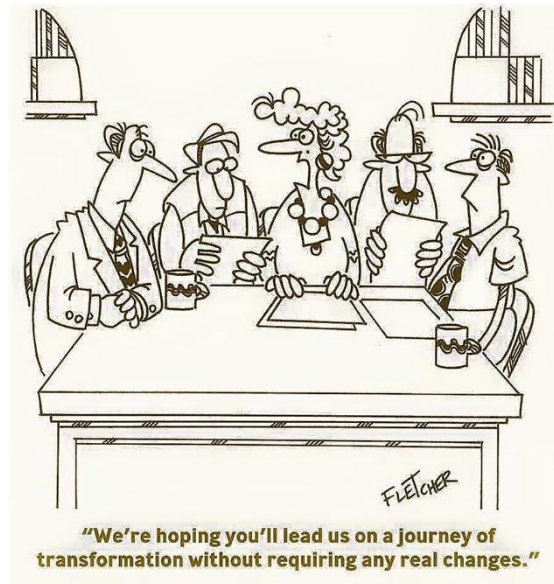


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



4th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – JANUARY 27/28, 2018



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JANUARY

Religious Minorities in Asia

That Christians, and other religious minorities in Asian countries, may be able to practice their faith in full freedom.

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 and illness
For the end to abortions

For a peaceful solution to conflict
For the safety of all who are traveling
For those searching for God
For those preparing for sacraments
For all those in pain
For justice for immigrants and refugees

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

January 26 - 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

January 26 – 7 PM - **ONE BIG HAPPY FAMILY HAVING FUN** at Terra Sancta – a performance by the Theatre Arts Workshop and the Jesuit Center. Free admission. You are advised to come early.

January 28 - 11:30 AM – English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 2 – First Friday - Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass
Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – Blessing of Candles during Mass
Bring candles to be blessed.

February 2 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

February 2 – Confirmation class meets at 3 PM at the Jesuit Center

February 3 – Feast of St Blase – Blessing of throats after all Masses

February 4 – 11:30 English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 9 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

February 10/11 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

February 11 – 11:30 – English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 12 – Ask Father John #3 (Location to be announced)

February 16 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

February 18 – 11:30 English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 17/18 – Mass celebrated in Latin

February 18 – Fr. Gerald returns from vacation

February 21 – Ash Wednesday according to the Orthodox schedule

Ashes will be distributed following the 8:30 AM and the 6 PM Masses at the Jesuit Center

February 24/25 – First Sunday of Lent

March 3 – First Confessions for our First Communion candidates

RCIA Candidates – Penitential Rite

March 9 - Lenten Day of Recollection – 8:30 AM to 4 PM

JANUARY 27 – FORMAL ENROLLMENT AS A CATECHUMEN

We currently have two adults who are preparing for Baptism at Easter. Kimberly Connell and Arnaud Phipps. Arnaud will be baptized at the River Jordan on Easter Sunday morning, along with his newborn son. Kimberly will be baptized and receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the Holy Saturday Vigil at Freres Church. On January 27, Kimberly will be formally enrolled as a catechumen. (Arnaud was enrolled in December in France.)



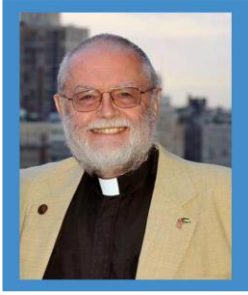
During the weeks of Lent, they will each participate in the ritual steps toward becoming full members of our community. Please welcome them, and pray for them during these days of preparation. As you pray, also remember the First Communion candidates and the candidates for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Kimberly Connell is from San Francisco. She was born in Orange, California, and grew up between living in Sacramento and Portland. She is a professional esthetician, and enjoys the outdoors, yoga, running and hiking. She and her husband have a 5 year-old son. They moved to Amman in September 2017 and are on a three year assignment with the U.S. Embassy. She is currently taking Arabic classes and enjoys exploring Jordan with her family.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Go to www.jordanjesuits.org, go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

Couldn't be easier. Thank you.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Have you looked at a calendar lately?

