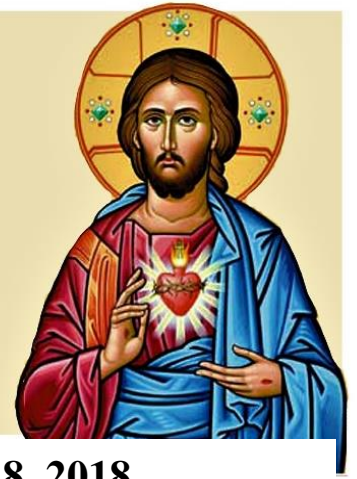


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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – MARCH 17/18, 2018
LAETARE SUNDAY



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 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.

BLESSING BASKETS FOR THE EASTER VIGIL

There is a tradition in several different communities of blessing Easter baskets at the Great Vigil on Holy Saturday. I was asked if we could celebrate this at our ceremony and I was delighted to say Yes. I am enclosing some pictures of different kinds of baskets, and I invite any family or individual who wants to bring a basket on Holy Saturday to please let me know, so we can be sure to have enough space to accommodate everyone's basket.

Baskets often feature eggs (both plain and decorated), salt, different kinds of meat, and bread. They can be simple or quite elaborate. At the end of the ceremony, each family or individual collects the basket they brought, and takes it home for their own celebration of Easter. (For examples, see the end of this edition.)

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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.

Feast of St. Patrick, patron of Ireland

March 18 - RCIA Second Scrutiny at the 6 PM Mass at St. Jean Baptiste deLaSalle, Jabal Hussein

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, end of the novena to St. Joseph

March 20 – First day of Spring (Equinox at 6:15 PM)

March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan. Mass at the Jesuit Center for all mothers.

March 21/22 – Mother’s Day Bazaar in the garden at the Jesuit Center. Sponsored by JRS. 12-6pm

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, 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.

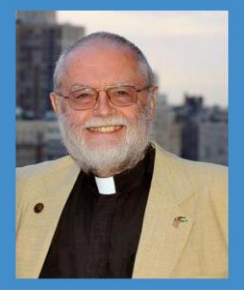
Daily Reflections during Lent – Available on request by email, and also available on the Parish Group page on Facebook. Those who have received them in the past will be automatically on the email list. Email Fr. John if you want to be added to the list.

HAVE YOU VISITED OUR WEBSITE? WWW.JORDANJESUITS.ORG

As of March 13, in the last 30 days we have had almost 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?

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)



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This is the weekend of the rose vestments. Most people see pink, but technically, it is rose. Not every parish has this color, but since we do, we like to show off a little. Even in the midst of the great penitential season, there is rejoicing and this Sunday the Church allows flowers on the altar and a relaxation of several of the liturgical restraints that are in place during Lent. It is also the weekend of the Second Scrutiny, as our two catechumens prepare for their Baptism, Confirmation and receiving their first Holy Communion. Because we are parish that celebrates in several places, the Second Scrutiny this week will take place at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church on Sunday evening.

In this edition you see the note about Easter baskets, which will be blessed at the Saturday Vigil Mass. It is a custom in a number of countries, and one I find that happily unites local practice with the universal Church. I encourage you, if you are coming to the Mass, to bring a basket to be blessed. You take your basket home with you, but it is a good reminder of the many dimensions of this most special feast.

The Church is preparing for Holy Week and the remembrance of the Last Supper, the Passion and Crucifixion of our Lord, and of course, the great Easter celebrations. All over town, flowers have been ordered, choirs are rehearsing, priests are reviewing the ritual books, working on homilies and rehearsing altar servers. In many churches, volunteer groups are preparing for a thorough cleaning of the church, everything from pews to rafters. Programs for the special celebrations are being designed and printed, and the whole focus is on the 8 days from Passion/Palm Sunday to Easter.

What are you doing? How are you preparing for the celebration of Easter? Of course, I am interested in the religious side. Some are planning holidays away, there are Easter egg hunts and parties for children (that often feature a very large rabbit), special meals, candies, decorations – those are all wonderful and certainly a part of the holiday. But what about God? What about Church? What are you and your family doing to prepare for the reason for all this? Is the mystery of the Resurrection a topic of conversation, especially in a family with children? What do you really know about the events of the week? Why is there no Mass on Good Friday? What is the Chrism Mass that is also celebrated during Holy Week? What is the Paschal Candle and why is it important?

