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Week of December 2/3, 2017 **FIRST 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 Fr. Peter who is on retreat

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

AS AN EXPERIMENT

Starting on the First Sunday of Advent and continuing through December 31, there will be a Mass on Sunday morning at 10 AM at the Jesuit Chapel. There are people who cannot make Mass on Saturday, or who simply prefer a Mass on Sunday morning. We will begin as a "quiet" Mass, with no singing. If the numbers warrant and those attending want to sing, we can certainly make that happen. We will take up the usual Second Sunday collection. After Christmas we will evaluate.

DAILY REFLECTIONS

Each day during Advent and the Christmas season, a short reflection is e-mailed to all those who have asked for it, or who received the reflections during Lent and did not ask to be removed from the mailing list. If you would like to receive the daily reflections, let Fr. John know by sending him your email.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

December 2/3 – First Sunday of Advent

December 2 - Introduction of First Communion and Confirmation candidates at Sweifieh

December 3 – Mass at the Jesuit Chapel at 10 AM

December 3 – ADVENT DAY OF RECOLLECTION, 9 AM until 3PM – Jesuit Center. Reservation required

December 6 – St. Nicholas Day

Flu shots for refugees at the Jesuit Center, by invitation only

December 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

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

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)

Ceremony of Carols and Christmas Vigil Mass – 5 PM at Sweifieh

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

December 26-30 – Usual schedule

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

At Mass on Saturday at Sweifieh, we will be presenting the candidates for Confirmation and First Communion. There are currently four in each class.

For Confirmation:



Oliver



Bridget



Manuela



Sofia

For First Holy Communion:



Caoimhe



Isabella



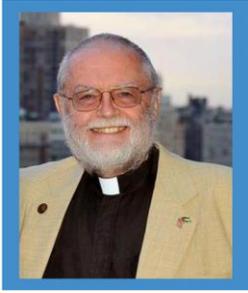
Maks



Alfonso



Clarence



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I can't resist. Here are two of the many children who came for their free flu shots on November 21st at the Jesuit Center. Most did very well, and we did have candy for them, to help reward their bravery. Some were NOT happy, but hopefully there will be less flu and less severe attacks because of your generosity. Because of the wonderful response to our special collection last weekend, we will be able to host a second round of shots for young children and senior citizens in the very near future – it looks as though it will probably be on December 6, St. Nicholas Day – very appropriate! All of you who have contributed to this program, YOU are the giver of gifts, with or without the white beard and the red suit!



Giving gifts is a tradition in many places, commemorating many things. In some countries, Christmas is NOT the day for gifts, it is December 6th. Of course, the Jewish tradition of gifts is tied to Chanukka, 8 days remembering a miracle. I had a friend whose family (14 children!) reversed the tradition, so that on your birthday, you GAVE a gift to everyone else in the family. Once a year you really had to work and plan and save your money or make something – and then 15 other days (13 siblings plus parents) you GOT a gift.

My mother started her Christmas shopping in April. Of course, she would hide presents and then forget where she had hidden them. For years, I could expect to receive “late” Christmas presents almost up until Easter, as she discovered things she had carefully put away. When I was small, I wanted to be Santa Claus when I grew up, and for most of my adult life, I loved nothing more than giving gifts. Just before I entered the Jesuits, once all my debts were paid, I had a wonderful time giving away the rest of my belongings – my collection of German beer steins, a collection of silver flag replicas for all 50 states, my quadrophonic stereo system – I loved it!

Receiving presents is always nice – but somehow finding and giving the perfect gift is even better. And if you have a chance to do that not for Christmas or a birthday but just because you found the perfect gift, the recipient will remember it, and you, for the rest of their lives. Don't let Christmas bankrupt you – financially or emotionally. Put Jesus on your gift list – and I can give you a hint. What He REALLY wants for Christmas – is you.

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 <i>(Begins Dec. 3)</i>
	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle
Confessions are 30 minutes before weekend Masses, or available by appointment.		

PARISH REGISTRATION

There is a **NEW** registration form. There are **2 ways** to register:

1. Go onto the website and there is a space where you can register online. This is the best and the easiest.
2. Fill out the registration form at the back of the Church and give it to Fr. John or the presiding priest.

You can also send Fr. John an email or check in at the parish Facebook page (Parish Group)

MUSIC FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

	SONG TITLE
Entrance Hymn	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
<i>Alleluia (Gaelic)</i>	
Offertory Hymn	Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silent
<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	One Bread, One Body
Recessional Hymn	Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

CONGRATULATIONS to the Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who were formally installed last week: Frank Magee, Anthony MacDonald, Andrew Petrovich and Jett Lagado. We have other Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers ready to be installed, but many were away. We will try for a future date.

MINISTRY ASSIGNMENTS FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

MINISTRY	Mary of Nazareth	Jean Baptiste De La Salle
Coordinator	Marty Haddadin	Dr Barbara Burgan
Lector 1	Christine Darby	Brian
Lector 2		Christina
Lector 3	Marty Haddadin	Adam
Offertory Gifts	Dadsom Family	
Eucharistic Minister	Frank Magee	
Altar Server	Athan Pulickal	NA
Altar Server	Austin Pulickal	NA
Collection	Sawsan Al Nimri	Philomena Perera
Collection		



YOUR ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS CALENDAR

3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25 CHRISTMAS DAY!	26	27	28	29	30
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Each day during Advent, as you put something in your Advent Basket for the Poor, make a note about what you have put in, so all the blanks are filled.

F = Food C = Clothing T= Toys S = Something special O = Something Other

CLARIFICATION - Since several people have already asked, here is the schedule for the coming holidays. Christmas this year is on a Monday – so we will have the usual Mass on Saturday at 5PM at Sweifieh and at 10 AM Sunday morning at the Jesuit Center. That is the Mass which satisfies your Sunday obligation.

Attending the Christmas Vigil Mass at Sweifieh on Sunday night does NOT satisfy your Sunday obligation. Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation, so yes – you have to go to Mass twice.

Remember – INTENTIONALLY missing Mass on Sunday or a Holy Day of Obligation is a mortal sin, ie you are not supposed to receive Communion until you have been to Confession.

Saturday, December 23 – 5 PM at Sweifieh – Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 – 10 AM, Jesuit Chapel - Mass for the 4th Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 24 – 5 PM Sweifieh, Ceremony of Carols and Mass for the Vigil of Christmas

Monday, December 25 – 10 AM Jesuit Center – Mass for Christmas Morning.

THE ADVENT WREATH

The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal-- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

A Rite for the Beginning of Advent at Home

The first day the wreath is in the home, the leader may say:

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet:

The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; They rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil. *Is. 9:1-2*

Then all pray:

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior

bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Then the first candle is lighted.

Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal -- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lighted on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lighted, a prayer may be said.

Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath

First Week

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ, desire of every nation, Savior of all peoples, come and dwell among us.

Second Week

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ, only joy of every heart, come and save your people

Third Week

O Key of David, Jesus Christ, the gates of heaven open at your command, come and show us the way to salvation.

Fourth Week

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ, all things are in your hands, come and show us the way to salvation

