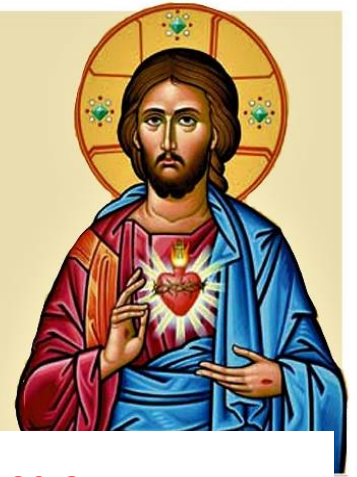


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6th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 15/16, 2020

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

February 15 – St. Claude LaColumbière, SJ

Mass for Children at Sweifieh

February 21 – Farewell for Fr. John at the Jesuit Center, Jabal Hussein, 4 – 8 PM

February 22 – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

February 24 – FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL CONCERT – 7 PM, Bank Al-Etihad

(Do you have your tickets yet?)

February 26 – *Ash Wednesday in the Universal Church*

March 3 – Father John Sheehan returns to the U.S.

March 4 – **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** each Mass

March 12 – Anniversary of the canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier

March 14 – First Confessions – before Mass – Adult confessions will be available during this ceremony

March 14/15 - Anointing of the Sick during Mass

March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick

March 18 – Birthday of Fr. Hicham Chemaly, SJ

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 21 – Mother's Day

March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Pope Francis'

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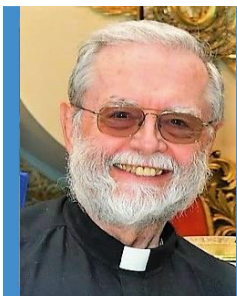
FOR FEBRUARY

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Link to the Video

<https://youtu.be/9THVehS>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

February 15 – I can't help it, I am unable to resist a countdown. As of this date – 17 days until I leave. Two more editions of HEARTBEAT and RAMBLINGS to write. Only 8 days until my concert (Do YOU have your tickets yet?) And of course, the day after I leave is Ash Wednesday here in Jordan. Because of the Orthodox calendar switch, I will miss Ash Wednesday this year. And the first week of Lent. I wonder if that means I have to fast for the first week of Easter? Or give up two things for Lent instead of just one?

I have been unexpectedly deeply touched by two things this past week. I have received several notes and emails from people talking about much they will miss me, and how important I have been, or what I have said or done has been. Which is a pleasant surprise. I try to do my best, to find and meet needs, and my vision of what it is to be a Pastor is very much to serve the community – to listen, and to suggest, to teach occasionally and to let others teach more often, and to spend whatever time or energy it takes to try and bring people closer to finding God in their lives, whether in Church or in the “real world” outside the Church doors. That I have been even a little bit successful is very rewarding to know. I sometimes tend to focus on all the things I HAVEN'T done, or the efforts that have failed, so this has been nice to hear. Some people were even glad I am doing another concert (and do YOU have your tickets yet? Just checking.)

The second surprising thing has been the notes and emails from people in the States who are excited at my returning. Again – I did not expect that. The Ancient Order of Hibernians sent out a note “Our Chaplain is Coming Back.” Now whether I will be able to again take up that post I have no idea. I have been invited to perhaps be the National Chaplain for the Catholic War Veterans again, and several other groups have invited me to either return or assume new responsibilities in their organizations. At the moment I cannot say Yes until I know where I might be going or what doing and what the new assignment will require. But it is lovely to be asked, and I am – again – more than a little surprised at the pleasure my return seems to be bringing some people. (Of course the people in the States can't go to my concert – but you can. IF you have a ticket.)

This again reminds me that we are often not aware of the influence we have on other people. Now that can be negative or positive – and often enough we may never be aware of something we have done to help someone that has been very important, or that we have done something which has hurt someone – without our intending it or without our knowing about it. All we CAN do is to be conscious of ourselves, to pay attention to other people and to try and remember that whatever we do, whoever we are with, wherever we are, whatever our intentions – God is there with us. That can inspire us, or restrain us, or encourage us – but the more we can become aware of God in our lives, in each every minute of each and every day – we will be moving closer to God. (By the way, God does not need a ticket for my concert on the 24th. But you do.)

At the end of Mass I use the closing “Our Mass has ended. Let us go in peace to Love and Serve the Lord, and to take care of one another.” Not a bad little motto for daily life – to love and serve the Lord, and take care of one another. That pretty much sums it up – everything else is commentary.

In the meantime – 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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

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



COME AND BID FATHER JOHN

FAREWELL

WHEN: Friday, February 21 – 4 to 8 PM

WHERE: The Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi St,
Jabal Hussein

DETAILS: Come when you can – leave when you must. Bring what you'd like to share with others. Casual – follow the signs.



FEBRUARY 15 – HAPPY ST. BRIGID'S DAY

OK, technically St. Brigid's Day, Imbolc, is February 1st. It is an ancient Celtic tradition celebrating the start of Spring. It is also the day we celebrate St Brigid, Ireland's Mary of the Gaels.

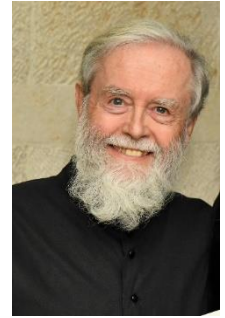
Brigid, (c. 451 – 525) is one of Ireland's patron saints, along with Patrick and Columba. Irish hagiography makes her an early Irish Christian nun, abbess, and foundress of several monasteries of nuns, including that of Kildare in Ireland, which was famous and was revered. Her feast day is shared by Dar Lugdach, who tradition says was her student, close companion, and the woman who succeeded her.

If done properly, being
a pastor is a walk in the
park.
Jurassic Park, but a
park.

FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL CONCERT!

Monday, February 24- 7 PM Sharp!

VENUE: Halim Salfiti Theater at Bank Al Etihad HQ



TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH FATHER JOHN:

*To reserve tickets, email Father John at
PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org
And indicate how many tickets and at which price.
You will receive a confirmation of your ticket order.*

PRICES: Patron – 20 JOD – Reserved seats of your choice
General Admission – 10 JOD (Children are welcome but at the same price)

NOTE: The program will begin promptly at 7 PM. Latecomers will be admitted **ONLY** when there is a suitable pause in the singing.

But come early because there will again be pre-show snacks provided by Simply Quiche in the lobby. (No food in the theatre!)

