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**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

**July 14/15, 2018**

## FOR JULY



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### **Priests and their Pastoral Ministry**

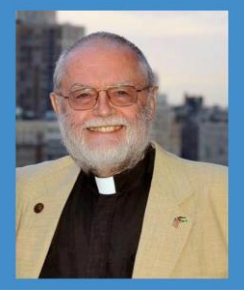
That priests, who experience fatigue and loneliness in their pastoral work, may find help and comfort in their intimacy with the Lord and in their friendship with their brother priests.

**For the video of the Pope's monthly intention, go to:**

**<https://youtu.be/LsVEdR9TfnY>**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

- July 22 – Sr. Joana Carneiro will renew her vows at the Mass at Freres at 6 PM  
A farewell reception will take place following Mass at the Jesuit Center. All are invited.
- July 23 – Ask Fr. John – 7 PM (*Location at Paul & Vivian David's House – RSVP required*)
- 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- Reception following the 8:30 Mass*)
- August 3 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel
- August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord
- August 10 – Feast of St. Lawrence
- August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (*Holy Day of Obligation*)  
(*Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM*)
- August 22 – Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew
- August 28 – St. Augustine
- August 29 – Passion of St. John the Baptist (*Patron of the Amman Vicariate*)
- Sept. 7 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel
- Sept. 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary
- Sept. 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

One of the joys of the weekly “Ramblings” is that it is my space, and I can pretty much do anything I want. I can reminisce, reflect, encourage or scold, do theology or philosophy or history or whatever God happens to sneak into my mind on any given week.

I have several times used the image of sharing things that we discover and like. If we find a good restaurant, we tell our friends. If we see a good movie, we tell our friends. And I have suggested that sharing our faith should be no less important than sharing that kind of news.

Which is what I’m doing this week. Not sharing the faith, but sharing the news about an extraordinary and wonderful little shop called Victoria Chocolate. The address is Ali Nasouh Al-Tahir Street, Isaa Hojarat Complex Bldg 6 – and if you have trouble finding it, give them a call (962 6 582 6002). While that is a busy part of town, with a little patience and creativity and a smattering of luck, you can find a parking place relatively close by. And if you have to walk a little, it is both worth it and will help burn off the calories you will assume when you start tasting the chocolate.

The owner is Anood Ajarmah and she has a deep enthusiasm for Queen Victoria and things Victorian. Part of the shop is a re-creation of a room at Balmoral Castle. But don’t let that distract you from the wonderful wonderful chocolate.

They make their chocolate fresh each day and with a wide range of choices. They are works of art for the eye – but your tongue is the ultimate audience. I will tell you – my tongue fell in love several times over. They mix and match textures, flavors, designs – and I would be hard-pressed to tell you which is the better, or even which is my favorite. In their catalogue they have 29 different kinds of candy listed, but I suspect there are more available than that.

So this is my sharing something I discovered. They have provided chocolates for airlines, for international meetings of high government officials and their prices are startlingly reasonable. I was prepared to happily pay twice what I was told the box would cost. Tell them Father John sent you – I sang for her and for her children, and I may have chocolates for patrons at my October concert. I think she will remember me. I am still new to Jordan, so it may be that everybody already knows about this little slice of chocolate heaven – and keep in mind, I am not usually a great eater of chocolate. But if you have not visited Victoria Chocolate, I can pretty well promise you a very pleasant and special visit.

Two final notes: This is not a place you drop in for a quick visit, at least not for your first time. Plan on spending a little time to visit. And even though we pray, “Lead us not into temptation,” in this case I would encourage you to give in to temptation – enjoy it – do something good for yourself and perhaps even for someone else.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

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**Website:** [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org) **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Lawrence of Brindisi (July 21)

At first glance, perhaps the most remarkable quality of Lawrence of Brindisi is his outstanding gift of languages. In addition to a thorough knowledge of his native Italian, he had complete reading and speaking ability in Latin, Hebrew, Greek, German, Bohemian, Spanish, and French.

Lawrence was born on July 22, 1559, and died exactly 60 years later on his birthday in 1619. His parents William and Elizabeth Russo gave him the name of Julius Caesar, *Caesare* in Italian. After the early death of his parents, he was educated by his uncle at the College of St. Mark in Venice.

When he was just 16, he entered the Capuchin Franciscan Order in Venice and received the name of Lawrence. He completed his studies of philosophy and theology at the University of Padua and was ordained a priest at 23.



