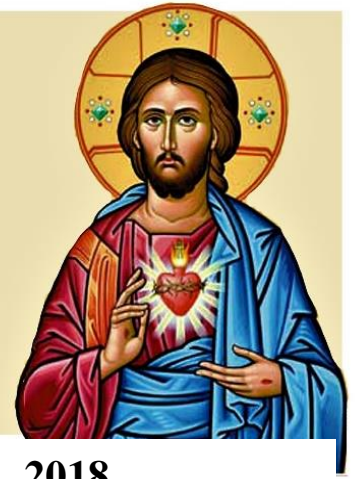


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 10/11, 2018**

**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**



*Pope Francis'*  
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

## FOR MARCH

### Formation in Spiritual Discernment

That the Church may appreciate the urgency of formation in spiritual discernment, both on the personal and communitarian levels.

## **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 the safety of all who are traveling

For a woman with 2 broken ankles  
For those fighting cancer  
For someone preparing for an act of consecration  
For those preparing for sacraments  
For all those in pain  
For justice for immigrants and refugees  
In thanksgiving for God's favors

## **LENTEN REMINDER**

It is a precept of the Church that all Catholics must receive Communion during the Easter Season, ie between Easter Sunday and Pentecost, and to go to confession at least once a year. In order to receive the Eucharist, Catholics should examine their conscience to be sure they are truly prepared to receive Jesus:

- Are we in a state of grace, that is, not aware of any unconfessed grave sin? If not, then we should celebrate the Sacrament of reconciliation first. It is a serious sin to receive Communion with an unconfessed serious sin.
- Have we observed the one-hour fast from food and drink (except water and medicine) before receiving Our Lord?
- Do we believe in the Real Presence; do we believe that Christ is present, Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity?
- Are we faithful to the moral teachings of the Church in our personal and public lives?

**Lenten Reflections** – A weekly gathering to share reflections and help prepare for the great Easter celebrations. Each Saturday at the Jesuit Center, following the 8:30 Mass, until March 31. All are welcome, no reservation necessary.

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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

- March 10 - Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass  
March 10 – RCIA First Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass  
March 11 – Beginning of the Novena to St. Joseph  
March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier; end of the Novena to St. Francis  
March 13 - Anniversary of the election of Pope Francis (2013)  
March 15 – Music Group meeting – Jesuit Center, 7 PM  
March 16 – Care for the Poor group meeting; 3 PM at the Jesuit Center. All are welcome  
March 17 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.  
    RCIA Second Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass  
    Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland  
March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, end of the novena to St. Joseph  
March 20 – First day of Spring  
March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan. Mass at the Jesuit Center for all mothers.  
March 22 - March 15 – Music Group meeting – Jesuit Center, 7 PM  
March 24 – Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass. All are welcome. About one hour.  
    RCIA Third Scrutiny at the 5 PM Mass  
March 30 – Daylight Savings Time begins in Jordan  
March 31 – Final Lenten Reflection session following the morning Mass.  
March 31/April 1 – Palm Sunday celebration – Usual Mass schedule  
April 2-4 – Regular morning Mass at the Jesuit Center

### **HOLY WEEK –**

- April 5 - Holy Thursday – Mass of the Lord’s Supper, 5 PM – deLaSalle Church  
    Following Mass, procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Jesuit Center  
April 6 – Good Friday – Celebration of the Lord’s Passion – Noon – deLaSalle Church  
April 7 – Holy Saturday – Condensed Vigil Mass, 5 PM, Sweifieh  
    Holy Saturday – Full Vigil at 10 PM at deLaSalle Church  
April 8 – Easter Sunday – 10 AM – Mass at the Jesuit Center  
    Easter Sunday – 6 PM – Mass at deLaSalle Church  
April 16 – “Ask Father John” – *Tentative – depends on finding a location – 7PM*

### **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.

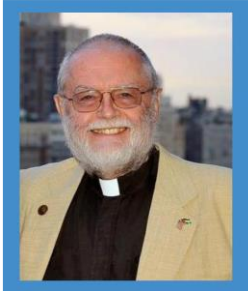
Couldn’t be easier. Thank you.

