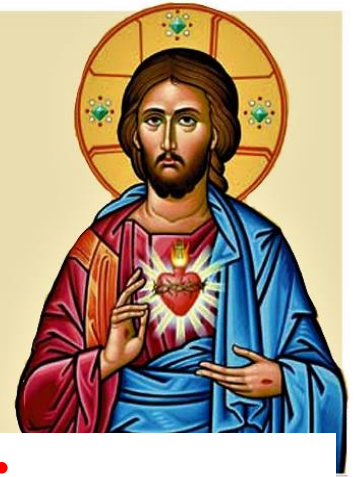


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



24th Sunday of Ordinary Time

September 14/15, 2019

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

WELCOME AND WELCOME BACK!!!!

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

September 14 – Welcome Mass for new and returning Parishioners – Reception after the Mass
First Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM

September 14/15 - **Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish**

September 17 – Bible Study groups – 11:00 AM and 7:00 PM

September 19-23 – Visit of the Jesuit Provincial

September 21/22 – Narrated Mass, Part 2

September 23 – Deadline for ads for the program for Fr. John's Concert
First Day of Autumn

September 24 – Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 26 - Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 27 – Lector Workshop, 10 AM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 28 – Mass for children at Sweifieh

September 29 – Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 3 PM Jesuit Center

October 1 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center

October 5/6 – Mass in Latin

October 7 – FATHER JOHN SINGS AGAIN!! A Concert at Bank Al-Etihad

October 10 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 2 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center

October 11 – MISSION SERVICE PROJECT

October 12/13 – Installation of Liturgical Ministers

Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

October 19 – Mass for Jesuit Alumni and Friends

October 25 – Daylight Savings Time ends

October 26/27 – Renewal of Marriage Vows

October 30 – November 9 – Father John away on retreat

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints; First Friday

November 2 – Feast of All Souls

November 9 – Fr. John returns from retreat; regular 1st Communion class

November 13 – Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

November 14 – The Progressive Dinner

November 23/24 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 23 – Reception after Mass



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR SEPTEMBER

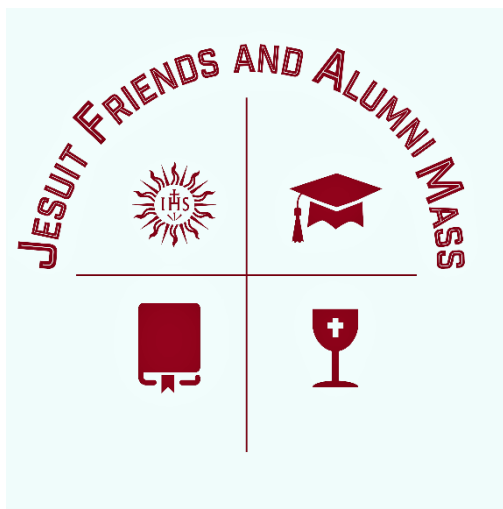
The Protection of the Oceans
That politicians, scientists and economists work together to protect the world's seas and oceans.

The link to the video for this month's prayer intention:

<https://youtu.be/EQtsRyhPIAs>

WELCOME FR. MARC-STEPHAN GIESE, SJ

Last week I was proud to introduce the first of two new men joining the Jesuit Community in Jabal Hussein, and our second has now joined us. Born in Germany, Fr. Marc-Stephan studied philosophy and theology before entering the Jesuits in 2004. After Novitiate he served his Regency period in Nuremberg, working at a Jesuit Center in Adult and Youth formation. He received his STL degree in Rome, and after ordination was a teacher and a chaplain in Bonn. His next assignment was as a university chaplain, a Youth Minister and the Country Director for Jesuit Refugee Service in Stockholm, Sweden. He made his Tertianship in Bolivia, and then was sent to Beirut for a year for language studies. In addition to English, German, Spanish, Swedish, Italian and Arabic, he also sings and plays the trombone. We are delighted to welcome him to Amman!



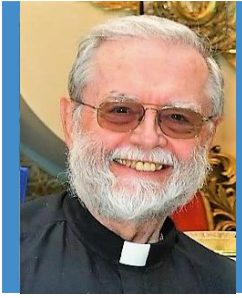
JESUITS FRIENDS AND ALUMNI – OCTOBER 19

Once again we are pleased to join with other Jesuit parishes around the world to celebrate and honor our friends who have gone to Jesuit schools or worked in Jesuit organizations. There will be a special Mass at the 5 PM in Sweifieh, followed by a reception in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. The Mass program will again list the various schools and agencies that will be represented, so if you went to a Jesuit school (even if you didn't graduate) or worked at a Jesuit school or a parish or a project, send in the name of that organization, so we can include it in the program.

