

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**September 1/2, 2018**



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA –

That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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

3 pm – Meeting of the Care for the Poor Group at the Jesuit Center. All are welcome.

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

**Sept. 8/9 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Sept. 11 – Arts in the Garden – 8 PM Jesuit Center. Free admission, seating limited to 100.

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 – See the last page of this issue

**Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Oct. 13 – Children's Mass

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

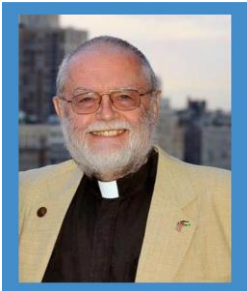
Oct. 20/21 – World Mission Sunday

Oct. 26 – End of Daylight Savings Time – Clocks go BACK one hour.

November 1 – All Saints Day – Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Nov. 1 – 10 – Fr. John away on retreat

**A REMINDER** – At St. Mary of Nazareth (Sweifieh) there is a “silent” room upstairs. It's great for times when a child is NOT going to be quiet, or an adult has problems with coughing, and sometimes the view is just the thing to fascinate a child. We welcome kids but if a parent thinks a child is becoming a distraction – there is an alternative to going outside.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I was looking for something cheerful or funny or just plain silly to use for this week's RAMBLINGS – yes, it's been one of those weeks. Instead I found this in my collection of odd stuff, and while it is not silly or funny, it is decidedly cheerful. While this little girl may not have a totally firm grip on reality, she most definitely knows when someone needs help, and she knows that she is going to try.

I find a couple of messages in this photo. One is that children continue to be a wonderful inspiration for us, if we are smart enough to pay attention. Too often adults feel the need to “teach” children all the time. A good teacher knows that if you are going to figure out what a student needs, and how best to present it, you first need to listen. Children often are struggling with trying to figure out the world and how it works. In academia we call that “philosophy” and it is a valuable and fascinating discipline. And at a level unencumbered with history and structure, that is precisely what kids spend a lot of time doing.



The picture also reminds me how important it is to play, to not always make a hard line between “reality” and make believe. Not everything is science and sometimes we need to talk to a tree, or a statue or our guardian angel, and if others wonder about our grasp – let them. We know better.

Of course, the most wonderful thing that comes out of this picture is how eager she is to help. That is something we find in most very young children, and unfortunately, something that gets lost in later years. I think many of us start out with an instinctive response to reach out – but as we get older, we worry if the person in need really wants our help, can we be liable if something goes wrong, I'm too busy to stop...and a hundred other reasons that block our natural instinct to step in and step over and step up.

Now of course there is also an ulterior motive in my reflections (although I confess I didn't start out with that in mind, but as I rambled....) and that is my continuing desire for folks to do what this little girl is doing, help out. And for them to overcome all the excuses that rise up to destroy that very natural (and very good) desire to pitch in. Next week I will publish a more detailed description of the ministries in our parish, and at the Welcome/Welcome Back party on the 15<sup>th</sup>, there will be tables where existing volunteers can answer questions and hopefully let you sign up. Sort of like a mini-job fair, but without the salaries.

I wonder where that little girl is today and what she is doing. I bet she is volunteering somewhere doing something to help other people. I hope so.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org)

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.

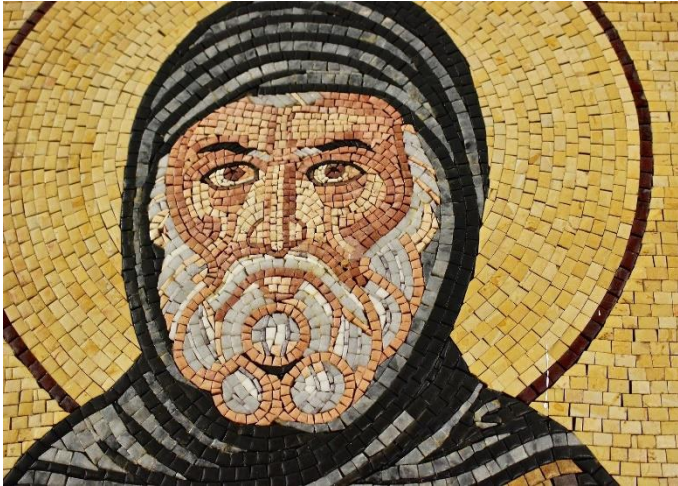
## SAINT OF THE WEEK – Moses the Lawgiver, September 4<sup>th</sup>

