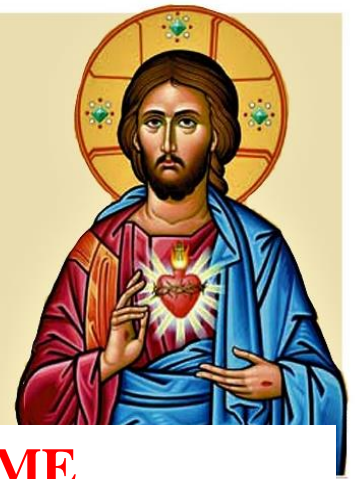


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



26th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
September 29/30, 2018

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Sept. 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels
Oct. 1 – Lector Workshop, 7 PM – Jesuit Center
Oct. 5 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel
3 PM – EMHC Workshop A, Jesuit Center
Oct. 8 – FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 7PM – *Do you have your tickets?*
Oct 10 – November 2 – Fr. Linden in the U.S.
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. (Sweet dreams)
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
Nov. 2 – All Soul’s Day – First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel
Nov. 3 – No First Communion class
Nov. 5 – Feast of All Saints of the Society of Jesus
Nov. 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica
Nov. 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION
Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia (Patron saint of music)
Nov. 24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King
Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle
Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent

CHECK THE CALENDAR

For upcoming workshops during this week. Please RSVP if you will attend.



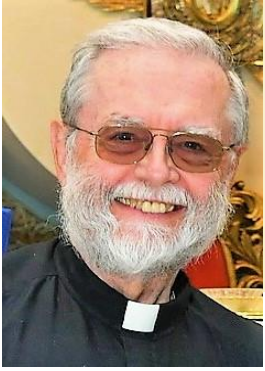
Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA –
That young people in Africa may have access to education and work in their own countries.

MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
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 think I have told the story about my father, who was a very entertaining man but sometimes, especially at a cocktail party would – I have been told – talk a little too much. When that happened, my mother would slide up, and press a quarter in his hand. That was his signal to “Shut up.”

I worry that you hear my voice too much – a weekly column here, and a different one on the website, homilies during the week and on weekends, classes, days of recollection – so this week, in honor of the Autumn that started last week, I thought I’d share someone else’s writing, a Jesuit poet named Gerard Manley Hopkins. I made the 30-day retreat (which actually takes 40 days) at a retreat house in Wales where he lived and wrote many of his poems.

Hurrahing in Harvest **By Gerard Manley Hopkins**

SUMMER ends now; now, barbarous in beauty, the stooks arise
Around; up above, what wind-walks! what lovely behaviour
Of silk-sack clouds! has wilder, wilful-wavier
Meal-drift moulded ever and melted across skies?

I walk, I lift up, I lift up heart, eyes,
Down all that glory in the heavens to glean our Saviour;
And, éyes, héart, what looks, what lips yet gave you a
Rapturous love’s greeting of realer, of rounder replies?

And the azurous hung hills are his world-wielding shoulder
Majestic—as a stallion stalwart, very-violet-sweet!—
These things, these things were here and but the beholder
Wanting; which two when they once meet,
The heart rears wings bold and bolder
And hurls for him, O half hurls earth for him off under his feet.

If you find him a little difficult, try reading it out loud. That is often a help when language gets complicated. It was a great help when I was in law school, and later in my Jesuit studies, when I was wrestling with philosophy. It was not that long ago that reading aloud in a group was a regular pastime, and authors would tour to read sections of their books. With no radio or television, a family might gather at night, and one of the members would read aloud. I remember my mother reading to us to help us fall asleep.

So as we welcome autumn, and the schedule seems to pick up and accelerate and suddenly there is no time to do anything – stop and read a poem out loud. Or a section of a book. Or a prayer. You may discover something new about the work, or the writer, about yourself or maybe even God.

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. THERÈSE OF THE CHILD JESUS, OCT. 1

The “Little Flower” – Patron of Missionaries

I have always been fascinated that this is one of the earliest photographs of a saint. Therese and her sister were in the same convent, and their parents gave the convent a camera, so we not only have photos of her but shots of different aspects of convent life.



She was born in January of 1873. She had not turned 15 when she petitioned the local priest to let her enter the cloister at Carmel. He said no, as did the Bishop to whom she next went. The family went to Rome in 1887 to celebrate the Jubilee year, and had an audience with Pope Leo XIII. They had been told not to speak – but the young girl threw herself at the feet of the Holy Father. She cried out, Most Holy Father, I have a great favor to ask you!...Holy Father, in honor of your jubilee, permit me to enter Carmel at the age of fifteen."