Please help spread the word to others you know, and plan on coming yourself. You are part of our Jesuit family, and we look forward to welcoming you and saying Thank You for your contribution and participation in the work of the Jesuits around the world.

SATURDAY MORNING CATECHISM – Light and easy

Last year a mixed group of young people from 12 to 16 met regularly on Saturday morning at 9:30, to ask questions, learn about the Catholic faith, our history and how our traditions can impact current life in Jordan and around the world. We will be starting this group again, and if any young people would like to join us, please let Fr. John know (so we can have enough chairs) and plan on coming to the Jesuit Center on Saturday morning, September 21, just before 9:30. If you want to come for the Mass at 8:30, so much the better.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

A little knowledge, it is said, is a dangerous thing. NO knowledge is fatal. Not necessarily to life, as in you will die – although I can quickly think of several scenarios where that would, in fact, be the case. But lack of knowledge can kill love, can kill enthusiasm – can kill faith.

Last week instead of a homily I talked about the Mass, and focused on the physical elements of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Word. Next week (September 21/22) I will look at the Liturgy of the Eucharist, again noting why we do certain things, what things are optional and occasionally what common practices are wrong. I encourage you to come early, since I want to get the “teaching” mostly done before we start, so we don’t interrupt the Mass itself.

Last year at the First Communion Mass, I pointed out that we all have a responsibility to teach the young people about our faith, whether in the classroom, at home or by the example of how we live. But we cannot teach what we do not know, and so this year there is a special emphasis on trying to make times and places available where all in the parish – from the youngest to the oldest – can come to learn about our Catholic faith. We have a rich resource both in Jesuits and in lay people with experience; I encourage you to indicate your interest, come to the sessions, contribute what you know and enrich your life by learning new things.

When I returned from my brief visit to the U.S. this summer, I brought with me a determination to do something about learning Arabic. Although I have found that Amman is a very “English-friendly” city, to not be able to read signs or store names or announcements is frustrating. I believe that even as a courtesy, one should know something of the local language, even if fluency is a goal never to be achieved.

So I found a computer program – free – and I thought, “What do I have to lose?” So I signed up and as I write this I have been on line and meeting my minimal goal each day for 60 days. Now please do not start speaking to me in Arabic. The program is going to let me recognize and read more than speak, and while I am doing better at hearing and understanding, the accent in the program is NOT the pronunciation we use here in Jordan, so the transition will be awkward if it happens at all.

But I mention this because I am re-discovering how much fun it is to be learning something new. I am lucky, because the computer program is infinitely patient, and it is designed for a LOT of repetition – more than you could possibly do in a class or with a tutor – which is a great help. But we adults can forget how much fun it can be to learn something new. Even the struggle can be fun when that moment of insight hits and “I’VE GOT IT!!!!” That can also be the case when we learn new things about our faith, our practice, our tradition – or equally as exciting, when we teach something to someone and we get caught up in their excitement.

School is beginning and for the most part the children are excited about their new experiences. Think about joining them – not in their school, but in being excited about learning. Jump in and join one of our groups or classes and see what happens. No grades – no tests – occasional snacks – and the excitement of learning.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org *Website:* Jordanjesuits.org

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

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

MASS SCHEDULE

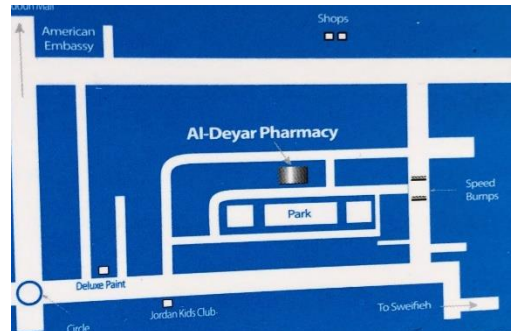
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday Nazareth	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN
THE PARISH?**

WWW. <http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/>

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – 7 pm

Don't let the name scare you, it's really more like Adult Faith Conversation and Exploration. We already have one group that meets every Tuesday from 11am to 12:30 pm (anyone interested is welcome to join this group as well) and beginning on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7 PM** we are starting a second group. For information: sana@dababneh.net (18 Ahmad elaroussy st – Abdoun) All are welcome – men and women, younger and older. We come to learn and to share and to deepen our faith. No grades, no tests, and God usually drops by.



IF YOU MISS THE RECEPTION ON SEPTEMBER 14

On September 14 at the reception after Mass, we will have tables where people can volunteer for different ministries and projects in the Church. On the following pages are listed the various ministries and projects that need YOUR help! If you can't or didn't make the reception, feel free to contact Father John or leave a message on the website. Not all ministries are active in both Churches right now but if there is interest, that can and will change. Here is a reminder of some of the ways you can participate:

EXISTING MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS – Open for all ages, serving at the altar for Mass and special celebrations. We have permission from the Bishop for both men and women to serve, in addition to younger children.

