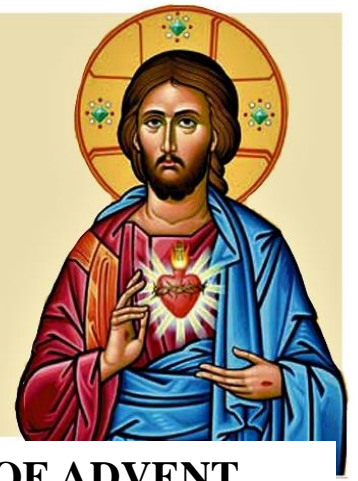


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**Week of December 9/10, 2017 SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR DECEMBER

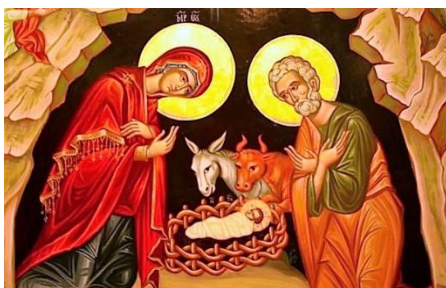
The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

OUR PARISH PRAYS TOGETHER

Feel free to share your special needs and intentions, so they can be included here and all of our parish will join in praying with you. Individual names are welcome but not necessary.

For victims of natural disasters and violence
For family members who have died
For all those looking for work
For a woman concerned about her family
For those suffering from the cold
For the end to abortions

For those working for faith and justice
For the safety of all who are traveling
For a woman suffering from bone cancer
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees



MASS SCHEDULE FOR SACRED HEART PARISH **Christmas/New Year's 2017/18**

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23 – 5 PM Sweifieh, Mass of 4th Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 10 AM – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel, 4th Sunday of Advent (*No evening Mass at Freres*)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24 – 5 PM – Mass of Christmas Vigil, Sweifieh

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 – 10 AM, Mass of Christmas morning, Jesuit Chapel

Regular Mass Tuesday through Saturday – 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Chapel

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30 – 5 PM Sweifieh, Mass of the Holy Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 10 AM, Jesuit Chapel, Mass of the Holy Family

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31 – 6 PM – Vigil Mass for January 1, deLa Salle Church, Jabal Hussein

MONDAY, JANUARY 1 – Mass of the Solemnity, 8:30 AM Jesuit Chapel

MONDAY, January 1 – Mass of the Solemnity, 10 AM Jesuit Chapel

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

December 9/10 – Second Collection in both Churches

December 10 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

December 15 – English Mass at Church of the Annunciation, Jabal Luweibde (12 Noon)

December 16-24 Christmas Novena

December 16 – Farewell Reception for Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ, following the 5 PM Mass at Sweifieh

December 17 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

December 17 – English Mass at St. Joseph's Church, Jabal Amman - 11:30 AM

December 22-January 2 - Jesuit Center closed for holidays; daily Mass schedule as usual except as noted

December 23 – 4th Sunday of Advent, Sweifieh, 5 pm

December 24 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM (4TH Sunday of Advent)

Christmas Vigil Mass (*Abbreviated*) – 5 PM at Sweifieh

December 25 – Christmas morning Mass, 10 AM – Jesuit Center

December 26-30 – Usual schedule

December 30 – 5 PM, Sweifieh – Mass of the Holy Family

December 31 – 10 AM, Jesuit Center – Mass of the Holy Family

December 31 – 6 PM – Freres Church, Vigil Mass of the Solemnity

January 1 – 8:30 AM, Jesuit Chapel – Mass of the Solemnity

January 1 – 10 AM – Mass of the Solemnity



As I in hoarie Winters night stooed shivering in the snow
Surpris'd I was with sudden heate, which made my heart glow;
And lifting up a fearful eye, to view what fire was neare,
A pretty babe all burning bright did in the air appeare:
Who scorched with excessive heat, such floods of teares did shed.
As though his floods should quench his flames, which with his teares were bred:

Alas (quoth he) but newly borne, in fiery heates I frie,
Yet none approach to warm their harts or feele my fire, but I;
My faultless breast the furnace is, the fuell wounding thornes:
Love is the fire, and sigh the smoake, the ashes, shames and scornes:
The fewell Justice layeth on, and Mercie blows the coales,
The mettall in this furnace wrought, are mens defiled souls:
For which as now on fire I am to work them to their good,
So will I melt into a bath, to wash them in my blood.
With this he vanisht out of sight, and swiftly shrunk away,
And straight I called unto minde, that it was Christmasse day.

The Burning Babe - St. Robert Southwell, SJ (1561-1595)



Christ: The **C**onquering One, 1 Corinthians 15:51-58

THE NINE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

Christ: The **H**elping One, John 8:1-11

Christ: The **R**oyal One, John 18:28-37

Christ: The **I**nnocent One, Matthew 27:1-5

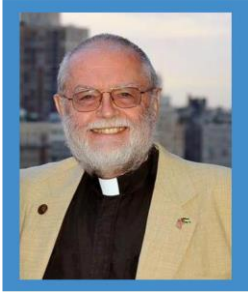
Christ: The **S**erving One, John 13:1-17

Christ: The **T**eaching One, Matthew 7:28-29

Christ: The **M**erciful One, Matthew 9:9-13

Christ: The **A**nticipated One, John 1:19-23

Christ: The **S**ent One, Luke 2:8-20



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

What a privilege it was to be able to share a day of prayer and reflection with 23 people who came to take part in the Day of Recollection at the Jesuit Center last Sunday. Not everyone could be present for every part of the day, but many made the effort to come for at least part of the schedule, and it was a rich and rewarding way to prepare for this special season of Advent.

