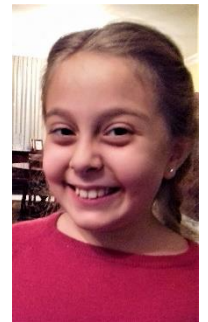


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME – FEBRUARY 10/11, 2018**  
**SECOND COLLECTION TODAY FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**



## FIRST COMMUNION CANDIDATES 2018

CLARENCE

BARDIA

FAISAL

ALANNA

PELLA

MAKS

ISABELLA

ALFONSO

CAOIMHE



*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.

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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 4 – Novena to St. Francis Xavier begins – Patron of the Chapel at the Jesuit Center

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 11 – Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)

March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier; end of the Novena

March 17 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

RCIA Second Scrutiny

Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

March 20 – First day of Spring

March 21 – Mother's Day in Jordan

March 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass

RCIA Third Scrutiny

March 30 – Daylight Savings Time begins in Jordan

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

### 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.

### **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. John’s sister, Terry, with serious medical problems

For Ray Calderone’s grandmother, who has died

For Fr. McChesney’s father, who has died

For the mother of Michael Marrah, who has died

For Shannon, with colon, liver and lung cancer

For those preparing for sacraments

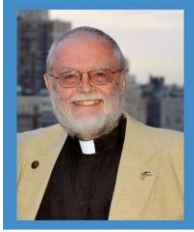
For all those in pain

For justice for immigrants and refugees

For the safety of all who are traveling

For Fr. Predmore’s mother, who is in hospice

**PARISH MEETING** – We are a parish of many backgrounds and at least three different places where we worship. But we are still one parish. Is it a good idea to meet, to be able to discuss as a group what we want, what we miss, what we might do together? February 26 has been tentatively marked for a meeting, but if it is NOT an idea that people want, please let Fr. John know in advance. No point having a meeting if no one comes. But if there is a positive response, absolutely. Let your voice be heard about whether you want your voice to be heard.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

When I was growing up, our Christmas tree was a mix of odd ornaments and old items. There were glass balls with sterling silver tops that had belonged to my grandfather's grandfather and had been brought over from Germany. There was a silver angel I had made in first grade from construction paper, and a fuzzy lamb that my mother had gotten when she was a little girl.

This was our tradition – each year bringing out the collection of ornaments, and telling and re-telling the stories that went with each one. This was tradition – tying together our Christmas celebration with our ancestors and the history of our family. The major theme of the musical *Fiddler on the Roof*, the foundational concept of inculturation – tradition. Not just understanding but maintaining an active link with those who have come before us, who have influenced us, who have been a part in making us who we are.

Next weekend we celebrate one of the many great traditions of the Roman Catholic Church, as we celebrate our weekend Masses in Latin. For those who have grown up in a Church where Mass is celebrated in the language of the place, it is hard to fathom the impact the Latin Mass had on generations of Catholics. Many of us studied Latin as a normal part of our education; knowledge of Latin was long considered one of the hallmarks of a classical education, true whether you were a Catholic or not, and so we could, to a degree, understand at least some of what was being said. But we also had missals, with Latin on one side and English (or whatever your language was) on the other, so you could follow along.

Latin also had a sense of mystery, a sense of something different, a sense of the sacred, so as you entered into God's space, you did not dress in the clothing of everyday life (in those days we always dressed up to go to Church) and you did not use the language of everyday life. Coming to Mass was something sacred, something special, and the use of Latin helped to mark that.

It also re-enforced the universality of the Roman Catholic Church. Wherever you went in the world, the Mass was always the same. Today, if you go to a Catholic Church in Jordan, the Mass might as well be in Latin, since the language in which the prayers are offered is no more comprehensible to most of us than would be the Latin.

I am certainly not arguing for a return to the Latin Mass. There are tremendous benefits to having Mass in a language that most of those attending can understand. But at the same time, the Church urges us to be familiar with it, both as part of our tradition, and also for times when we find ourselves in a community of different cultures and languages, so we can have a shared tradition familiar to all the participants.

Whether the words this weekend are familiar and bring back memories, or are as strange as Arabic or Igbo or Yapese, take a moment to reflect on the generations of Catholics who for many centuries celebrated their love of God in what was a universal tongue. In your own worship, as you approach the Sacred Mysteries, look for the sense of the sacred, the holy, the "other," which ought to be part of our relationship with God.

One of the dimension of our Catholic heritage is tradition – in art, in music, in forms of worship. It is a tradition that has grown and evolved over the centuries, but it is a tradition that reaches back in an unbroken line for over 2,000 years, back to Christ and His instructions to His apostles.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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## 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 (Al Razi Street)

## 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 is possible, please let Fr. John know so you can be notified if other dates are added.

### LECTOR WORKSHOP (Attendance at one only)

Friday – February 10 - 10:30 to Noon

Tuesday, February 20 – 7 PM

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. If interested let Father know and your name will be added to be notified for future meetings.*

**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.)

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – A meeting on February 13 at 7PM to see if there is enough interest to begin a regular program within our parish. No obligation. If you sing, bring your voice. If you play an instrument, bring it. And if you have enthusiasm, that is most welcome. If you can't come but are interested – let Fr. John know.

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE SICK** – This Sunday has been designated as a special day of prayer for the sick. In our parish, we will be having a special Mass of Anointing of the Sick during Lent, and that will take the place of the celebration usually scheduled for this day.

## 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.

## LAWS OF THE UNIVERSE

**Law of Mechanical Repair:** After your hands become coated with grease, your nose will begin to itch.

**Law of the Workshop:** Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Law of the Telephone:** When you dial a wrong number, you never get a busy signal.

**Law of the Alibi:** If you tell the boss you were late for work because you had a flat tire, the very next morning you will have a flat tire.

**Variation Law:** If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (Works every time.)

**Bath Theorem:** When the body is fully immersed in water, the telephone rings

**Law of Close Encounters:** The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.

**Law of the Result:** When you try to prove to someone that a machine won't work, it will.

**Law of Biomechanics:** The severity of the itch is inversely proportional to the reach.

**Theatre Rule:** At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

**Law of Coffee:** As soon as you sit down to a cup of hot coffee, your boss will ask you to do something which will last until the coffee is cold.

**Murphy's Law of Lockers:** If there are only two people in a locker room, they will have adjacent lockers.

**Law of Dirty Rugs/Carpets:** The chances of an open-faced jelly sandwich of landing face down on a floor covering are directly related to the newness and cost of the rug.

**Law of Location:** No matter where you go, there you are.

**Law of Logical Argument:** Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Brown's Law:** If the shoe fits, it's ugly.

**Oliver's Law:** A closed mouth gathers no feet.