Today the Church remembers the greatest and most significant of ancient Israel's saints. In the Roman Martyrology his name heads the list of today's martyrs and saints:

"This Day, the Fourth Day of September"

"On Mount Nebo, in the land of Moab, the holy lawgiver and prophet Moses."

The death and burial of Moses is related in the 34th chapter of Deuteronomy (verses 1-6), an epilogue to the Pentateuch written after his death by his successor St. Josue or by one of the later prophets or historians of ancient Israel.



As Israel's leader, prophet, and lawgiver through whom God delivered the Israelites from bondage in Egypt in the 15th century B.C., Moses had governed Israel for 40 years. But the Israelites certainly would have begun to regard their deceased lawgiver as a demigod, and would have built a shrine over the grave of Moses which soon would have become a temple of idolatry. To prevent that, God ensured that the grave of Moses would remain secret.

As with all saints, the holiness of Moses and all that he achieved, and all of his miracles, were rooted in his faith in God and his hope in the Messianic

promises, as St. Paul said in his Epistle to the Hebrews:

By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents; because they saw he was a comely babe, and they feared not the king's edict. By faith Moses, when he was grown up, denied himself to be the son of Pharaoh's daughter; Rather choosing to be afflicted with the people of God, than to have the pleasure of sin for a time, **Esteeming the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasure of the Egyptians.** For he looked unto the reward. By faith he left Egypt, not fearing the fierceness of the king: for he endured as seeing him that is invisible. By faith he celebrated the Pasch, and the shedding of the blood; that he, who destroyed the firstborn, might not touch them. (Heb. 11:23-28)

St. Paul's identification here of the suffering that Moses often endured as "*the reproach of Christ*" reminds us that the life, deeds, and words of Moses were allegorical types that anticipated the life of Jesus Christ. Thus, God Himself told Moses that the promised Messiah would be a Prophet "like to thee" - I will raise them up a prophet out of the midst of their brethren like to thee: and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I shall command him. And he that will not hear his words, which he shall speak in my name, I will be the revenger. (Deut. 18:18-19)

So, everything that Moses accomplished was a foreshadowing of the greater things Jesus would do, even, and especially, as Deut. 18:18 says, the giving of the Law, the Old Covenant that God ratified with Israel at Mount Sinai.

So much honor did God bestow upon Moses that in the vision of the Transfiguration, he appeared with the transfigured Savior of the world, along with St. Elias (Elijah), second greatest of the Old Testament prophets. Yet the important lesson for us is that when Jesus was transfigured, the souls of Moses and Elias stood silent, while the Heavenly Voice of God the Father declared, "*This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased: hear ye him.*" (Matt. 17:5)

## **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>Mon - Sat</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Jesuit Center</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)</b>

## **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 is one meeting remaining, on Monday September 3 at 7 PM. If you did not attend one of the first two meetings, you need to be present at this one. 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. You are invited not just to attend but also 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.

## **UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVERTISING**

### **For the Program for FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT**

Program - 3 pages available, Full Color full page only. 40 JOD  
Deadline September 27 - Auditorium seats a Maximum of 170

### **For the 2019 SACRED HEART CALENDAR**

Calendar - 1/2 page 60 JOD, Full page 100 JOD  
Deadline November 15  
We print 800 copies, for sale and free distribution

Contact Fr. John for more information, and to make a space reservation. First come, first served.



