

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



32nd Sunday of Ordinary Time November 9/10, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

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

(NOTE: The November collection will go to the Care for the Poor Fund)

November 13 – Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

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 3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier – reception following the morning Mass

December 6/7 – Parish Bazaar at St. Mary of Nazareth

December 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Ask Father John (Location to TBA)

December 10 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council – location TBA

December 14 – Mass for Children, Sweifieh

December 17 – Birthday of Fr. McChesney, SJ and Pope Francis

December 24 – Christmas Eve and Vigil Mass to be scheduled

December 25 – Mass of Christmas morning at the Jesuit Center at 10:00 AM



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR NOVEMBER

Dialogue and Reconciliation in the Near East

That a spirit of dialogue, encounter, and reconciliation emerge in the Near East, where diverse religious communities share their lives together.

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)

IF YOU DON'T HAVE YOUR TICKETS YET - WHY NOT??

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

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

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

MASS ATTENDANCE FOR OCTOBER

	Sweifieh	Jesuit Ctr	Freres
October Total	770	371	169
Average	193	14	43

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN
THE PARISH?**

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

WEBSITE TRAFFIC - OCTOBER

In the month of October we had 1,224 visitors who made 5,545 visits to one or more pages on our website. The numbers are significantly down from last month, with the most visits coming from computers registered in the US, in Jordan and in Germany. Google is far and away the major sources of referrals, with more coming through that server than all others combined. So far this year, the website has received 189,109 visits from 26,288 visitors.

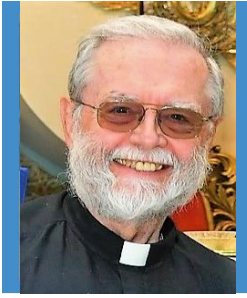
CALENDAR REMINDER

November 13 is the deadline for submitting copy for advertising in the 2020 Calendar. If you have reserved a page, please get your .jpg or .pdf to Father John before that date. If you would like to advertise, contact Father John IMMEDIATELY to see if there is space available.

**THIS TOO
SHALL PASS**

**IT MIGHT PASS
LIKE A
KIDNEY STONE**

BUT IT WILL PASS



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

To my mind, this is one of the key phrases in the Lord's Prayer – forgive us our trespasses AS WE forgive those... The emphasis is mine but Jesus taught this basic principle over and over. God will treat us the same way we treat others. If we are generous, God will be generous. If we are merciful, God will be merciful. If we are cruel and unjust and selfish – the next part doesn't bear thinking about. It's an extraordinary thing, but it seems that we have the permission to control God, to set the terms of our own judgement.

Lead us not into temptation – this phrase has gotten a lot of attention lately, when the Holy Father said he thought it was theologically unsound. God does not lead us into temptation, he suggested, and the English translation here can be confusing and misunderstood. People have suggested “save us from temptation” as an alternative; for me, the concept is clear either way. I would pray for the grace to resist temptation, but if I have a choice, I would just as soon not have the temptation at all. My own track record in terms of resisting temptation is not perfect – I suspect that would be true for all of us – therefore, if God is willing, I would avoid temptation all together.

But deliver us from evil – this follows close on the heels of temptation, and while all of the petitions in this wonderful prayer are important, this is certainly one of the more important. Evil is all around us, and sometimes it is tempting, and sometimes it is fearsome; sometimes evil is outright violent and oppressive and sometimes it is insidious, working within us individually rather than on a wider scale. Only a fool would say there is no evil in the world, and it does not rest. It does not give up, and if one approach fails, evil is always ready to try something else. Evil – however you want to describe it – has one goal, and that is to destroy us and anything that is good in the world.

Final thought – go back and look at the different forms of this prayer in the Gospels. It is only found in Matthew (in the section of the Sermon on the Mount, in the form we use) and a shorter version in Luke (chapter 11:2-4). The Protestants added the closing, which the Catholic have adopted in the Mass (“For the kingdom and the power and the glory are yours, now and forever.”) Some scholars additionally point out similarities in the “High Priestly Prayer” of Jesus in John's Gospel. But while the scholarly work is interesting, it is good to remember that this is a prayer, and whatever its history, in our world it is an aid to helping bring us closer to God.

Of course, this same approach – reflecting on one word or one phrase at a time – is a valuable prayer technique for any prayer. It helps open the Hail Mary – the Apostles Creed – even a short prayer like the Glory Be or even Grace Before Meals. Any prayer contains within it the chance for God to speak more directly to you, if you will give Him the time and the opportunity.

Spend some time with the Lord's prayer this week, or another prayer that is your favorite, and see what God may be trying to tell you.

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

If you have friends or know vendors who would be interested in selling their items, please pass on the information about this Bazaar

DAILY REFLECTIONS DURING ADVENT

Advent will shortly be here, and once again, we will be offering daily reflections to help you keep your spiritual focus during this busy and very important season. If you received the reflections during Lent, you will still be on the list, unless you ask to be removed. If you received the reflections in October but did NOT receive the Lenten reflections, you are NOT on the list and need to alert Fr. John if you wish to be added. The daily reflections will also be available on the Facebook page, Parish Group. You need to be admitted but again, if you ask to be entered into the group, you will be.

Individual communities often develop particular styles and approaches to worship that reflect values or cultural norms within their communities. One of the gifts of Vatican II was that there was a much greater freedom to develop these norms. Some are beautiful; some, however, contradict the basic values or meanings or aspects of liturgy. The illustration below is one of the latter. The Vatican Congregation for Divine Worship has several times made this clear, but most people and some priests are unaware of this. Both this position and holding hands are inappropriate during the public recitation of the Lord's Prayer.

POSTURE in praying "OUR FATHER"



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LAITY

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.

Prizes and Surprises!!!

Cost: 15 JOD

CALL NOW!!!

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



THE RETURN OF THE ADVENT BASKETS

Once again, the members of Sacred Heart Parish are invited to use the period of Advent both in preparing for Christmas and using the season to help the less fortunate. The original idea was to put something in a real basket every day, but we found ourselves unable to effectively deal with all the items that had been donated, and to get them to the needy families. Last year we modified the idea, and created Advent Basket cans, so that every day participants would put something into the can. Children can take part, either individually or with their parents, as a family.

This year we hope to have the Advent Basket cans ready for the weekend of Christ the King, and hope to have them collected by Christmas. If people are traveling or away, we will accept the cans whenever they are ready. All the money collected will go to projects of the Care for the Poor group. We have been very successful with this work, but success means that the coffers for this project are low. Hopefully Father John's concert will help raise the cash on hand, as will the Second Collection for this weekend.

But there is need in many places, and we would like to be able to respond, even in small ways, on behalf of our parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

The Lord's Prayer

*Our Father, Who art in
heaven, Hallowed be Thy
name; Thy kingdom come;
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give
us this day our daily
bread; and forgive us our
trespasses as we forgive
those who trespass against
us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us
from evil.*

Amen.