No, that's not a plug to encourage you to buy the Parish Calendar – although if you don't have one, or would like to give some as gifts, there are some left.

But the reason I ask is that next week is February. Friday is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, where candles are blessed at Mass. (I find it slightly ironic that we can bless candles in our chapel at the Jesuit Center but we are absolutely NOT allowed to light them. Government regulation.)

And the day after that is the Feast of St. Blase, when throats are blessed. It is, as you can imagine, a very popular tradition among actors and singers. Throats will be blessed both at the Jesuit Chapel in the morning and at St. Mary of Nazareth in the evening. And without realizing it, we are into the month when Lent begins, with the imposition of ashes on Wednesday, February 21st. On the last weekend before Ash Wednesday the Mass in both of our Churches will be in Latin. Once again, there will be daily reflection during Lent, for those who wish to receive them. If you received the Advent reflections, you are on the list. If you would like to be added to the list, or removed, just let me know. Workshops for the volunteer ministries will be announced in next week's HEARTBEAT, as will some additional activities during the Lenten season to help your prayer and acts of penance in preparation for Easter. There is a Day of Recollection scheduled for Friday, March 9, from 8:30 in the morning until around 4 pm. Lunch will be provided, and there is no charge but advance registration is required (so we can order the food).

We will also be introducing you to two candidates for Baptism, who will go through the ritual steps of the RCIA program for three Sundays during Lent (although they will take place on Saturday). These are good reminders for all of us how important our faith is, and that we who are among the baptized need to work at our faith just as do those who are preparing to join us.

The First Communion candidates (there are now 9 and admission is closed, no new candidates will be accepted into this year's class) are preparing for their First Confessions. I encourage you to volunteer – especially altar servers and people willing to take a chance on singing (I would LOVE to welcome the Resurrection with a group of rehearsed voices singing in parts), and of course, when the workshops are announced, please sign up. And ask Fr. John #3 will take place hopefully on February 12.

But finally – and most important – do not let the “activities” get in the way of your own prayer. Whether the activities in your life, with children and family and social and work, or the activities of the Church, helping to support the work of the parish or other groups – remember always to put God first, and your quiet time spent with Him. Everything else rests on that foundation.

And 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
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle

LATIN MASS

One of the great traditions of the Church is the heritage of our Latin Mass, harkening back to a time when a common language was seen as a symbol of a universal Church. The weekend Mass on February 17 and 18 (the last weekend before Lent) will be celebrated in Latin. We will have a special Order of Worship available so that all can participate. (Note: This is NOT the Tridentine Mass, which can only be celebrated with special permission, but the current Mass celebrated in Latin. Readings and the homily will be in English.)

SERVING AT THE ALTAR

Although many people think this is a service for young people, around the world those who serve at the altar are of all ages. It is a wonderful opportunity to be of service to the community, and to learn more about the Mass, which is the central focus of our communal worship. There will shortly be a schedule of workshops to prepare individuals for this great work. Preparation consists of one class, and one practicum session. Think about it – if you want to find out more, contact Fr. John.

LECTORS, MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST, MUSICIANS

In February there will be workshops for Lectors (those who read at Mass), Eucharistic Ministers (restricted to men only) and Fr. John has NOT given up on the idea of a “choir” or at least a group of singers who can meet weekly to practice, and lead the community both in singing and learning new songs. There will also be a “Community Meeting,” a chance for people to share their ideas, suggestions and thoughts about the parish. February 10 will mark Fr. John’s 1st anniversary in Jordan, and he thinks that is a good time to take stock and hear the voice of the parish. Watch for the announcement of dates and times, and think about the best ways you (yes YOU!) can contribute to our parish life.

UPDATE: At this point we have six children in our First Communion class, and three late entries who are taking special classes to “catch up.” We have four Confirmation candidates, and three who will be baptized at Easter. There have been questions about catechism classes for other children, and possibly a children’s Liturgy of the Word. We need teachers. **Anyone interested in helping out, contact Fr. John.** He was absent when they were teaching the course on bi-location – how to be in many places at the same time – and if these things are to happen, someone else has to help make it so.