You don't have to know the answer to every question – although perhaps you should. But you ought to have the religious dimension of these days as part of your own preparation. The reason for Lent, the reason for “giving something up,” the reason for abstaining from meat on Friday and fasting – this is all to help prepare us for these most special and holy celebrations. If you've been distracted by other things, you are probably not alone. But there is still time. What are you doing to prepare? Next week at all the Masses and on the website there will be available a booklet (which we also had last year) *What Am I Doing for Triduum?* to help you focus on three days of Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday. It is THE most important time of the year, and deserves your attention.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org

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

Website: 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. 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)

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

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

SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 31/April 1

Saturday – Mass at 5 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth, Sweifieh
Procession and blessing of Olive branches

Sunday – Mass at 6 PM at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein
Procession and blessing of Olive branches

Monday to Wednesday – 8:30 AM Mass at the Jesuit Center

Holy Thursday – April 5

Mass of the Lord's Supper at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

Washing of the Feet – Procession after Mass with the Blessed Sacrament
To Francis Xavier Chapel/Jesuit Center. Adoration until 11pm.

Good Friday – April 6

Good Friday Service at Noon at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein
Chapel open for prayer from 3 PM until 8 PM

Holy Saturday – April 7

Chapel open for prayer from 10 AM until Noon

Condensed Vigil Service at St. Mary of Nazareth at 5 PM

Full Vigil Service at 10 PM Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein

Easter Sunday – April 8

Mass of Easter morning – 10 AM – Jesuit Center, Jabal Hussein

Mass of Easter Day – 6 PM - Jean Baptiste de LaSalle, Jabal Hussein



**There are many
different kinds of
Easter baskets**

Be Creative!



Oh, Lord my God,
 You called me from the sleep of nothingness
 Merely because in Your tremendous love
 You want to make good and beautiful beings.
 You have called me by my name in my mother's womb.
 You have given me breath and light and movement
 and walked with me every moment of my existence.
 I am amazed, Lord God of the universe,
 that You attend to me and, more, cherish me.
 Create in me the faithfulness that moves You,
 and I will trust You and yearn for You all my days. Amen.

Lord, mighty God,
 in power and wisdom You shape me and my world.
 You chose my life world - my time, my city, my language.
 You give me understanding and passions;
 You fill me with desiring and with energies.
 You give me voice to sing songs to You for all creation.
 For all that has passed between us, I thank You.
 To all that You are now doing in me, I say yes.
 In the name of Him in whom everything says yes,
 Jesus, my Lord and good brother, who lives and reigns with You,
 forever and ever. Amen.

Almighty and ever-watchful God, you are the beginning and end, alpha and omega. You start all things, and bring all things back to Yourself. For no living creature can make itself come to be; no living being wakes itself from nothingness. Nothing in me could have made You love me or forced You to want me to be. Since before I came to be, You have loved me with an everlasting love, and now Your totally free love burns at the core of my life, at the core of my self. I acknowledge You Creator and Lord, once at the start of all things and always, all days, as the beginning of all things. You alone are Lord, living and reigning forever and ever. Amen.

**A PRAYER FOR
LENT
OR ANY OTHER
TIME**



QUESTIONS

If you have completed a workshop for Lector or Eucharistic Minister and have NOT been formally installed and received your certificate, please send a note to Fr. John, so he can check against his list. Installation of Ministers is scheduled for April 21 and 22, depending on the physical church in which you most frequently serve.

EASTER VIGIL – It has been suggested that some people avoid attending the Easter Vigil because driving to Jabal Hussein can become difficult, and because some are cautious about driving at night. Would there be any interest in having a bus available to go from the Sweifieh parking lot to the Vigil Service, and returning when the service is completed? If you would like to see this as an option, let us know so we can see if it is a viable idea. Car pools also help but we are willing to arrange for a bus if there is a positive response.

O God, when I have food,
Help me to remember the hungry.
When I have work,
Help me to remember the jobless.
When I have a home,
Help me to remember those who have no home at all.
When I am without pain,
Help me to remember those who suffer.
And as I remember,
Help me to destroy my complacency,
Bestir my compassion,
And make me concerned enough to help,
By word and deed,
Those who cry out for what we take for granted.