**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.

## **HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? [WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG](http://WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG)**

### **MASS SCHEDULE**

<b>DAY</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>LOCATION</b>
<b>Mon - Sat</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>Jesuit Center</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth</b>
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	<b>Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)</b>



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This week we celebrate St. Patrick's Day, a day when "Everyone is Irish."

The story of the Irish is one of the great diaspora stories in the history of civilization, and their influence around the world certainly belies the small island from which they came and the small population they represent. One of the unifying factors for the Irish for many years was their faith, the Catholic heritage that they took with them wherever they went. Certainly, throughout Africa, the influence of the Irish missionaries continues to be felt today in all levels of society.

Many of us here in Amman are a people in diaspora. However we define "home" (and that is an interesting item for reflection in today's modern and increasingly flexible society, what defines the concept of "home" for you? For more and more people, it is no longer the place where we grew up but a place where people gather. My parents are dead – my only sister lives in a place where I have never lived. In the last 40 years I have lived in 18 or 19 different places. Home is where the suitcase is?), for many of us, our time in Jordan is time away. We are "strangers in a strange land," but unlike the early Jews, we do not await the Messiah. We know that the Savior has come, and that sure and certain knowledge binds us together, and makes any place where we go to share our faith a temporary home.

Which leads me to several thoughts:

1) Just as we do in our homes, so too we need to help out at the church that is our home. In the next days, as we prepare for Holy Week and Easter, there are calls for volunteers to help with events, and the call to come and participate. This is a call from your family for your help – you ARE needed, not just to be present but to take part.

2) A home is place where we feel comfortable inviting our friends. This is a time of the year when we should be conscious of opening our home – our church – to those who may be feeling alone, who may be nervous about taking the first step. Invite someone to share our celebrations during these holy days.

3) We all make a special effort to be present to our families for special events – a birthday, an anniversary, a graduation. There is no more special event in the Church year than the Easter Vigil. This celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord is the central ceremony of worship from which all other ceremonies flow. It is important for each of us to be present, and it is important for the Church to have all its members present. Make the extra effort to come "home" for this moment.

These next days can be very rewarding. What happens between now and Easter can confirm your Lenten experience, deepen your spiritual life and provide a richness that can sustain you for the year to come. The reward will depend on what you bring to these days, and how deeply you decide to enter into our celebrations.

As always, let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org)

Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

**Website:** [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)

**Facebook:** If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

## PRAYER TIMES DURING LENT

It is often good to simply pray in the company of others, and there will be several times when the Jesuit Chapel will be open and available for prayer. There will be no ceremony, no formal beginning or ending, just a chance to come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament, and hopefully sharing some of that time in silence with others. No need to sign up – just show up and you will be most welcome. Follow the signs – if you need the elevator, call Fr. John (079 013-8985)

Sunday, March 11 – 3 PM to 5 PM  
Friday, March 16 – 9 AM to 11 AM  
Monday, March 19 – 9 AM to 11 AM  
Wednesday, March 21 – 11 AM to 12:30 PM  
Friday, March 23 – 9 AM to 11 AM  
Sunday, March 25 – 1 PM to 3PM  
Tuesday, March 27 – 9 AM to 10:30 AM  
Friday, March 30 – 9 AM to 11 AM

April 5 – HOLY THURSDAY (*Holy Week schedule subject to confirmation*)

No Morning Mass - Mass at Freres at 5 PM

Blessed Sacrament in repose at the Jesuit Chapel after Mass

Chapel will remain open for prayer until 11 or as people have signed up

Advance permission needed for all-night vigil

April 6 - GOOD FRIDAY

Service at Freres at Noon - Jesuit Chapel open for prayer from 3 PM until 8 PM

April 7 – HOLY SATURDAY - Chapel open for prayer from 10 AM until noon

*Confession will be available during all of these prayer times*

## NOVENA TO ST. JOSEPH

The Feast of St. Joseph is March 19<sup>th</sup>, and the traditional Novena in his honor begins on March 11. For anyone who might wish to make this novena, here is a prayer for the 9 days:

To you, blessed Joseph, we come with confidence in this hour of need, trusting in your powerful protection. Your loving service to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God and your fatherly affection for the Child Jesus inspire us with faith in the power of your intercession before the throne of God.

