

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



23rd SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

September 8/9, 2018

**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION
FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

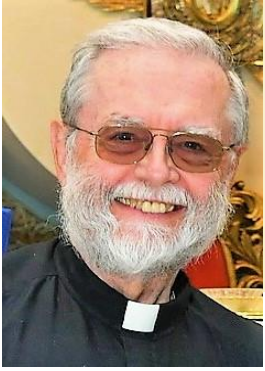
Nov. 1 – 10 – Fr. John away on retreat



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.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Aaaaaand they're off!

That's the cry of the announcer at the beginning of a horse race. All the horses (or the dogs or the camels or whatever/whoever is racing) and the goal, of course, is to get around the track faster than everyone else and be the first one across the line.

May I suggest that is a really bad image for Christians? I had a friend who worked at Jesuit Missions in Wimbledon, and one year he decided that he would get together a team, and they would race in the London Marathon to raise money for the missions. Great idea, and he got six or seven friends who trained and prepared and they did raise some money.

The next year he had a bright idea for more publicity. There is a series of children's books – the Wombles of Wimbledon – about a whole family of creature who live under Wimbledon Commons. He got ahold of the author, and got permission from her to have a costume made as one of the Wombles, and he ran the Marathon in this huge costume. Next year there were three of them, running the marathon in these Womble costumes – as if running a marathon were not enough of a challenge. Two of the runners were quite good and both got to the finish line in exceptional time – and they stopped. The crowd started shouting for them to cross the line – but the two of them stopped about three feet before the finish line, and they waited for the third Womble to show up. When he finally came, the three linked arms and crossed together.

That picture was on the front page of every major newspaper in the UK. For them it wasn't about "winning," it was about supporting one another. This past April 34 runners ran for Jesuit Missions – and 5 Wombles.

As we begin a "new year" of school and activities and projects and events, no matter what our age, it is easy to get caught up in "winning," beating the other guy. Now there is nothing wrong in trying to be the best but remember, the measure is the best you can be. If it happens you are better than some others, great. But we have to keep in mind that sometimes helping someone else get to the finish line is more important than setting a record. Here are pictures of the Wombles that run – and they continue to run today, more than 20 years after they started.



Can you imagine running 42.195 km in that suit?

Let us continue to pray for one another and help each other whenever we can.

Fr. John's Email: pastorsh@jordanesuits.org

Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Website: Jordanesuits.org Facebook: Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. John Chrysostom , September 13



St. John Chrysostom was born in Antioch, Syria, and the zeal and clarity of his preaching, which appealed especially to the common people, earned him the Greek surname meaning “golden-mouthed.” His tenure as archbishop was stormy, and he died in exile. His relics were brought back to Constantinople about 438, and he was later declared a doctor (teacher) of the church.

He was the son of a high-ranking military officer and was raised as a Christian by his widowed mother. Although he studied law, he gave up his profession to study theology, ultimately becoming an ascetic hermit-monk. When his health gave way, he returned to Antioch and became a priest in 386. Over the next 12 years he established himself as a great preacher. In 387 he calmed the riotous citizens of Antioch, who had treated the images of the sacred emperors with disrespect and were threatened with reprisals, with a famous course of sermons known as “the homilies on the statues.” His brilliant exposition and moral

teaching have the note of universality; his words remain forceful, and his humorous sallies are still as pungent as when they provoked laughter in the congregations of Antioch and Constantinople. He was concerned, above all, for the spiritual and temporal welfare of the needy and oppressed. He was not alone among the early Fathers in speaking out against the abuse of wealth. He believed that personal property is not strictly private but a trust. In his eloquent, moving, and repeated insistence on almsgiving, he frequently taught that what was superfluous to one’s reasonable needs ought to be given away.

In 398 John was called to Constantinople to be its archbishop, much against his will. His teachings on the misuse of riches angered the wealthy and influential. In 403 a synod of disaffected or subservient Syrian and Egyptian bishops indicted John on a large number of charges, many of which were purely frivolous or vexatious. John refused to appear before the synod, whereupon it condemned him and professed to depose him from his see. The emperor Arcadius banished him from the city, and he was kept in confinement at Cucusus in Armenia.

John appealed his banishment to the bishop of Rome, Pope Innocent I; the latter, with the help of the Western emperor Honorius, attempted to intervene, but his efforts were brought to nothing by John’s enemies. In exile, however, John found it possible to keep up a lively correspondence with his supporters and was still able to exert a measure of influence in his cause. He was to be moved to an even more remote place but he did not survive the exhausting journey. The official rehabilitation of John Chrysostom came about 31 years later, when his relics were brought from Comana to Constantinople and were solemnly received by the archbishop Proclus and the emperor Theodosius II, son of Arcadius and Eudoxia.

John Chrysostom was not outstanding as a theologian nor as a theological writer, but he was a superb orator. Each of his sermons had its moral or social lesson.

The most frequently used of the three eucharistic services of the Eastern Orthodox Church is called the Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom and the Prayer of St. John Chrysostom in The Book of Common Prayer of the Church of England is taken from this liturgy.

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)

LOOKING AHEAD – WELCOME/WELCOME BACK/THANK YOU!

Next 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.

