

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



7th SUNDAY AFTER EASTER

May 12/13, 2018

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR MAY

Evangelization: The Mission of the Laity

That the lay faithful may fulfil their specific mission, by responding with creativity to the challenges that face the world today.

The link to the video for this intention:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iJauCn4Tu3c&feature=youtu.be>

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

May 12 – FIRST HOLY COMMUNION with a parish reception following the Mass

May 12/13 – SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES

May 14 – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

May 15 – Music Group rehearsal, 7 PM – contact Jeff (079-662-3346) for directions if your 1st time

May 19/20 – Pentecost Sunday celebrated – Ordinary time resumes in the Church calendar

Special collection for the Care for the Poor project – Iftar Dinner

May 22 - Music Group rehearsal, 7 PM – contact Jeff (079-662-3346) for directions if your 1st time

May 24 – Sacred Heart-sponsored Iftar Dinner at the Jesuit Center

May 25 – Independence Day

May 26/27 – Trinity Sunday

May 27 – June 26 – Fr. John in the U.S.

May 29 - Music Group rehearsal, 7 PM – contact Jeff (079-662-3346) for directions if your 1st time

May 31 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 1 – First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

June 2/3 – Corpus Christi (The Body and Blood of Christ)

June 6 – Birthday of Fr. Anton, St. Mary of Nazareth Church

June 8 – The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus – Patronal Feast of Our Parish

Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ

June 9/10 - SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED

HEART PARISH IN BOTH CHURCHES

June 15 (Approx) – Beginning of Eid al Fitr

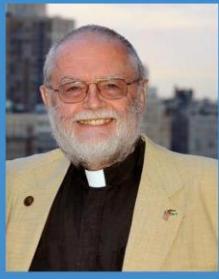
June 24 – The Nativity of John the Baptist

June 29 – Ss. Peter and Paul (Solemnity)

In the month of April our website had 1,211 visitors with 4,261 visits. Have you visited

www.jordanjesuits.org?

If not, drop in and see why people are coming back.



RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This is the great weekend that marks a change in the life of ten of our young people. They have studied and memorized and asked questions and learned about the history of the Church, the basic catechism and, as Canon Law suggests, they have achieved “an understanding of the Sacrament appropriate to their age.”

One of the things one learns in theatre – and it is a lesson that holds true for many areas of our life – is that when the show closes, people tend to get sick. Or depressed. When the tension is released, the excitement is over, the pressure is off – our systems tend to relax, and so we sleep more, we can easily get sick, we can feel a little bit lost, and there is the unspoken question in the air – “Now what?”

It’s true for theatre and for taking school exams, after a wedding or a funeral, coming home from a big vacation – or receiving one of the major sacraments like First Holy Communion. Young children may or may not experience this – they can be very resilient. But adults more easily are affected, and so teachers, parents, all those connected can know the fallout. And the question is a very real one, and important – “Now what?”

Because receiving the Sacrament is not the end, it is the beginning of a life of participation in the life of the Church, and the extraordinary grace that God gives us when we worthily receive Holy Communion. The children have been taught, but now it is up the Church to continue their growth in the faith. Of course the first responsibility is with the parents, but the rest of the Church doesn’t get to sit back and watch. We each have a responsibility – in whatever ways we can – to help the growth in faith of the children who this weekend receive their First Holy Communion. Of course, that responsibility isn’t just for the children. Ultimately, we have a responsibility to take care of one another.

That can manifest itself in a lot of ways. Many in the Church have no contact with the children, for instance. But someone might volunteer to teach a catechism class, to keep young people after First Holy Communion and before Confirmation still engaged in learning about the faith. Some might volunteer to help make the worship service more welcoming – or join the Care for the Poor Group – or come up with some idea or project or activity that hasn’t been thought of yet. There are several groups that meet independently for prayer and/or study and reflection. You might seek out one of those – or start one yourself. The strength of any parish is how it treats and welcomes and involves ALL its members – those who are new or who have been involved for years or who just drop in to see what’s going on. Because we are a transient people for a large part, some of the “regular” parish activities don’t fit as well, and the varied schedules people have can also make scheduling a challenge.

