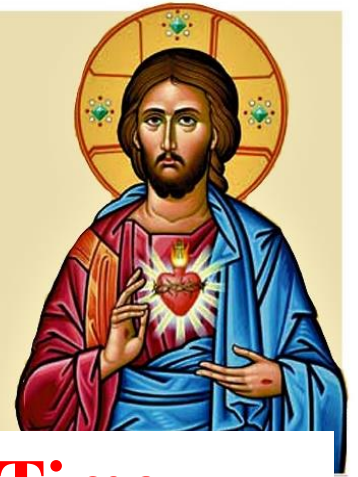


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The 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 25/26, 2020

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

January 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul

January 30 – Birthday of His Majesty King Abdullah II

February 2 – Solemnity of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple

Candles will be blessed during Mass, and throats will be blessed after Mass

February 3 – St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after the morning Mass

February 4 – The Jesuit Martyrs of India

February 6 – St. Paul Mikki SJ and Companions

February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita

February 8/9 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes

February 15 – St. Claude LaColumbière, SJ

Mass for Children at Sweifieh

February 22 – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

February 26 – *Ash Wednesday in the Universal Church*

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

Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** each Mass

March 14 – First Confessions – before Mass

March 14/15 - Anointing of the Sick during Mass

March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick

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

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 21 – Mother's Day



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JANUARY

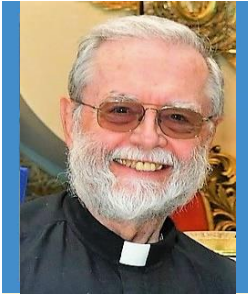
Prayer intention for Evangelisation

Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

The video link to the Holy Father's Message:

https://youtu.be/Q_wlGnv0xNE



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Tell me God doesn't have a sense of humor.

At the end of November I went through two days of intense physical examinations, literally inside and out, and except for a couple of minor moments, all was fine, great, clean bill of health.

I believe the technical expression is tempting fate. Long story short – the pain I was experiencing around Christmas turns out to be a double hernia, and I will be going in for surgery on both sides on January 28th. Now this is not a life-threatening procedure, and although I've had this before, it was in the days when they cut you open to do the work, so the recovery was painful. Now they do the thing with a couple of small holes and tiny little tv cameras and I can hardly wait. But - the kicker is – no heavy lifting for three months.

Which rather puts a crimp in my style for packing to move, especially things like boxes of books and music and suitcases that weigh exactly and precisely the maximum weight I am allowed – and there will be, I suspect four of them. AND – I was planning a Farewell Concert (see elsewhere in this newsletter) – and I am not supposed to sing for two weeks after the surgery. I suspect the doctor may not fully understand what physically is involved in singing – but I'm going to take a chance and while it may change WHAT I sing, it won't change the fact that for me, a farewell concert is how I best would say goodbye. It also means that Fr. Marc-Stephan will be celebrating the weekend Masses this week and next week.

Sooooo – February 24 will be the concert and there is an ad in this edition with more details to follow. I will be away from the weekend Masses next week and will return in time for SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION. Hey, it's my last one, you know I can't miss that. Confirmation and First Communion classes will continue as normal and we'll see what else develops. Because – whether it's a hernia, or moving to a new assignment, snow in Amman or flying monkeys – the show must go on, the job must get done, life moves along.

Which is something everyone has to deal with. When we get sick, when someone dies, when we are thrilled at something good that happens or devastated when it's bad – there is another tomorrow, there are obligations to be fulfilled and we do what we have to do as best we can. We try and take care of ourselves along the way, of course- but Jesus did not want to undergo the Passion – but He did it. Unless we get to that moment in our lives when our desires exactly match God's desires, we try and keep our eyes on God and we do the best we can. Trust me – surgery was NOT in my bucket list for the last couple of weeks in Amman, and I suspect it will mean cutting some things off the bucket list. (“What?! You lived in Jordan for three years and you never went to Petra?!”) But life will go on.

Of course, when we feel sorry for ourselves, one of the great remedies is to look carefully at the world around us – not necessarily the “big” world but the little world in which we live. Street peddlers, even children, selling things in between cars in traffic. People without heat, without day to day necessities for survival – people walking through the rain and the cold with a t-shirt and a light sweater. There are always people who are worse off than we are – easily found. In the long run – God is very good to us, all the time.

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?

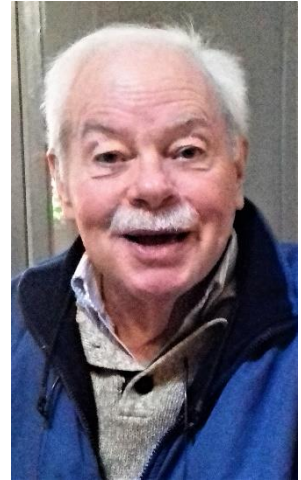
WWW. <http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/>

WHO IS THAT PRIEST?

The Jesuit community is privileged to have visiting with us Fr. Paul Fitzpatrick, who is a priest of the Marianist order, staying with us for three months as part of his sabbatical. He is currently assigned to Chaminade University in Honolulu, Hawaii, teaching Academic Training for Permanent Deacons and their wives. Before coming to Jordan he made a 65-day retreat in Mexico and visited the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe.

His doctoral degree is from the Gregorian University in Rome, in Scripture, with special study on Ezekiel. He has studied at the University of Dayton (Philosophy), Loyola Maryland (Masters in counseling), spent a number of years in parish work in different places and 9 years teaching at the John XXIII Seminary for late vocations in Boston.

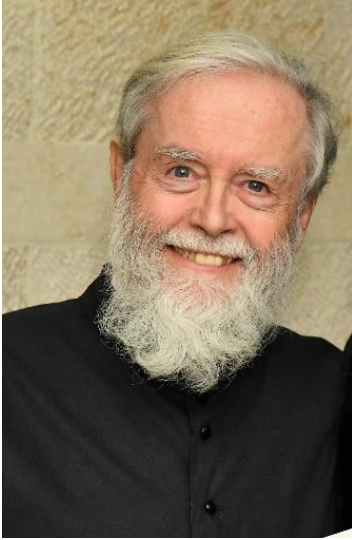
If you see him in Church or around town, introduce yourself – he is a fascinating man and we are delighted that he will be with us.



ANYBODY SEEN OUR MISSING CANS?

By the time most of you read this, we will have opened the cans that have been returned, and counted the money – and if your can was among them, THANK YOU for your generosity. But there are still 20 cans that have NOT been turned in. It is not too late – Heck, when contributing to the Care for the Poor program, it is NEVER too late. And if you have lost the can, we will gladly accept what you think should have been in it. If you have your cans this weekend, leave them with Fr. Marc-Stephan or with one of the coordinators at the door. If you want to drop them off at the Jesuit Center, that's ok – and if you bring them for the Masses on February 1 or 2, that's great too.





Monday, February 24

7 PM Sharp!

***VENUE: Halim Salfiti Theater
Bank Al Etihad HQ***

FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL CONCERT!

TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH FATHER JOHN:

Online ticket sale options to be announced soon

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.

Cameras, cell phones and other recording devices are strictly not allowed.
Patrons who use their cell phone 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!!!**

Father John