CATECHISM CLASS FOR CHILDREN OTHER THAN 1ST COMMUNION

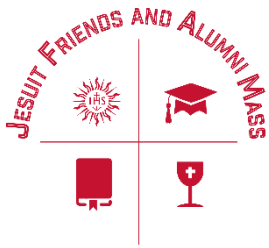
I would love to have a catechism class – or classes – for children in that stage after First Holy Communion but not yet ready for Confirmation. It depends completely on finding one or more people to work with me to plan and conduct the classes. If there are no volunteers – there will be no classes. If 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 15th. 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

I trust your calendar has already marked off October 8 with a colorful circle for my upcoming concert. I have half page flyers and some full page in color available. 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. Or you can place an order through our web page. 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.

Last year we were able to list 33 Jesuit schools and organizations that members of our parish had attended or worked for or with. We were featured in the US magazine, with pictures, because of our participation, and we were strongly encouraged to once again be a part of this international effort.

SO – please help spread the word through embassy contacts, schools and companies, so that any Jesuit Friend or Alum can know and be welcome to participate. And let Fr. John know about your Jesuit connection, so we can add it to the list for this year. (NOT after Mass, but with an email or a message!)

More details in the weeks ahead but mark your calendar and tell your friends!

VOLUNTEER MINISTRIES AT SACRED HEART PARISH

Like any parish community, Sacred Heart needs the active participation of our members. If you have any skills or interests that are not listed here, please do not hesitate to come forward with suggestions about other areas in which you might contribute. At the Welcome/Welcome Back reception next week there will be tables where you can sign up, or ask questions about a particular ministry. If you have an interest or experience in some area of service not mentioned here, please let Fr. John know.

ALTAR SERVER CANDIDATES - Anyone in at least in fourth grade or ten years old interested in serving at Mass, with the permission of your parents, is encouraged to contact Father John. When we have volunteers, we will have a meeting, at which servers will be introduced to the program and the proposed training schedule. There is no upper age or grade limit; any baptized Catholic including adults may serve at the altar. We also need an adult to help as coordinator for the altar servers. In the past serving has been a little haphazard; we hope to have a more formal program in keeping with the serious service provided.

LECTORS - The Lector is entrusted with proclaiming the Word of God at Mass and other public celebrations. To be a Lector requires participation in one Workshop. In addition to the technical dimension of proclaiming the readings, Lectors should regularly pray with the readings. This ministry is open to all who are in Grade 10 and above. If you are interested, please email Fr. John and you will be notified of the schedule for workshops.

TEACHING CCD CLASS - Passing on the faith to children is one of the primary responsibilities of the community, and we rely on volunteers to teach catechism classes and to work with students and teachers. Anyone who has been confirmed and is a practicing Catholic is eligible to volunteer to teach or to be an assistant in the classroom.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION - In this diocese we have been granted a special permission by the Bishop to have EMHC'S. In accordance with his wishes, only men may be candidates. Candidates for the office of EMHC are required to participate in a formal program of preparation, which will consist of two seminars. Candidates will then be formally approved and formally installed at Mass. This ministry is open to men who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. If you have already been installed at another parish, let Fr. John know that.

MUSIC MINISTRY - There will be an exploratory meeting in the week after the reception, to see what interest there is about music for our liturgies and celebrations. Singers and instrumentalists are welcome, instrumentalists should bring their instrument. A piano will be provided. Bring something to play you feel comfortable with. There is no agenda, and no possibilities are ruled out in advance. Both choral voices and solo voices welcome, basic players as well as more advanced. If you are interested and cannot attend, please send an email indicating your interest and experience to Fr. John. (pastorSH@jordanjesuits.org).

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD - In other Churches where I have been, we have had a Liturgy of the Word for children, pre- and post First Communion. Children come to the church with their parents for the opening of Mass, then are formally excused before the penitential rite, to go to some other place for a Liturgy of the Word designed specifically for them. They return in time for the offertory and are present for the rest of Mass. This makes the worship event more meaningful for them and lets parents concentrate more fully on the Word of God. If there are parents who think is a good idea, we will need volunteers to help with this program. We will need to plan the sessions (that may be a separate task in itself) and then we need volunteers on a rotating basis. Since the volunteers themselves will miss the Liturgy of the Word, it is best if a pool of volunteers participate.

YOUTH MINISTRY – It has been suggested that a special program for the older members of the youth community might be helpful. We need to bring together those interested in helping to create and run such a program.

PARISH ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC) - In keeping with the provisions of Canon Law regarding the administration of a parish, I am forming a PAC (as opposed to a Parish Council, since we are a personal rather than a territorial parish). This group will meet probably 4 times a year to assist in planning, review the financial documents and advise the Pastor. As an Advisory Committee there is no liability but there is a responsibility and a chance to be of great service to the parish community. I will be contacting some people directly, but if you are interested, and especially if you have experience, please (make that PLEASE) contact Fr. John.

HOSPITALITY AND SPECIAL EVENTS – Volunteers will assist coordinators at Mass and in organizing and running special events outside of Mass. Men and women are most welcome to help in this important and diversified service.



ASK FATHER JOHN?

The reason for all the question marks is to raise the question – Is there a desire for another session of “Ask Father John” – or have all the questions been asked and answered? Individuals have been most generous in hosting these events, providing snacks and drinks and a welcoming environment, but if there is not a sufficient attendance, it does not seem the best use of their hospitality. SO – please let Fr. John know if a session on September 24 is something you would be interested in, or that you are definitely interested but cannot make that night. Silence means we will not schedule the event, so let Fr. John know.