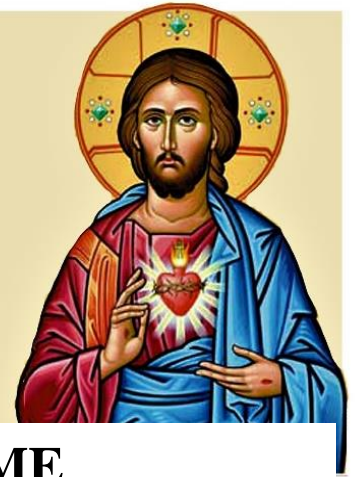


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11th SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME
June 16/17, 2018



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JUNE

Social Networks: That social networks may work towards that inclusiveness which respects others for their differences.

The video link for this month's intention:

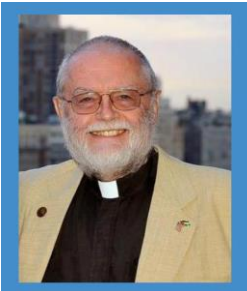
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COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga – 1st Day of Summer
Father's Day (*Take A Priest to lunch*)
- June 24 – The Nativity of John the Baptist
- June 27 – Fr. John returns from U.S.
- June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul
- July 2 – St. Elizabeth the Prophet (Saint of Jordan)
- July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle
- July 4 – US Independence Day
- July 6 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel
- July 24 – St. Charbel Makhluf
- July 25 – St. James, Apostle
- July 26 – Ss. Joachim and Anne, Parents of the Blessed Mother
- July 31 – ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA, FOUNDER OF THE SOCIETY OF JESUS
(*Observed as a Solemnity at the Jesuit Chapel*)

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

At the beginning of this month, I spent the weekend at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana, celebrating my 50th reunion. It has been 50 years since I graduated, and I am now an official member of the 50-Year Club. I had my picture taken with the President of the University, I have a gold hat and a special pin for the lapel of my coat.

This has nothing to do with my grade point average when I was a student, or honors I may have received in the years intervening, or my current work. It just acknowledges that I have lived long enough to mark this anniversary. We remembered at Mass and at other moments those who were not so lucky - those who were killed in Viet Nam and in other places serving their country, those who died of illness, accident and all the other reasons people leave us.

We all felt very blessed. We counted not just the fact that we lived long enough, but the many gifts that we have each received during these 50 years. Many talked about their families, their work, the activities in which they are engaged in their communities, and the Catholic faith that we share. Even those who are not Catholic talked about how blessed they are to have gone to a Catholic school and the many things they learned simply by being associating with a community of believers. We talked about the gift of being part of the Notre Dame community, for our school has an association of alumni that is the envy of many other universities.

I had the privilege of celebrating Mass twice at the Basilica of the Sacred Heart, and offering prayers at our first and last class dinners, and at a special service of commemoration for military veterans, especially those who served during the Viet Nam period. People thanked me for things I had done for them in past years - most of which I did not remember - and talked about concerns they have and spiritual growth they have undergone.

It was a very special time.

Moments like this rank with birthdays and anniversaries, funerals and memorial services. But we have the blessing of belonging to a Church that calls on us to remember our blessings and gifts on a regular basis. We do - and we should - count our blessings every chance we get. We do not need to wait for these special moments, and we shouldn't. St. Ignatius calls us to find God in all things, and when we do, we can see God's gentle hand in so much of our lives. The more we engage in this simple exercise, the more we see how grateful we should be, the more we understand how much God loves us, the more we realize at a deeper and deeper level just how blessed we really are.

So don't wait for a reunion. Give God some time today, and take a look at all the wonderful things in your life. And say thank you.

Let us continue to pray for one another..

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



This is what a mustard seed looks like.

YOU KNOW YOU'RE WAY OVERDUE FOR VACATION IF

The sun is too loud.
You wonder if brewing is really a necessary step for the consumption of coffee.
You can achieve a "Runner's High" by sitting up.
You discover the aesthetic beauty of office supplies.
Teddy bears begin to bully you for milk and cookies.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ



St. Aloysius Gonzaga left his powerful family to become a Jesuit priest and died as a young man caring for plague victims.

Aloysius Gonzaga was the firstborn in a powerful Italian noble family, one that was deeply involved in the ongoing business of dealing and double-dealing, treachery and betrayal that marked the political life of the time. Aloysius was thrust into adult responsibilities at the age of four when he began his training as a soldier and courtier. At the age of eight he served in the court of Grand Duke Francesco I de' Medici.

Aloysius Gonzaga began to suffer from kidney disease, and in the process of recovery spent time in spiritual reading and prayer. At the age of nine Gonzaga made a private vow of chastity.

The political intrigue and corruption surrounding Aloysius would take the lives of two of his brothers, but he had strong spiritual allies. Aloysius Gonzaga received his first Holy Communion from St. Charles Borromeo. Aloysius also began to teach catechism to young boys. Much to the displeasure and anger of his father, Aloysius announced his intention to become a Jesuit. His family tried to convince him to be a secular priest so that they could "buy" him a bishopric. Aloysius was adamant, and at the age of 18 he signed away his legal claim to his family lands and title.

In 1585 Aloysius was accepted as a Jesuit novice. In Rome his spiritual director was St. Robert Bellarmine, who counseled Gonzaga to spend less time in private devotions and more time befriending and counseling his companions. Never in good health, Aloysius successfully continued his studies. When the plague hit Rome in 1591 he actively cared for the sick. Aloysius developed the symptoms of the plague and died soon after on June 21, 1591.

Aloysius Gonzaga was canonized in 1726 and named Patron of All Students in 1729.

The refusal to take sides on
great moral issues is itself a decision.
It is a silent acquiescence to evil.
The tragedy of our time is that
those who still believe in honesty
lack fire and conviction,
while those who believe in dishonesty
are full of passionate conviction.

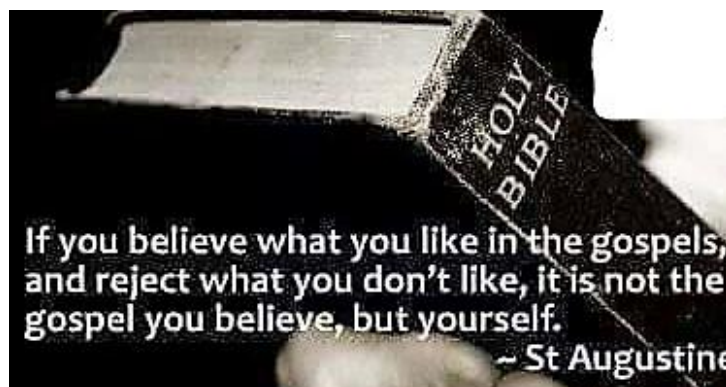
Archbishop Fulton Sheen



ALTAR SERVER
A JOB SO BIG ONLY A KID CAN DO IT

THINK ABOUT IT!!

We will start altar server training in the Fall – but if there are any young people interested (at least 4th grade, who have received First Holy Communion) who will be around this summer, contact Fr. John and a special training session can be arranged. Any adults interested in serving at the altar should contact Fr. John as well.



If you believe what you like in the gospels,
and reject what you don't like, it is not the
gospel you believe, but yourself.

~ St Augustine