

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



17TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
July 28/29, 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.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 1 - Birthday of Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ

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. 4 – Fr. Michael Linden, SJ celebrates 50 years of religious life

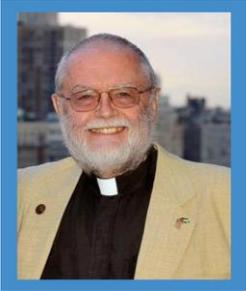
Sept. 7 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

Sept. 8 – Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sept. 14 – Feast of the Exaltation of the Cross

MASS SCHEDULE

<u>DAY</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
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

First of all, a huge THANK YOU to everyone who helped make Sr. Joana's Vow Renewal Mass and Farewell reception a success. You know the old saying, "It takes a village to raise a child." Well, it takes a village to have a party – or to be a parish - so for the "villagers" who stepped up and helped out, many thanks.

The events of last weekend remind me of two important facts of life. The first is that we need to celebrate. Of course we celebrate Mass, and our faith, and the great gift that we have in the sacraments. But we also need to celebrate one another – our accomplishments, our moments of remembrance, sometimes just celebrating that we are together. Each month in HEARTBEAT I list the birthdays that I have from parish registrations, and I would like to add wedding anniversaries. I also want to add birthdays of the younger members of our parish. We don't ask for those on the registration and it is one of the things I want to improve on.

I am also (yet again) reminded that we need to come together more frequently. Coming to Mass on Sunday is not all that is involved in being the member of a parish, and for many, it remains a solitary experience. People come in – sometimes after the Mass has begun – and they pray, and they leave – sometimes before the Mass is fully completed. They never meet other people, there is no conversation (which should not be taking place during Mass anyway), and for some there is less interaction than going to a movie. We need to find ways to make that different – to make that better. And note, please – the pronoun at the beginning of that last sentence is first person PLURAL. "WE" need to do this. It is not the sole responsibility of the Pastor (that would be me) but also of all the people (that would be you) to make our parish more welcoming, more inviting, more involving.

I know I've talked about this before but when I was a teenager, I realized that my mother and my father together were something special. $1+1 = \text{more than } 2$. But although that in a couple is unusual, it is a larger truth that when many people come together, they can accomplish extraordinary things.



Perhaps the best example of this is found in the saint we celebrate this week, St. Ignatius Loyola. He was called by God – and the first thing he did, as did Jesus, was to gather followers. By the time he died, the religious order he founded had over 1,000 members, and the influence of the Jesuits through history is recognized world wide. There are alumni of Jesuit schools in every corner of the globe; last year, Sacred Heart Parish celebrated, in conjunction with many other Jesuit parishes, an Alumni and Friends Mass and 22 different schools and organizations were represented. From the earliest days, two things were obvious.

Individual Jesuits could, with faith and energy, accomplish great things, as we see in the work of Francis Xavier and others. But when a group of Jesuits came together, and enlisted the help of others, works and projects arose which have continued to exist for centuries.

Let us continue to pray for one another. And work together as hard as we pray.

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SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Ignatius Loyola

As if you couldn't have guessed who the "Saint of the Week" would be this week. Jesuits tend to talk a lot about St. Ignatius. He not only founded our Order, he modeled much of our training and preparation on the major events of his own life, he wrote our Constitutions, and he was one of the great saints not just of his time but also of the Church.

Born Inigo Lopez de Loyola in 1491, the man later known as Ignatius entered the world in Loyola, Spain. He was the youngest of thirteen children, an ambitious young man who had dreams of becoming a great leader. He was influenced by stories such as The Song of Roland and El Cid.

By the time he was eighteen, he was a soldier and seeking wider acclaim, he began referring to himself as Ignatius. He fought in several battles and in 1521, while defending the town of Pamplona against French attack, he was struck by a cannonball in the legs. One leg was merely broken, but the other was badly mangled. To save his life and possibly his legs, doctors performed several surgeries. There were no anesthetics during this time, so each surgery was painful. Despite their best efforts, Ignatius' condition deteriorated. After suffering for a month, his doctors warned him to prepare for death.

On June 29, 1521, on the feast of Saints Peter and Paul, Ignatius began to improve. As soon as he was healthy enough to bear it, part of one leg was amputated which while painful, sped his recovery.