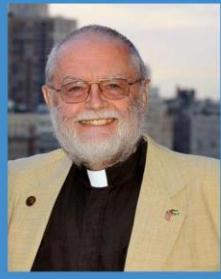
But there are a LOT of people in Sacred Heart Parish, and a lot of talent and experience, and a lot of love. All that can and should be shared. So as we celebrate the young people this weekend, let us also take a hard look at our lives and our gifts and see if there is some way in which we too might be more involved.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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

Website: JordanJesuits.org **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.



RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Dear Readers – No, Father John is not losing his mind...well, maybe a little. I wrote two separate RAMBLINGS and only discovered that when I was putting this edition together. Because First Communion is an important moment for the whole parish, not just the children, I decided to use them both. Of course next year I will probably be dry and searching for inspiration, but I'll worry about that then. In the meantime – here is Part II:

They may or may not remember the date – I confess, I don't. But I guarantee you they will remember the day, the day on which they made their First Holy Communion. In my day, the family photo album had a bunch of pictures and those served as a reminder over the years. But I remember the preparation, I remember the anticipation, and I remember the first time the Sacred Host was placed most reverently on my extended tongue.

I have no idea what parts of the day our 10 First Communion recipients will remember – the Mass, the reception, a new outfit, a party, a present. But I am quite sure they will remember.

That is as it should be, because we are a Church of remembering. We celebrate each year the major moments in the life of Christ, we celebrate the feasts and memorials of Saints, we remember our own failings when we present ourselves to the priest in confession. We are a Church of remembering.

It is, however, remembering with a purpose. We remember the moments in the life of Christ to keep us inspired by God's love and faithful in trying to keep His Word. We remember the saints who serve as our models, reminding us that "the yoke is easy and the burden is light." Following the Word of God is not impossible, and if we do it with love, it's not something we suffer through. Remembering our moments of weakness and failure helps us to improve and grow stronger, and it too reminds us in a very concrete way of just how much God loves us.

So as we celebrate, let us refresh ourselves with our memories, and help the young people to have strong and joyful memories to sustain them in the years to come.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!!

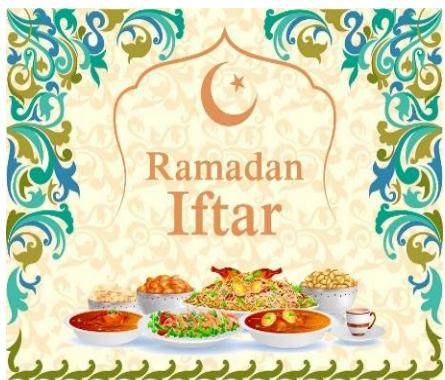
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Pella Mubarak
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First Communion Class of 2018 – Sacred Heart Parish

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)



YOU'RE INVITED

On Thursday, May 24th, Sacred Heart Parish, in cooperation with the Jesuit Center (who is providing the space) and Jesuit Refugee Services (who is helping coordinate the invitations), will be hosting an Iftar Dinner for invited refugees and their families, people who have no other family or places where they can celebrate. The dinner will start after the final call to prayer, probably some time between 7:45 and 8 PM. Venue – the picnic area in the spacious gardens at the Jesuit Center.

The event is being coordinated by the Care for the Poor group at our parish, and we would love to have some of the parish come to help be hosts. Nothing involved beyond a) paying for your own dinner (7jd), and b) meeting and welcoming our guests. (OK – maybe a little help cleaning up afterwards too.) Most have some English, and are eager to practice. You need to reserve in advance so we don't have so many we outnumber the guests and so our food preparation remains under control.

If you cannot make the dinner but would like to contribute to help underwrite the costs, you can simply give your gift to Fr. John, and on the weekend of May 19/20 – the weekend before the dinner – we will have a special second collection for those who wish to help with this project.

Ramadan is a special time of the year, and Sacred Heart Parish is honored to be reaching out in hospitality to help make this the season of celebration and coming together that it should be.

THE PLODDER