With his facility for languages Lawrence was able to study the Bible in its original texts. At the request of Pope Clement VIII, he spent much time preaching to the Jews in Italy. So excellent was his knowledge of Hebrew, the rabbis felt sure he was a Jew who had become a Christian.

Lawrence's sensitivity to the needs of people—a character trait perhaps unexpected in such a talented scholar—began to surface. He was elected major superior of the Capuchin Franciscan province of Tuscany at the age of 31. He had the combination of brilliance, human compassion, and administrative skill needed to carry out his duties. In rapid succession he was promoted by his fellow Capuchins and was elected minister general of the Capuchins in 1602. In this position he was responsible for great growth and geographical expansion of the Order.

Lawrence was appointed papal emissary and peacemaker, a job which took him to a number of foreign countries. An effort to achieve peace in his native kingdom of Naples took him on a journey to Lisbon to visit the king of Spain. Serious illness in Lisbon took his life in 1619.

In 1956, the Capuchins completed a 15-volume edition of Lawrence's writings. Eleven of these 15 contain his sermons, each of which relies chiefly on scriptural quotations to illustrate his teaching. His constant devotion to Scripture, coupled with great sensitivity to the needs of people, present a lifestyle which appeals to Christians today. Lawrence had a balance in his life that blended self-discipline with a keen appreciation for the needs of those whom he was called to serve.

## OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL – July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel is the title given to the Blessed Virgin Mary in her role as patroness of the Carmelite Order. The first Carmelites were Christian hermits living on Mount Carmel in the Holy Land during the late 12th and early to mid-13th century. They built in the midst of their hermitages a chapel which they dedicated to the Blessed Virgin, whom they conceived of in chivalric terms as the "Lady of the place." Our Lady of Mount Carmel was adopted in the 19th century as the patron saint of Chile, in South America. Since the 15th century, popular devotion to Our Lady of Mount Carmel has centered on the Scapular of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, also known as the Brown Scapular, a sacramental associated with promises of Mary's special aid for the salvation of the devoted wearer. Traditionally, Mary is said to have given the Scapular to an early Carmelite named Saint Simon Stock. The liturgical feast of Our Lady of Mount Carmel is celebrated on 16 July.

## **JULY 22 – VOW RENEWAL MASS AND FAREWELL RECEPTION**

Sr. Joana Carneiro will be leaving Amman before the end of July and moving on to her new assignment in South Sudan. On Sunday, July 22, she will renew her vows as a Comboni Sister at the 6 PM Mass at Jean Baptiste de LaSalle Church. There will be a farewell reception immediately after the Mass at the Jesuit Center, to which all are invited. Although we celebrate in different places, we are all one parish, and all are invited to share in this special Mass, and the reception. If you are interested in helping with the reception – organizing, setting up, contributing your favorite recipe – please contact Fr. John, Marian Karmandarian or Dr. Barbara Burgan to volunteer. And THANK YOU!

## **“ASK FATHER JOHN” – Checking for Interest - Please RSVP**

We are ready to have another session where any question is permitted and nothing is off the table. If you would be interested in attending a session on July 23<sup>rd</sup> – a Monday night, starting about 7 PM – please let Father John know. If not enough people respond – if there is not a “critical mass” - we will wait and try again when more people have returned from vacations. So if you would like to come, please RSVP no later than Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> so we can plan accordingly.

## **JULY 31 – SOLEMNITY OF ST. IGNATIUS LOYOLA**

As you know, St. Ignatius Loyola founded the Society of Jesus, the Jesuits. In our chapel, this day is celebrated as a Solemnity. Mass will be at the usual time of 8:30 AM, and following the Mass there will be a small reception in honor of our founding. Coffee and juice and some pastries – nothing elaborate but for those who are able to attend, we invite you and look forward to sharing with you something of our own celebration.

## **COMING AND GOING**

If you are new to the Parish, please go online and register at [jordanjesuits.org](http://jordanjesuits.org). You will see a link to Sacred Heart Parish and on the right side of that page is a link to the registration. We apologize in advance – in a little while we will be asking everyone to update their registrations, but when you register you will have the opportunity to get the newsletter and other announcements by email, and to volunteer for different parish activities.

And if you are in the Parish and are leaving – please let us know. A note to Fr. John will do the job. If you receive the weekly newsletter we will keep you on the list until you ask us to remove you, but we would also like to say goodbye and give you a farewell prayer or a blessing or a Bon Voyage! Thank you for what you have done for and with us during your time here, and all the best wherever you are headed next.

## **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>

**FIND GOD  
IN ALL THINGS**  
*(EVEN VACATION!)*