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28th Sunday of Ordinary Time October 12/13, 2019 SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

October 12/13 - Installation of Liturgical Ministers

Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

October 18 – Farewell Reception for Sr. Ursula (Following the 8:30 Mass at Jesuit Center)

Art Project and Picnic for orphans at the Jesuit Center

October 19 - Mass for Jesuit Alumni and Friends (Reception following Mass)

October 25 - Daylight Savings Time ends

October 26/27 - Renewal of Marriage Vows

October 29 – 9 AM – Deadline for Ad for Fr. John's Concert program

October 30 – November 9 – Father John away on retreat

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints; First Friday; Adoration following Mass

November 2 - Feast of All Souls

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

November 9/10 - Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish

November 13 - Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

November 14 – The Progressive Dinner

November 18 - FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS - 7 PM, Bank Al-Etihad

November 23/24 - SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 28/29 – Christmas Bazaar at the Jesuit Center

Nov 30/Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent

December 9 - Ask Father John (Location to TBA)

December 10 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council

December 14 - Mass for Children, Sweifieh



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY

PRAYER

INTENTIONS

<u>FOR OCTOBER</u> <u>Evangelization – Holy Spirit</u>

That the breath of the Holy Spirit engender a new missionary "spring" in the church.

The link to the video for this month's Prayer Intention:

https://youtu.be/wi6VxvIU4mQ

MASS SCHEDULE

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



JESUIT 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 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.

FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS

Monday, November 18 – 7 PM SHARP! Halim Salfiti Theater Bank Al Etihad HQ

TICKETS FOR THE OCTOBER 7TH CONCERT VALID FOR THIS EVENT.

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:

KARASI – www.karasi.com

<u>Orders at – www.jordanjesuits.org click Sacred Heart Parish</u>

PRICES.

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats, name in the program, special gift (*Patron seats ONLY through Fr. John*)

General Admission – 10 JOD

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

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

All proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Parish charity programs



There is still 1 page available in the concert program for 50 JOD. Contact Fr. John to reserve

If you have a ticket and want to come in November - just keep your ticket and it will be honored. If you would like your money back, let me know and I will take your ticket and refund your money. If you would like to donate your ticket - please destroy or send back your ticket, and God bless you, the money will still go to the Care for the Poor work in the parish. But please - Let me know.



RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

We have just moved from summer to autumn, we had our first rain for the season in Amman, we are still on Daylight Savings Time – and in this edition, you will find a preliminary announcement for a Christmas Bazaar at the Jesuit Center at the end of November. And of course – November 18th.

It is sometimes hard to live in the present when we are so pulled into planning for the future. Yet without plans, things don't always get done – or done well – or done in time. Planning and thinking ahead are necessary parts of life, at least the life of an adult.

And even more, the life of a Catholic. It is good to plan ahead for a party, for a trip, to study in preparation for a class, to prepare meals and menus in advance, to shop for clothes before the old ones wear out, to fill the car with gasoline before it stops running. It is even more important to plan for the moment when we will come "face to face" with God and how we have lived our lives will determine how we spend eternity.

That sounds very grim and serious, doesn't it? On one hand, yes – and it should. But on the other, neither living as a Catholic nor thinking about eternity can be or should be grim and serious. Being a follower of Jesus Christ should be filled with joy; I have often remarked, "If you can't have fun with God, you're doing it wrong." Planning to be with God should bring as much pleasure to our hearts as does planning to visit a favorite relative or take a vacation or imagine what it might be like to win the lottery.

So how to balance the need to plan ahead with the call to live in the present? How do you weigh your daily actions against the reality of eternal reward or punishment? How do you find the joy in living as a Catholic, following the Commandments, making God and His Church an important part of your life?

I have no idea. Well, I have no idea how YOU do it. It took me a while, but for me, I figured out that God is the only game in town, and any God that made chipmunks and waterfalls and snow and flowers and strawberries and a whole of other things that delight my senses and my being – this is a God I can enjoy. I'm not St. Francis, and I don't preach to fish or write poetry to the sun. But I do get an extraordinary amount of joy out of looking at the Amman skyline – at sitting in someone's garden with a cigar and occasional moments of quiet. I love listening to and making music, tasting new flavors, learning new things. (Yes, I am still struggling with reading and writing Arabic and I am enjoying even the frustration.)

I can enjoy these things, and many more (clean laundry and fresh sheets when it is time for bed? YES!!!) because I don't worry about what happens next. I could live many years; I could be with God tomorrow. That is not my decision, and so it is but one of many things I confidently and completely put in God's hands. I plan for the future – which is next week or next month or even 2020 – but eternity will be a function of how I live today and tomorrow, and so I look for God and I listen for God and I rejoice in God and I try to love God in everything I do. God is great fun – and so I trust Him, and I look forward to whatever He has next in store. And my experience is that God is FULL of surprises!

Let me be the first to wish you a Merry Christmas. (I know – Advent must come first. But I'm planning ahead) And 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.



Christmas Bazaar at the Jesuit Center



Date: Thursday, November 28 – 2 PM to 8 PM Friday, November 29 – 10 AM to 5 PM

Tables available – one price for both days.

Food – games for the kids – raffles – music & entertainment To reserve a table, call Father John at 013 079-8985

If no answer, leave a message

Or send an email: PastorSH@Jordanjesuits.org

Large table – 20 JOD for both sessions Small table – 15 JOD, 2 for 30 JOD

Free admission

RENEWAL OF MARRIAGE VOWS – OCTOBER 26/27

You make your vows on your wedding day but you live them each and every day of your life. From time to time, it is good to step back and remember that very special day, and to repeat the vows that you so eagerly took "back then." Whether it was 5 years ago or 55 years ago, one way to keep your love fresh is to remember those initial promises. At Mass we will renew wedding vows, and if there are rings to be blessed, they will be blessed as part of the renewal ceremony. At both Sweifieh and Freres churches.

The Theatre Arts Program at the Jesuit Center

Presents:

A Fun Fun Fun Fundraising Dinner AND Entertainment.

ON FRIDAY NOVEMBER 15 @ 6:30PM

(Money Raised goes to Theatre Rental for our Show on December 6, 2019)

Venue: Jesuit Center -43 Al Razi Street Jabal –Al Hussein Other items will be on sale after the food service.

Cost: 15 J0D

FOR TICKET INFORMATION AND RESERVATIONS Call 079-144-2301. 078-118-2503

Prizes and Surprises!!!