

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Week of December 23/24, 2017 **FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR DECEMBER

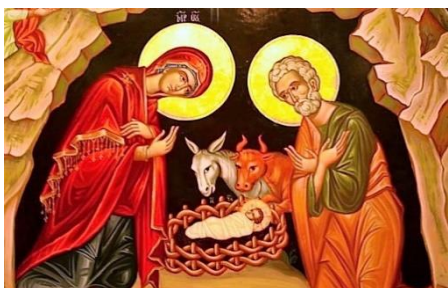
The Elderly - That the elderly, sustained by families and Christian communities, may apply their wisdom and experience to spreading the faith and forming the new generations.

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**

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 (No Music – quiet Mass)

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

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 with carols
- 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 (Quiet Mass, no singing)
- January 1 – 10 AM – Mass of the Solemnity with full singing and carols
- January 4 – Fr. Peter Schineller leaves for the U.S.
- January 10 – Fr. Robert McChesney SJ arrives
- January 12 – Confirmation class resumes
- January 13 – First Communion class resumes
- January 14 – World Day of Prayer for Refugees and Migrants
- January 15 – 7 PM, “Ask Father John” at Paul David’s residence
- January 17 – Fr. Gerald on vacation until February 18



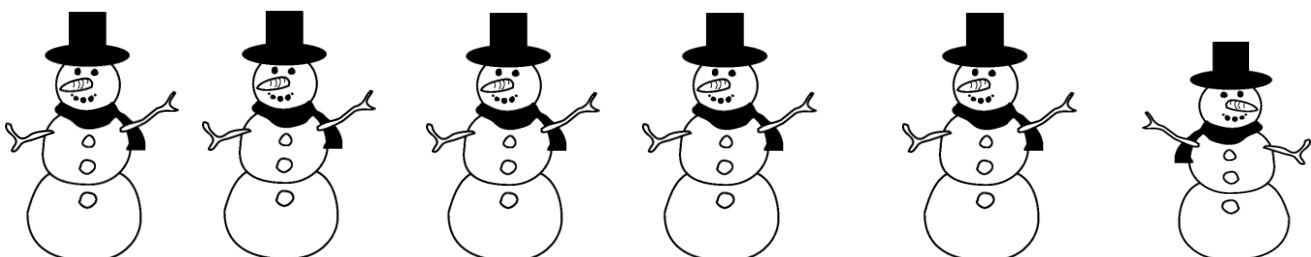
MASS TIMES

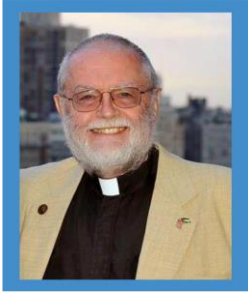
DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Monday to Saturday	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	10:00 AM	Jesuit Ctr Chapel
	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

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.





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Well, we made it. Another penitential season come and gone. With the imminent preparations for the actual Christmas celebration (“I didn’t get his present! I thought YOU were going to get his present!”) upon us, it is probably not the best time to stop and reflect on the past weeks, what you meant to do (spiritually – the shopping part is up to you) and what you really did do and what somehow never got done.

But it is something you should do in the (hopefully) more quiet days immediately after Christmas. This was a special opportunity for reflection and in a more joyful and positive atmosphere than the “other” penitential season of Lent. If you did not take advantage of it – if you were not able to carve out those moments of quiet and prayerful peace (or peaceful prayer) between you and God - you probably need to look at why, because that is probably something you need to work at in the new year.

The new year? Yup, right after Christmas, the calendar goes WHOOPS and we get to start all over. (And the parish calendar will hopefully be out by the time you read this, and for a contribution of 2 JD only, you will get a copy of what I think is the very first Sacred Heart calendar. If it’s not out, it will be momentarily.) Of course, we get to “start all over” every time we go to confession and receive absolution. If THAT is on the list of things you meant to do but never quite got around to.... *(the priest sighs quietly and offers a quick prayer for those people, that they will take advantage of this extraordinary sacrament in the near future).*

Sunday night the 24th, Christmas Eve, there is a shortened Vigil Service at Sweifieh, and on Christmas morning a full Christmas morning Mass at the Jesuit Center, with carols and readings and a Christmas tree and who knows what else might transpire. You are welcome to attend either or both.

For those of you who are chronologically confused, it is a good time to remind you that the Christmas season goes until JANUARY 6TH – The Feast of the Three Kings, liturgically known as Epiphany. In this Vicariate, it is a Holy Day of Obligation. This year it gets confusing, because Epiphany falls on a Saturday, and the Feast of John the Baptist, another Major celebration in this country, falls on the next day, Sunday. As I write this I have not heard anything definite about dates for the large celebrations at the Baptismal site. There seems to be some confusion about when the Orthodox and the Latin churches will go to celebrate, and no one is willing to make a definite statement yet. We will know in time – it is, I am told, usually the Friday after the Feast, but – as soon as I know, you will know. But let us try to keep the spirit and festive nature of this special celebration until that confusing weekend.

I pray that the next days are a time of special grace and joy and love for each and every one of you, and that the blessings of the Christ Child and His Holy Family will descend on you and your families, and remain with you for the whole season. And as always...

Let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org

Fr. John’s Phone: Office: 06 461-4190, Ext 29

Mobile: 079 013-8985

Website: Jordanjesuits.org with a link for the Sacred Heart Parish

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.

CRYPTIC CAROLS – The Answers

1. Small City in Judea - O Little Town of Bethlehem
2. Colorless Yuletide - White Christmas
3. Singular yearning for twin anterior incisors - All I want for Christmas is My Two Front Teeth
4. Loyal followers advance - O Come All Ye Faithful
5. Righteous Darkness - O Holy Night
6. Weather: Cloudless; Arrival time: 2400 hours - It Came Upon A Midnight Clear
7. Far off in a feeder - Away in A Manger
8. Array the corridors - Deck the Halls
9. Bantam percussionist - The Little Drummer Boy
10. Monarchical Triad - We Three Kings
11. Nocturnal Noiselessness - Silent Night
12. Father Christmas en route to Borough - Santa Claus is coming to town
13. Initial Christmas - The First Noel
14. Frozen Precipitation Commence - Let it snow
15. Proceed and Enlighten on the Pinnacle - Go Tell it on the mountain
16. The Quadraped with the Vermillion Proboscis - Rudolph, the red-nosed reindeer
17. Query Regarding the Identity of Descendant - What Child Is This?
18. Delight for this Planet - Joy to the World
19. Give Attention to the Melodious Celestial Being - Hark the herald angels sing
20. Hence Arriveth Kris Kringle - Here Comes Santa Claus
21. To descry matriarchal osculation of Yuletide anthropomorphism - I saw Mommy kissing Santa Claus
22. At the zenith of the habitat - Up on the housetop
23. Endocarps vesicated in a conflagration - Chestnuts roasting on an open fire
24. Jehovah dulcify blithe chevaliers - God bless Ye merry gentlemen
25. The dozen festive 24-hour intervals - The 12 Days of Christmas
26. Tintinnabulation of the clarion - Jingle Bells
27. An optical experience of a triad of maritime objects - I Saw Three Ships
28. Anthropomorphic crusty, frozen precipitation - Frosty the Snowman
29. Yuletide Odyssey - Christmas is Coming
30. I. agutilium and Hedera helix - The holly and the ivy
31. Oh! Pseudotsuga menziesii - O Christmas Tree
32. Beneficent monarch of Bohemia - Good King Wenceslaus



Peace
On
Earth



Good Will
To Men