Father Reverony, the leader of the French pilgrimage, stared stonily at this bold little girl, in surprise and displeasure. "Most Holy Father," the priest said coldly, "this is a child who wants to enter Carmel at the age of fifteen. The superiors are considering the matter at the moment."

"Well, my child," the Holy Father replied, "do what the superiors tell you." "Resting my hands on his knees," Therese continued, "I made a final effort, saying, 'Oh, Holy Father, if you say yes, everybody will agree!' He gazed at me speaking these words and stressing each syllable: 'Go - go - you will enter if God wills it.'"

Therese did not want to leave the Holy Father's presence, so the papal guards had to lift her up and carry the tearful young girl to the door. But she did enter at age 16.

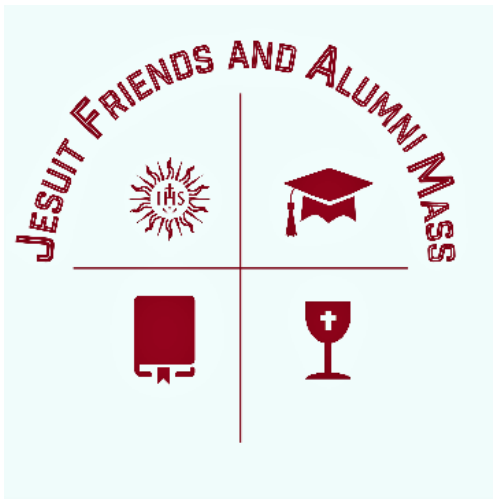
Her life in the convent is well-documented and well-known, but her spirit continued, animated by her deep love of God. Her motto – To love and be unknown – captures her life, and it is a testimony to that love that she is the secondary patron of missionaries, she who never left her convent once she was accepted. She died on September 30, 1890, and was canonized in May of 1925 by Pope Pius XI.

FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES

Classes have started and technically the course is now closed. I will listen to special cases but I am reluctant to make the class much bigger. We currently have 16 candidates from 6 countries (Korea, Spain, Jordan, USA, Britain and Poland). 4 families have two children in the class, and we have two sets of twins. The oldest was born in October of 2008 and the youngest in February of 2011. The candidates will be formally presented to the parish at the Children's Mass on October 13th but please keep them in your prayers.

FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 1 Week to Go

Yikes! Do you have your tickets yet? We keep track and we will NOT sell more tickets than we have seats. So if you try to buy a ticket at the last minute – you might be disappointed. As this edition goes to the printer more than half the seats have been sold. The program has already gone to the printer, but last-minute Patrons will have their names added on a special insert. Everyone who comes gets a small present, and there is even a contest with free tickets to the next concert as a prize – and there is no limit to the number of winners. It should be a fun evening, but it will be more fun if you're there. Please help spread the word during this last week.



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20
ST. MARY OF NAZARETH
CHURCH, SWEIFIEH
Mass at 5 pm
6 pm - RECEPTION
AFTER MASS

Sacred Heart Parish - Vicariate of Amman
(English-Language)

A Ministry of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits)

The Jesuit Center – 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein
PO Box 212074 Amman 11121 Jordan

Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ - Pastor



All Jesuit graduates, past students and friends of the Jesuits are invited to join in a celebration of the work of the Society of Jesus in education around the world. Anyone who has attended a Jesuit school or a Jesuit organization, who has sent children, who is a “fan” of the Jesuits is welcome. It is an opportunity for us all to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Sacred Heart Parish joins with parishes around the world in recognizing those who have experienced the Jesuit approach, and we invite all to join us in this weekend celebration.

PLEASE REGISTER! Let us know you are coming, since Jesuit Alumni and Friends will have reserved seating in the Church, and we would like to include your school or organization in the Mass program for the day. We don't need your phone # or your email, you will not be put on a mailing list (unless you would like to be) but we do need to have a sense of how many people we might expect for the Mass and for the reception. And we DO want to be able to list your school or the place where you encountered the Jesuits.

Please send your registrations and school information to:

PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org or Text to 079 013-8985

PLEASE HELP SHARE THE NEWS OF THIS EVENT AT YOUR EMBASSY, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR WORKPLACE, YOUR GYM OR WHEREVER YOU SOCIALIZE. IT IS SURPRISING HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO A JESUIT SCHOOL, AND WE WANT TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE THOSE SCHOOLS AND INVITE THOSE PEOPLE.

MASS AT 5 pm – St. Mary of Nazareth Church, Sweifieh
Reception following the Mass at the Church hall.