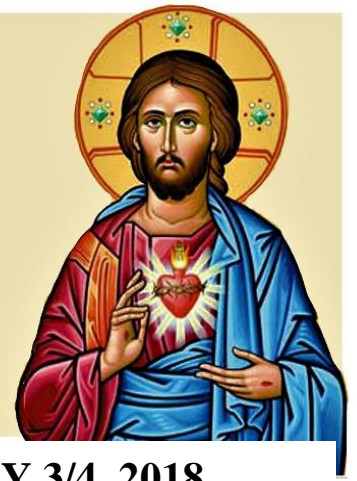


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 3/4, 2018

God grant me the  
serenity to accept the  
people I cannot change,  
the courage to change  
the one I can, and the  
wisdom to know it's me.



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

**FOR FEBRUARY**

**Say "No" to Corruption**

That those who have material,  
political or spiritual power may  
resist any lure of corruption.

## **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 Fr. McChesney's father, who is very ill  
For the safety of all who are traveling  
For Fr. John's sister, Terry, with serious medical problems  
For those preparing for sacraments  
For all those in pain  
For justice for immigrants and refugees

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

February 3 – Feast of St Blase – Blessing of throats after all Masses (Jabal Hussein and Sweifieh)

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 10 – 10 AM to 11:30 – Lector Workshop at Jesuit Center

February 10 – Formal presentation of First Communion candidates

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

February 13 – Music Ministry gathering, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

February 16 – 12 Noon – English Mass at Jabal Weibde

February 17/18 – Mass celebrated in Latin

February 17 – Casual reception after Mass at Sweifieh

February 18 – 11:30 English Mass at Jabal Amman

February 18 – Fr. Gerald returns from vacation

February 19 – Ask Father John #3 (Paul and Vivan David's house, near St. Mary's Church)

February 20 – 7 PM, Lector workshop at the Jesuit Center

### **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 23 – Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist – Double session, 10AM to 12:30

February 24/25 – First Sunday of Lent

February 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

February 23-26 – Jesuit Provincial and Consultors visit Amman

February 26 – Tentative date for Parish Meeting, 7 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth

February 27 – Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Workshop, Session A, 7 PM

March 2 – First Friday; Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 8:30 Mass

March 3 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass, 9 AM to 10:30 AM

March 3 – 4 PM - First Confessions for our First Communion candidates

RCIA Candidates – Penitential Rite

March 6 – Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist Workshop, Session B, 7 PM

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

### **March 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

March 10 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

March 10 – RCIA First Scrutiny

March 17 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

RCIA Second Scrutiny

March 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

RCIA Third Scrutiny

March 31 – Final Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

### **HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?**

Go to [www.jordanjesuits.org](http://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.



## FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

3	Vivian Rassam
7	Frank Magee
10	Eunice Dadson
12	Georgia Grube



## MEET ANOTHER CATECHUMEN PREPARING FOR BAPTISM

Arnaud Phipps, father of 4 and married with Julie, was born in France, in Paris suburbs. Graduated in business administration, he has had a successful marketing career of 10 years throughout Europe (Germany, Belgium, Slovenia, France).

He then felt the need of a meaningful life, a life truly dedicated to others.

In 2004, he went to Benin and took care of street children together with Salesienne Sisters and Don Bosco brothers. In 2008, he decided to go further and embraced a humanitarian career. After missions in Darfur, DRC, Haiti, Afghanistan, Mali, Iraq, Liberia, and Yemen, he arrived in Jordan in 2015 to oversee humanitarian regional operations.

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES

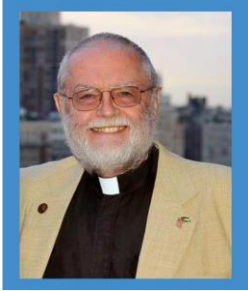
*A Preliminary Look at Some Activities during the Lenten Season.  
Suggestions for other Lenten activities or practices are always welcome.*

**Lenten Reflections** – A weekly gathering to share reflections and explore the history and meaning of Lent. Each Saturday at the Jesuit Center, following the 8:30 Mass, from February 24 until March 31. All are welcome, no reservation necessary.

