

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



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

**November 10/11, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION  
FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

*(Items in italics are tentative, pending final approval and response from the congregations)*

### **Nov. 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Nov. 16 – Benefit Dinner for the Jesuit Center Theatre Arts Program

Nov. 17/18 – Installation of Lectors, EMHC, and Altar Servers

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia (Patron saint of music)

Nov. 24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King

Distribution of Advent “Baskets”

**Special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Care for the Poor program – Christmas projects**

*Nov. 24 – Reception following the Mass at Sweifieh*

Nov. 25 – Beginning of the Novena to St. Francis Xavier

Nov. 27 - 7:30 PM - *Weekly Advent Prayer group*

Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Free performance of the Jesuit Center Theatre Arts Program

Dec. 1 - 9:30 AM – *Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center*

Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent

Dec 2 – Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center begins

Advent Day of Recollection – 1<sup>st</sup> session at 9:15 AM

Dec. 3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier

*Dec 4 – 7:30 PM - Weekly Advent Prayer group*

Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day

Dec 7 - First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel

Dec. 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

*9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center*

### **Dec. 8/9 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Dec. 8 – Children’s Mass (Mass of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent)

Dec. 9 - Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center

Dec. 11 - 7:30 PM - *Weekly Advent Prayer group*

*Dec. 14 - Advent Day of Recollection – 1<sup>st</sup> session at 9:15 AM, following the 8:30 AM Mass*

Dec. 15 - 9:30 AM – *Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center*

Dec. 15/16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent – Renewal of Marriage Vows

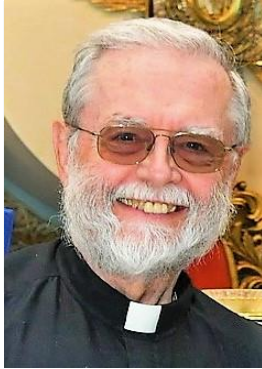
*Reception following Mass at Sweifieh*

Dec. 17 – Birthday of Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ



*Pope Francis'*  
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

**In Service of Peace**  
That the language of love and  
dialogue may always prevail  
over the language of conflict.



**RAMBLINGS**  
OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I am writing this before I go off on retreat, so anything that may have happened in the last ten days won't be part of my rambling, including any graces, insights or inspirations I may have received while I was away. For those of you who prayed for me while I was away – thank you.

As I prepare for these days away, I am filled with joy for the things that are happening in our parish. The Children's Liturgy of the Word is certainly one. When the children come down front for the blessing, and when they return leading the Offertory procession – it's a real gift for my heart. The singing at Mass continues to amaze and delight and enrich me. The Mini Pilgrimage we did was another source of joy. Families came as families, some children came alone, a couple of adults came alone. And as God works these things out, we had 21 people for a bus that seats 22. We were not able to get the fancy JET bus so we had a school bus – and the low seats and intimate design meant that conversations went forward and backward easily and people got to know one another throughout the day. One person remarked that one of the joys of the day was getting to know the people whose faces we see at Mass each week. True.

The Care for the Poor group has been working, and our Advent "Baskets" will be distributed on the Feast of Christ the King – and we will also be taking up a special collection for this program on that day as well. We have several efforts planned, including one to provide a cheap method of heating a room for people who can't afford wood or gas or electricity – if they even have electricity. We have a couple of ideas that might involve volunteers from the community – cleaning an apartment for a poor family, painting a classroom at a school, projects that will take a day with many hands, and work that whole families can take part in, or individuals. We'll keep you informed.

And as I write this I don't know what the response is/will be to the list of proposed activities for Advent. One that was not on the list is the daily reflections sent to your email box. Those who received them during Lent will get them unless you tell me to take you off the list. If you would like to be added – let me know. But the items on the calendar in italics are all tentative – and as I have said, for me, silence means there is not enough interest and they will be erased.

I haven't left yet – but I know that when it is time to return I will be glad to be back. So let us continue to pray for one another.

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**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. Josaphat, November 12



This saint was born in 1580, declared a Blessed in 1643, but not officially named a Saint until 1867. He was officially declared the Patron Saint of Reunion between Orthodox and Catholics. During the Second Vatican Council, at the express wish of Pope John XXIII, who himself was most interested in reunion, the body of St. Josaphat was finally laid to rest at the magnificent altar of St. Basil in St. Peter's Basilica. This took place on November 25, 1963.