I have heard from some who are participating in the Advent Basket program. I hope there are more, and would love to hear from you, just so we can plan for scheduling pick ups if necessary, collecting from a church when possible, and estimating what we will need in terms of vehicles and storage space. Thanks to your generous support, we also had the second round of flu shots for young children, seniors, and this time we also invited some teachers. Thank you for helping this outreach to a vulnerable part of the refugee community.

In this edition is also the “final” schedule for Masses over the Christmas and New Year’s period. It is my first Christmas in Amman, and I understand that the schedule this year is not what it was in past years. When the holidays fall on a Monday, it is difficult for our host parishes. Certainly my own plans for Christmas, especially the vigil, were made impossible by the schedules. But the music and the ceremonies and whatever else I might have wanted – or we might have wanted – take second place to the reality of the miracle on the altar and the miracle of the coming of Christ. The old saying continues to be a good reminder for us – If you want to make God laugh, tell Him your plans. Rejoice in what is, not what might have been.

The Sacred Heart Parish calendar has gone to the printer, and as soon as it is ready, I will make sure everyone knows. We are asking for a contribution of 2 JD for each calendar to help defray the cost, and the parish and some private individuals will make up the difference. In spite of proofreading and checking, I am sure there are mistakes that crept in. They are all my fault, but if you do catch one, let me know so we don’t repeat it next year.

For those who are traveling, have a safe trip and a joyous time. If you are staying in Amman, let the holidays be a time of celebration and family, peace and prayer. If you know someone who is alone, reach out and include them. If you are alone, make the effort to be involved and don’t be afraid to reach out. For every person who wants to serve Christ, there must be someone for them to serve. Sometimes we are the server, and sometimes we have to let others take care of us. Both roles are part of the call to follow Christ.

Take care of yourself during this holiday season, and do something good for yourself.

In the meantime, let us continue to pray for one another.

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Facebook: *If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and on your first visit you request to be admitted. After that the system will recognize you so you can post.*

Mass Schedule:

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday to Saturday	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	10:00 AM	Jesuit Ctr Chapel
	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

PLEASE REGISTER IN OUR PARISH

There is a **NEW** registration form. Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. This is the best and the easiest.

You can also send Fr. John an email or check in at the parish Facebook page (Parish Group) and he will guide you through the process. Painless.

MUSIC FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	O Come, All Ye Faithful
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	Let All Mortal Flesh
<i>Holy</i>	Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus. Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.
<i>Acclamation</i>	We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.
<i>Amen</i>	“Lillies of the Field”
<i>Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis/dona nobis pacem</i>	
Communion Hymn	Silent Night, Holy Night
Recessional Hymn	Immaculate Mary

The more people who sing – even if they are not very good – the better the music sounds. Take a chance – join in – let your voice add to the beauty.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste De La Salle
Coordinator	Donna Naber	Dr Barbara Burgan
Lector 1	Karen Hopkins	Dr. Barbara Burgan
Lector 2	Rhonza Khoury	Adam Bush
Lector 3	Donna Naber	Fabio Bezerra
Offertory Gifts	Jude Family	
Eucharistic Minister	Anthony MacDonald	
Altar Server	Alexie	NA
Altar Server		NA
Collection	Sawsan Al Nimri	Philomena Perera
Collection		



Angela Dupuy

DECEMBER

- 4 Anna Senga
- 10 Albert Dadson
- 13 Fr John Sheehan, SJ
- 16 Mary Lyons
- 17 Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ
- 21 Kyle Tescher
- 24 Janet Franchy
- 29 Josef Humpert



A Christmas Tree Blessing

Holy Creator of Trees, as we come to celebrate the birth of your son, bless with your abundant grace this our Christmas tree as a symbol of joy.

May its evergreen branches be a sign of your never-fading promises.

May its colorful lights and ornaments call us to decorate with love our homes and our world.

May the gifts that surround this tree be symbols of the gifts we have received from you.

May the spirit of this Christmas tree reside within our homes, and may Joy and Peace come and nest in your branches and in our hearts.

Amen.

The lady rode a donkey,
the man walked,
and the baby was inside the lady.
They had to stay in a stable with an ox
and an ass (hee-hee)
but the Three Rich Men found them
because a star lited the roof.
Shepherds came
and you could pet the sheep but not feed them.



She was five, sure of the facts,
and recited them with slow solemnity
convinced every word was revelation.
She said

they were so poor
they had only peanut butter and jelly sandwiches to eat.
And they went a long way from home without getting lost.

Then the baby was borned.
And do you know who he was?

Her quarter eyes inflated to silver dollars.

The baby was God.

And she jumped in the air, whirled round, dove into the sofa and buried her head under the cushion
which is the only proper response
to the Good News of the Incarnation.