We pray, first of all, for the Church: that it may be free from error and corruption, and be a shining light of universal love and justice.

We ask your intercession for our loved ones in their trial and adversities, that they may be inspired by the love, obedience and affection of the Holy Family and be to each other a mutual source of consolation and Christian fidelity.

We ask your intercession also for our special need (*here mention the grace desired.*)

Keep us one and all under your protection so that, strengthened by your example and assistance, we may lead a holy life, die a happy death, and come to the possession of everlasting happiness in Heaven. Amen.

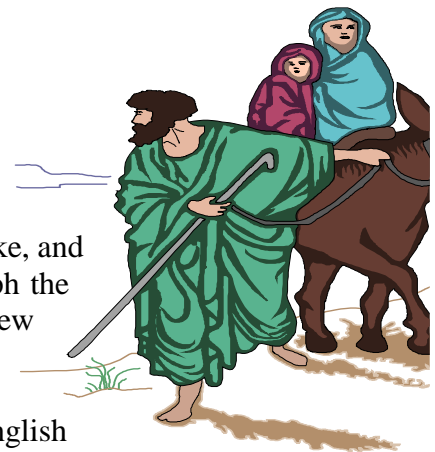


*The First Communion candidates after their First Confession.  
Pella was ill and will make her First Confession at a later date.*

**As of March 5, in the last 30 days we have had over 4,000 visits to our web site. Are you one of the 4,000? If not – why haven't you dropped in to the Sacred Heart Parish page to see what is available and going on?**

## **SAINT OF THE WEEK**

St. Joseph was the husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus Christ. He is one of the most important of all the saints in the Church, and one about whom the least is known. He is mentioned only in the first chapters of the Gospels of Matthew and Luke, and as a passing reference, when Christ is referred to as the son of Joseph the carpenter. St. Joseph, indeed, was a *tekton*, as we learn from Matthew 13:55, and Mark 6:3. The word means both mechanic in general and carpenter in particular; St. Justin vouches for the latter sense, and tradition has accepted this interpretation, which is followed in the English Bible.



St. Matthew (1:16) calls St. Joseph the son of Jacob; according to St. Luke (3:23), Heli was his father. Bethlehem, the city of David and his descendants, appears to have been the birth-place of Joseph. When, however, the Gospel history opens, namely, a few months before the Annunciation, Joseph was settled at Nazareth. Why and when he forsook his home-place to betake himself to Galilee is not known. Perhaps he needed to move to the larger city in order to better earn a living.

Over the centuries a number of apocryphal writings emerged, which told fanciful and pious stories about his earlier marriage and children. But in the early church he was the subject of great reverence and there is information that as early as the 4<sup>th</sup> century the Coptic Church regularly celebrated his feast. He is held up as a model of fidelity, chastity and humility. He is the patron saint of the Society of Jesus.

# AT THE BEGINNING OF THE DAY

O God, I find myself at the beginning of another day,  
I do not know what it will bring,  
Please help me to be ready for whatever it may be.

If I am to stand up, help me to stand bravely.  
If I am to sit still, help me to sit quietly.  
If I am to lie low, help me to do it patiently.  
If I am to do nothing, let me do it gallantly.

I pray just for today,  
for these twenty-four hours,  
for the ability to cooperate with others  
according to the way Jesus taught us to live.

"Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."  
May these words that he taught us become more than words.

Please free my thinking and feelings  
and the thinking and feelings of others,  
from all forms of self-will,  
self-centredness,  
dishonesty,  
and deception.

Along with my brothers and sisters, I need this freedom  
to make my choices today according to your desires  
and dream for our world ...

to make cooperative use of the gifts of your creation  
in as much as and only in the manner through which  
your desires can be accomplished.

Send your Spirit to inspire us in time of doubt and indecision  
so that, together, we can walk along your path. Amen.

-- adapted from an unknown source by J. Veltri sj