St. Josaphat was born John Kuncevic about 1580 in a village of a Lithuanian Province that was a part of the Polish Kingdom. His parents belonged to the Eastern Rite Church of Kyiv which was then separated from Rome. When he was a child, his mother explained the icons in church. Years later he told a friend that he felt a spark of fire leave the wounded side of the Crucified and enter his own heart, which was filled with joy. This event influenced the rest of his life. Within him grew the desire to suffer poverty and death for his Savior.

John's father sent him to Vilno in Lithuania to learn more about the family business. Nevertheless, he spent much of his leisure in reading the lives of the Saints and observing the religious ferment in the local church. The Ruthenians generally followed the lead of the Byzantine Church there. But the question of reunion with Rome was hotly debated.

The bishops of the Ukrainian and Byelorussian Churches who lived within the Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth held a Ruthenian Synod in 1595 and voted to unite with Rome under Pope Clement VIII. John was fifteen years old. In 1598 John made his profession of faith, then entered the Basilian Monastery of the Holy Trinity in Vilno, and took the name of Josaphat.

In 1609 Josaphat was ordained a priest and began his career of preaching and spiritual direction and providing for the needy and homeless. Over sixty men entered the Basilian Order under his influence. He was made the superior of a daughter monastery at Byten, where he revived devotion to the Mother of God at Zirovica. Returning to Vilno as archimandrite of the monastery, he began to reform the monks. There he also compiled texts from the Eastern Fathers and Doctors under the title "A Defense of Church Unity." All these activities led to his being appointed Coadjutor Bishop to the elderly, ailing Bishop of Plock (Plotsk), and eventually he became the Bishop of Plock with the title of Archeparch (Archbishop).

He at once called a synod to revitalize his diocese. He detached his priests from subservience to the unruly nobility and wrote "A Rule for Priests." Most of all he pursued the reunion of all with Rome. He faced major opposition, and while visiting Vitebsk (Belarus), he was cruelly hacked to death on November 12, 1623. He was about forty-five years old.

It has been written that the blood of the martyrs is the seed of Church growth. Among the many miracles consequent to Josaphat's murder was the conversion of his assassins to the Roman union. Thousands of dissidents returned to the Catholic faith. Most significant, even the Bishop who most opposed him became an ardent supporter of the Pope!

## 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)



## FUND-RAISING DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT – November 16



The Theatre Arts Program at the Jesuit Center

**Presents:**

**Our First Fundraising Dinner and Entertainment**

*(Rental of a Theatre for our Show November 30)*

**ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 16 @ 6:30PM**

**Venue: Jesuit Center - 43 Al Razi Street - Jabal Al Hussein**

**Expect the Unexpected after the Feast!**

**Prizes and Surprises!!!**

Bring your own Wine.  
Corking Fee: 5 JOD

**FOR TICKET INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS:**  
CALL :079-679-3436

**15 JOD**  
Contributions Welcome

**Menu:**  
Soup, Salad,  
Chicken,  
Fish, Beef,  
Rice,  
Dessert,  
Coffee, Tea,  
Juice.

## DID YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATION YET?

I'm on retreat so I have no idea if there are any seats left. If you missed out, you will have missed the second most exciting event of the season (Next to my own concert, of course.) But call and check to see if there are seats – there might be a cancellation.

## ADVENT BASKET PROGRAM 2018 – You “CAN” Do It!

Advent is a season of preparation, and many aids have been developed to help people stay focused on the preparation, rather than hurrying toward Christmas. Advent calendars, lighting the Advent wreath at home, the daily meditations provided by email – all of these and more are to help us keep the goal of the season in mind, especially when faced with the drumbeat of Christmas sales and events.

Our Advent “Basket” is a practical part of this. Each day, we suggest that your family, or you individually, make some sacrifice, and put into the “Basket” whatever money would have gone to whatever you gave up. It reminds us of the Babe that will be born in poverty in the manger, and at the same time, helps us as a parish support our efforts to aid the poor in our community. A family can have a basket or individual members within the family can have their own baskets.

OK – the “Basket” is really a can with a picture of a basket on it. We also have blank labels, so if there is an artist in your family, you can design your own label, and put it on your can. Each is numbered and will be signed out individually. The “Baskets” will be distributed at the Feast of Christ the King, November 24/25, they will be available at the Jesuit Center, and they will be available the following week at both weekend Masses as well. And on that weekend we will also have a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Care for the Poor program, especially to help with Christmas projects. The “Baskets” will be collected before Christmas, and Sacred Heart Santa will make deliveries in mid-January.

THANK YOU for your support and your generosity.