LECTORS – Reading the Word of God at Mass. There is one training session.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – Men only. Helping to distribute Communion and sometimes bringing Holy Communion to those who are sick or unable to come to Church.

CARE FOR THE POOR – Outreach on behalf of the parish to the needy in our area.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD – Providing the Word of God to young children at Sweifieh during the Liturgy of the Word. We use the "silent" room upstairs.

MUSIC MINISTRY – To provide music for parts of the Mass in support of the congregation, or during Communion, for special celebrations. Details to be worked out among those interested.

SPECIAL EVENTS – To help coordinate and manage receptions after Mass.

POSSIBLE NEW MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – November 14

A fund-raising idea suggested by the Parish Advisory Council. At least 15 to 20 volunteers.

MISSION SERVICE PROJECT – October 11

A Mission Service Project will be part of our parish response to the Holy Father's designation of October as "Mission Month," and will be designed to be a "hands-on" event for parishioners.

HOSPITALITY MINISTER – A new ministry to welcome those coming to Mass throughout the Mass, and to be available for quick response in case of a minor emergency or someone needing assistance.

TEACHING CATECHISM – To provide catechism instruction for young people who have made their First Communion but are not yet ready for Confirmation. There is no better way to learn than to teach.

YOUTH PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES – To create a program involving young people in the parish for activities outside of Mass. An initial meeting just to "brainstorm" and come up with ideas.

TRIPS AND PILGRIMAGES – There are many great possibilities for day trips in Jordan, and some people have expressed an interest in a longer "pilgrimage" to nearby countries.

OUTREACH AND PUBLICATIONS – If anyone is interested in being involved in design, writing, producing parish materials, Fr. John is always ready to welcome help.

XXXXX??? - If you – ie ANYONE – have/has ideas for activities or sees a need that is not included on this list, please speak up, speak out, and we will try and see if there is more interest.

If you are not involved in at least one activity besides just coming to Mass, are you really a member of the Parish or just passing through?

OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH

The Holy Father is putting a special emphasis on this particular month, and as part of the many different resources, the Vatican has prepared a series of daily reflections for the month. They are longer than the daily reflections I have provided for Advent or Lent, but they do provide a rich opportunity for reflecting on our role in the world, especially as members of the Roman Catholic Church.

SO FAR I HAVE RECEIVED ONLY A FEW REQUESTS FOR THE REFLECTIONS.

IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THESE REFLECTIONS, you have to let me know. I will NOT automatically send them to everyone on the prior mailing list, although I did send an email to that list, asking this same question – do you want to receive the daily reflections? Mission means going out in some form, so you have to "go out" and ask to be put on this list. God bless you.

ADULT CATECHISM CLASS – I have had several adults talk to me lately about feeling that they were lacking in their basic education about the Church. Before I arrange for a room and a teacher – I am proposing a one-hour class each week from 3:30 to 4:30 on Saturday, right before the evening Mass, either at or near St. Mary of Nazareth – please let me know if you are interested. Basic catechism for adults. If that time doesn't work but you are still interested, please let me know that as well. We have two new Jesuit priests in the community, both experienced teachers at all levels, so we now have much more flexibility to try and meet this need.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

If there are any young people or adults who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father John ASAP, so arrangements can be made.

FATHER JOHN SINGS AGAIN!

Monday, October 7 – 7 PM

VENUE: HALIM SALFITI THEATER, BANK AL ETIHAD HQ



Songs YOU Asked For Or Should Have

At my last concert I asked the audience for suggestions of songs they wanted to hear, and this program includes a number of their requests. And songs that I wanted to sing anyway. Includes jazz, opera, folk, Broadway, religious and even country & western – 8 different languages.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

KARASI – www.karasi.com

General Admission – 10 JOD

Children under 12 (Accompanied by adult) 5 JOD –
limit 2 per adult ticket

Students (with ID) – 5 JOD (Admitted 10 minutes before the start,
sit in any vacant seat.)

Orders at – www.jordanjesuits.org and click Sacred Heart Parish

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats,

name in the program, special gift

(Patron tickets ONLY through Fr. John – email below)

All proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Parish charity programs

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 OR TEXTING!

IF I SEE THE LIGHT OF YOUR PHONE – YOU WILL SEE THE DOOR!

PROGRAM ADVERTISING AVAILABLE

Contact PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org for information. Deadline – Sept 23

If anyone would like to help at the concert on the evening of the 7th – ushering patrons to reserve seats, coming early to help prep the theatre, helping pass out programs – a couple of sane and reliable people could be a great help. Let me know. And as my grandmother was wont to say – ah, you'll get an extra star in your crown in heaven. Might even get a gift.

Fr. John

