others suggest it makes no difference. The interplay of you and God will still come out the same.) And later this year when I ask for help - I hope some folks will step up.

In the meantime, do something good for yourself. You deserve it, and you need to occasionally enrich your own life, as well as the life of those around you.

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

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Pius X (Pope) August 21

When I was a Jesuit Scholastic, there was an old priest in the community who had been a diocesan priest before joining the Jesuits. He was ordained in Rome by the Pope, and the Holy Father had signed his breviary. The Pope was Pius X, now a saint, and I thought it extraordinary that this man had been ordained by a saint.

Pius was a saint of our age and his most notable accomplishments were designed to help bring the Church and the faithful into a more modern age. He was head of the Catholic Church from August 1903 to his death in 1914.



Pius X was devoted to the Marian title of *Our Lady of Confidence*, while his papal encyclical *Ad diem illum* took on a sense of renewal that was reflected in his motto of his Pontificate (*Instaurare Omnia in Christo* - Restore all things in Christ). He was the only Pontiff to favor the use of the vernacular language in teaching catechesis and encouraged frequent reception of holy communion which became a lasting innovation of his papacy. He issued decrees on early Communion (age 7 instead of 12 or 14 as previously). He reformed the liturgy, promoted clear and simple homilies, brought Gregorian chant back to services, and revised the Breviary. Against the tradition of the day he promoted Bible reading by all the faithful and was a great supporter of foreign missions.

In addition, he strongly defended the Catholic religion against indifferentism and relativism. Like his predecessors, he promoted Thomism as the principal philosophical method to be taught in Catholic institutions. As Pontiff, he vehemently opposed modernism and various nineteenth-century philosophies, which he viewed as an import of secular errors incompatible with Catholic dogma. He reorganized the Roman curia, and the other administrative elements of the Church and worked against the modern antagonism of the state against the Church. One of his major efforts was initiating the codification of canon law.

Pius X was known for his overall rigid demeanor and sense of personal poverty. He frequently gave homily sermons in the pulpit every week, a rare practice at the time. After the 1908 Messina earthquake he filled the Apostolic Palace with refugees, long before the Italian government acted. He rejected any kind of favors for his family, to which his close relatives chose to remain in poverty living near Rome. During his Pontificate, many famed Marian images were granted a canonical coronation.

His will read: *"I was born poor; I lived poor; I wish to die poor."* After his death, a strong cult of devotion followed his reputation of piety and holiness. He was beatified in 1951 and was canonized as a Catholic Saint on 29 May 1954.

## 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. 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. The weekly movies are being shown each Thursday at 7 PM, at no charge.

## FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

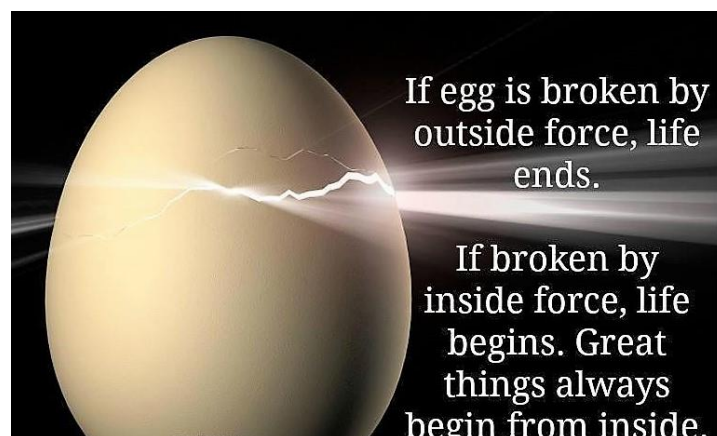
Classes to prepare children to receive their First Holy Communion will begin on Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Children who are at least 7 years of age, registered in Sacred Heart Parish and judged by Fr. John to be ready for the classes are eligible. There will be a meeting of parents with Fr. John, at which he will review the schedule for the year, and the obligations of the parents and the family, and what will be expected of the children. At that meeting he will also schedule a time to interview each child in his or her home. At least one parent is required to attend the meeting. There will be meetings at the Jesuit Center on Wednesday, August 29 at 7 PM; Friday August 31 at 10 AM; and on Tuesday September 4 at 7 PM. Attendance is required at only one meeting. Please call or email in advance to indicate your attendance, so we can be sure of having enough copies of the material available.

If the family is not registered at Sacred Heart Parish and is regularly attending another Church, the parents will have to obtain the approval of their parish priest for the child to attend these classes and make First Holy Communion at Sacred Heart. It is assumed the children taking the class will make their First Communion with the class in May. Any other arrangements need to be approved by Fr. John before the classes start.

There is no charge for the First Communion program, but there will be a fee for registrations after October 13 if approved.

## LOOKING AHEAD – WELCOME/WELCOME BACK/THANK YOU!

On Saturday, September 15, we will have our first Parish reception after the 5 PM Mass. If you are new to the parish, this is to welcome you and help you get to know some of your fellow parishioners. If you've been away for the summer or a couple of months, this is to welcome you back. And if you have been here pretty much all along this summer, this party is to say THANK YOU for helping to keep things going during the "slow" months. As the day gets closer we will be reminding you – and inviting you to bring something to share – cookies, sandwiches, your grandmother's favorite recipe – it is always a delight to see how creative some of our members are. (We have been assured that, theologically speaking, since this is a formal Parish event, there are NO calories in any of the food. Special dispensation.) So clear your calendars and be ready.



## MARK YOUR CALENDARS



# FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT!

*Monday, October 8 – 7 PM*

**VENUE:**

HALIM SALFITI THEATER, BANK AL ETIHAD

## SONGS I LOVE TO SING!

*An evening of some of my favorite songs – from Broadway, opera, folk songs, Gilbert & Sullivan and Cabaret. I will probably sing a parody song or two and might even sing the song my father sang to my mother at their wedding breakfast.*

### TICKET INFORMATION AVAILABLE SHORTLY

*(Proceeds from the concert will go to the Care for the Poor Group at the Parish)*

**LIMITED PROGRAM ADVERTISING AVAILABLE – FOR RATES AND RESERVATION CONTACT  
[PASTORSH@JORDANJESUITS.ORG](mailto:PASTORSH@JORDANJESUITS.ORG). Deadline September 27**

### CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP

There will be a meeting of the Care for the Poor group on Friday, September 7 at 3:00 PM at the Jesuit Center. Anyone interested in working with this group during the coming year is most welcome to attend. We will be discussing ideas for the Advent season, and other ways in which we might be able to help particular groups in our community both within and outside our Church. Ideas, suggestions and new folks are all most welcome. If you are interested and cannot make this meeting please let Fr. John know so he can add you to the mailing list.

**THIS IS OUR PARISH**

**WHERE DO YOU FIT IN?**

**LITURGY PLANNING**

**CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP**

**YOUTH GROUP**

**ALTAR SERVERS**

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**LECTORS**



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**TEACHING CATECHISM/  
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**??????? – SUGGEST SOMETHING**

**MUSIC GROUP**

**PARISH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**EMHC**  
*Extraordinary Minister of  
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