**Daily Reflections during Lent** – Available on request by email, and also available on the Parish Group page on Facebook. Those who have received them in the past will be automatically on the email list. Email Fr. John if you want to be added to the list.

**Lenten Day of Recollection – Friday, March 9** – 8:30 AM (Morning Mass) until approximately 4. Lunch is included. No charge for the day, but advance reservations **are** required. Fr. John and Fr. Robert will share the day.

During Lent we will also be conducting the “Scrutinies” for the Catechumens, and on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the First Communion candidates will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. That ceremony will begin promptly at 4 PM in St. Mary of Nazareth Church, and all are invited to come and pray with the young people. A priest will also be available to hear confessions of adults while the candidates are making their First Confessions.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Some of you may know that my “totem” animal is the rhinoceros. I adopted it in 1966 and through the many intervening years, this strange animal has continued to pop up in my life, and has often provided an answer to friends who could NOT find a present and who resorted to various kind of “rhinocerotica.”

But some have suggested that while the rhinoceros is unusual, a bull dog might be more accurate. A bull dog is known for his unwillingness to not let go. He was bred to grab a bull by the snout, and hang on. While I try to not associate with bulls, it is true that I sometimes have difficulty letting go, especially of ideas.

And so in this issue, in addition to the schedule of workshops for Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, and another appeal for volunteers to become Altar Servers, you will find a meeting scheduled under the title “Music Ministry.” Yes, Father John is once again going to see if we can generate enough interest in praising God in song to put together a regular group to help lead the singing and teach the congregation new songs from time to time, as well as creating special moments for Holy Week and other liturgies.

I would hope that people would take a chance. Unless you have studied, don’t tell me you “can’t sing.” If you truly can’t, I’ll tell you. I might be able to help you sing better. I’d love for other musicians to come forward as well. I know we have at least one pianist in the congregation, at least one trumpet player, a flute player – and these are just ones I happen to know of in passing.

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, February 13 at the Jesuit Center, to see if there is enough interest to go forward. One of the items will be when we should meet, so if Tuesday is NOT a good day – please make an effort to come to this meeting and we will try to find that works for most of the people.

St. Augustine said that “He who sings prays twice.” When I started to sing as Cantorial soloist at the Jewish Temple, Rabbi Rosenstock told me, “The rabbi leads the minds to God. The Cantor leads the hearts to God. Both are necessary.” Our worship is more meaningful when the music is rich and reflects both the prayer and the congregation. Since we come from so many different backgrounds and cultures, we need to work a little harder than many churches do at finding the right music and making it a part of our routine. But it is worth the effort, and I invite and encourage you (yes, YOU!) to step forward and be a part of something important.

Tuesday, February 13 – 7 PM at the Jesuit Center. If you sing, bring a voice. Bring a friend. If you play, bring your instrument. (We have a piano.) Let’s see what might happen. RSVP not necessary but certainly appreciated, so we can plan. Have enough chairs. Maybe snacks? Things like that.

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

## WORKSHOP SCHEDULES

For anyone interested in becoming a Lector, or men interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist, workshop times are below. An RSVP is not required but appreciated, so we can be sure to have enough copies of materials. If you are interested and NONE of the scheduled dates are possible, please let Fr. John know so you can be notified if other dates are added.

### LECTOR WORKSHOP (Attendance at one only)

Tuesday, February 20 – 7 PM

Friday – February 10 - 10:30 to Noon

Monday - March 5 – 7 PM to 8:30PM

### EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST (2 Sessions required, A and B)

Friday – February 23 -A and B together – 10 to 12:30

Tuesday – February 27 (Session A) - 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Tuesday – March 6 (Session B) – 7:00 to 8:30 PM

### ALTAR SERVERS

Because school schedules are so different, anyone who has made their First Holy Communion and is interested in becoming an Altar Server, contact Fr. John and we'll arrange a time for the workshop and for the practicum at the church. Adults may also serve.