As he recuperated, he read whatever books he could find. Most were lives of the saints and of Christ. One story in particular influenced him, offering a commentary on the life of Christ and suggesting a spiritual exercise of visualizing oneself in the presence of Christ during the episodes of His life. The book would inspire Ignatius' own spiritual exercises.

Ignatius developed a desire to become a working servant of Christ. Among his profound realizations was that some thoughts brought him happiness and others sorrow. When he considered the differences, he recognized that two powerful forces were acting upon him. Evil brought him unpleasant thoughts while God brought him happiness. Ignatius discerned God's call, and began a new way of life, following God instead of men.

In the years following, he experimented with various ways of live as he struggled to find God's path for him. For a while he lived in a cave and prayed. He began recording his thoughts and experiences in a journal, which helped him new spiritual exercises. Those exercises remain invaluable today and are still widely practiced by religious and laity alike. Returning to Barcelona, he attended a grammar school, to learn Latin and other basic subjects. After this primary education, Ignatius traveled to Alcala, then Salamanca, where he studied at universities. In addition to study, Ignatius often engaged others in lengthy conversations about spiritual matters.

Ignatius was questioned three times by the Inquisition, but he was always exonerated. Eventually he decided he needed more education, so he entered the University of Paris and earned a Master's Degree.

While at school in Paris, Ignatius attracted a groups of friends, and led them in his spiritual exercises. After graduating, the group decided to visit Rome, where Pope Paul III received them and approved them as an official religious order in 1540. Over his objections, Ignatius was elected the first General of the Society.

The Society of Jesus soon found its niche in education. Before Ignatius died in 1556, his order established 35 schools and boasted 1,000 members. The order was responsible for much of the work of stopping the spread of the Protestant Reformation. The Society advocated the use of reason to persuade others and combat heresy.

Today, the Society of Jesus is known for its work in educating the youth around the world. Several universities have been founded in the name of Ignatius and in the traditional Jesuit spirit. The Jesuits also perform many other important works around the globe.

Ignatius' passed away on July 31, 1556, at the age of 64. He was beatified by Pope Paul V on July 27, 1609 and canonized on March 12, 1622. His feast day is July 31. He is the patron saint of the Society of Jesus, soldiers, educators and education.

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.

CELEBRATE IGNATIUS

The Jesuit Center invites you to come and celebrate the Feast of St. Ignatius, with three free films about the Jesuits – their founder and their works. All will be shown in the classroom at the Center – follow the signs.

Monday, 30 July, 6:30 PM: Film, *Blackrobe*, a drama surrounding the early Jesuits in Canada among the Iroquois Nation.)

Tuesday, 31 July, 10:00 A.M. Film, *Ignatius Loyola, Soldier, Sinner, Saint*, recent drama from Philippines, in English with Arabic Subtitles. (The film will start following the reception after the morning Mass, so the time is approximate.)

Tuesday, 31 July, c. 4:30 P.M., Film, *The Mission*, a drama concerned with the Jesuit work in South America. This is everyone's favorite "Jesuit Movie."

THE JESUIT CENTER IN AUGUST

As has been the custom in recent years, the Jesuit Center will be closed for the month of August, to give our staff some time off, and to do some necessary repairs and maintenance. Daily Mass will still be celebrated Monday through Saturday at the St. Francis Xavier Chapel, with an additional Mass at 6 PM on August 15th – the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a Holy Day of Obligation. If you have a regular activity at the Center, please check to be sure if it is still going to take place, or if it has been postponed until the Center re-opens. Thank you for your understanding.

INTERNSHIP POSSIBILITIES?

A student at the University of Notre Dame is coming to Jordan for one semester and is interested in finding an internship that he can coordinate with his studies while he is here. He is Austrian, and bilingual in English. His French is at a professional level, he has a working knowledge of Spanish and elementary MSA and Levantine dialect. He is majoring in Economics, and has a GPA of 3.802 (out of 4.0). He spent a summer in a Study Abroad Program in Morocco, and another in Poland. He is certified as a volunteer emergency medical technician (100 hours of theory, 160 of practice), was an international student ambassador for the university (with special recognition from the US State Department), and in addition to be a student research assistant for a professor in the department of political science, has served as an intern at the University Hospital in Salzburg, and at OrthomedPlus, a center of Orthopedics and Medicine.

If anyone works in or knows an organization that might be interested in having this young man as an intern for a semester, contact Fr. John who can give you a copy of his resume and put you in touch.