## ARTS IN THE GARDEN - SEPTEMBER 11, 8 pm

A Presentation of the Arts of Theatre program at the Jesuit Center. A free evening of dance, theatre and singing, in the Chapel Garden at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi. Seating is limited to the first 100 who arrive, so please come early. The program should last around 90 minutes.



### SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

1	(Anniversary) Mr/Mrs Dadson
16	Jeffrey VanDorn Selva Sumitha Walter
17	Ian Rosario-Hopkins
24	Nicy Micky
29	Francisca Ga'mez Aguilera

## CATECHISM CLASS FOR CHILDREN OTHER THAN 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION

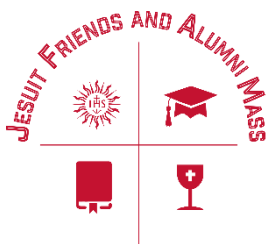
I would love to have a catechism class – or classes – for children in that stage after First Holy Communion but not yet ready for Confirmation. It depends completely on finding one or more people to work with me to plan and conduct the classes. If there are no volunteers – there will be no classes. If you feel you don't know enough – there is an old saying, "If you want to really learn a subject, teach it." By the time you have prepared classes, and answered questions you would NEVER have thought of, you will have learned more about your faith than you have probably taught the children. See me (Fr. John) to talk about it. (But not after Mass when everything is crazy – call me or email me.)

## CONFIRMATION CLASS

We currently have one Confirmation candidate who will receive the sacrament on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup>. If there are candidates for Confirmation, we can start another group in January of 2019. The program usually takes around 18 months but varies depending on the number of students, their availability and commitment. Any interested candidates should contact Fr. John before November 1.

## FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT

You notice there is a one page notice about my upcoming concert. I have half page flyers and more of these full page in color available next week. PLEASE SPREAD THE WORD! I am not a household word, not famous, not one of those who sells out simply by announcing a concert. So anything anybody can do to spread the news will be greatly appreciated. Schools – embassies – businesses – other groups – I can get you small flyers to leave places, the larger version for a bulletin board – if a group has their own newsletter even a line or two is great. Karasi lets you buy on line, and the ticket is emailed – you can print it, or put it on your cell phone, or if you can't, they print it and we have it at the front desk on the night of the concert. Easy Peezie. Thank you in advance. It gets lonely singing if no one shows up.



## JESUIT FRIENDS AND ALUMNI MASS ON OCTOBER 20

As we did last year, we invite all alumni of Jesuit schools and organizations – if you graduated or not, if you worked with Jesuits – to please join us for a special Mass of recognition and a celebration following in the parish hall. More details coming, but MARK YOUR CALENDAR.



# FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT!

*Monday, October 8 – 7 PM*  
*Halim Salfiti Theater, Bank Al Etihad Headquarters*

## SONGS I LOVE TO SING!

### TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

THE JESUIT CENTER - 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein  
Thru KARASI – [www.karasi.com](http://www.karasi.com) (All tickets available on line)  
Orders at – [www.jordanjesuits.org](http://www.jordanjesuits.org) and click Sacred Heart Parish

**Prices:** (Proceeds support the Care for the Poor Program at Sacred Heart Parish)

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats, name in the program, special gift

General Admission – 10 JOD

Children under 12 - 5 JOD (Accompanied by adult – Maximum 2 children per adult)

Students – 5 JOD (Admitted to the theatre 10 minutes before the start,  
may sit in any vacant seat. Student ID required)

**NOTE:** The program will begin promptly at 7 PM. Latecomers will be admitted only when there is a suitable pause in the singing.

- Cameras, cell phones and other recording devices are strictly not allowed. Patrons who use their cell phone for any reason during the performance will be asked to leave. **NOT EVEN FOR E-MAIL!**

*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. And lots of jokes and stories – most of them actually true!*



**FATHER JOHN SHEEHAN** is a Jesuit priest, currently Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish, the English language parish in Amman. He worked for many years in professional theatre and broadcasting with over 1,000 performances. He has appeared off-Broadway, in dinner theatre and regional theatres around the United States, and sung in concert in at least 9 different countries.