### OTHER AREAS OF SERVICE

*Workshops not required – just a desire to be of help. While Fr. Sheehan is available as a resource, each group should run as independently as possible.*

**CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP** – Helps organize and run projects to reach out to those in need in and around our community.

**SPECIAL EVENTS** – Individuals who arrange receptions and other special activities outside the celebration of Mass.

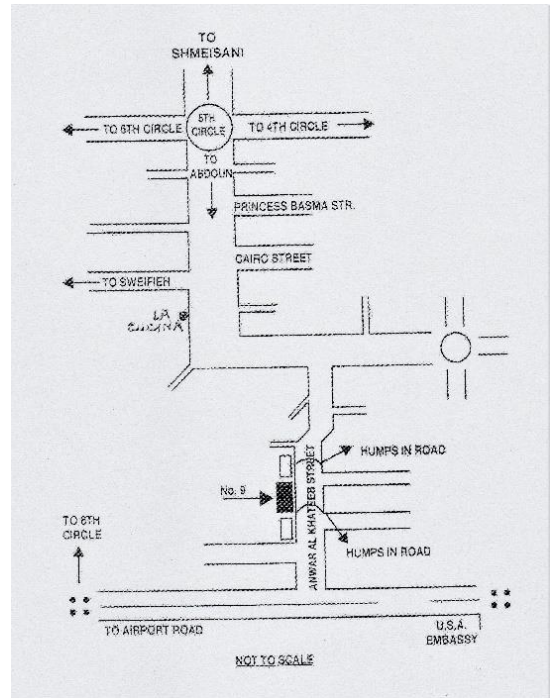
**YOUTH PROGRAM** – Just getting started, the idea being to see if there is interest in helping form a group for young adults from 18 to 30. So far there has been one meeting to explore options, and another will be scheduled if there is any interest. (NOTE: Fr. Sheehan has NOT been a “youth” for longer than many parishioners have been alive, so this is definitely an activity where others have to step up.)

## ASK FATHER JOHN (Part III)

On Monday, February 19, there will be another session of "Ask Father John," an open conversation about anything you want to know or ask. It will be at Paul S. and Vivian David's House, 9 Anwar Al Khatib Street, Sweifieh. Map on the right. Phone if you are lost – 079 588-9330.

## 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.) A reception in the parish hall will follow the Mass.



## REAL STORIES ABOUT REAL PEOPLE

Some guy bought a new fridge for his house. To get rid of his old fridge, he put it in his front yard and hung a sign on it saying: "Free to good home You want it, you take it". For three days the fridge sat there without even one person looking twice at it. He eventually decided that people were too un-trusting of this deal. It looked to good to be true, so he changed the sign to read: "Fridge for sale \$50". The next day someone stole it.

While looking at a house, my brother asked the real estate agent which direction was North because, he explained, he didn't want the sun waking him up every morning. She asked, "Does the sun rise in the North?" When my brother explained that the sun rises in the East, (and has for some time), she shook her head and said, "Oh, I don't keep up with that stuff"

I used to work in technical support for a 24/7 call center. One day I got a call from an individual who asked what hours the call center was open. I told him, "The number you dialed is open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week." He responded, "Is that Eastern or Pacific time?" Wanting to end the call quickly, I said, "Uh, Pacific"

My colleague and I were eating our lunch in our cafeteria, when we overheard one of the administrative assistants talking about the sunburn she got on her weekend drive to the shore. She drove down in a convertible, but "didn't think she'd get sunburned because the car was moving".

My sister has a lifesaving tool in her car It's designed to cut through a seat belt if she gets trapped She keeps it in the trunk.

My friends and I were on a beer run and noticed that the cases were discounted 10%. Since it was a big party, we bought 2 cases. The cashier multiplied 2 times 10% and gave us a 20% discount.

I couldn't find my luggage at the airport baggage area. So I went to the lost luggage office and told the woman there that my bags never showed up. She smiled and told me not to worry because she was a trained professional and I was in good hands. "Now," she asked me, "has your plane arrived..... yet?"