

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**25<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**  
**September 22/23, 2018**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

Sept. 22 - First Day of Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM

Sept. 23 – First Day of Autumn

~~Sept. 24 – Ask Father John – Cancelled~~

Sept. 25 – Music Group, 7 PM Jesuit Center

Sept 26 – Catechism and CCD leaders, 7 PM Jesuit Center

Sept 27 – Music Group, 7 PM Jesuit Center

Sept. 28 – Lector Workshop, 10 AM Jesuit Center

Care for the Poor Group, 3 PM Jesuit Center

Sept. 29 – Feast of Ss. Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels

Oct. 1 – Lectors Workshop, 7 PM Jesuit Center

Oct. 5 - First Friday; Adoration following Mass in the Francis Xavier Chapel

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion (EMHC) 3 PM – Session A

Oct. 8 – FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 7PM – *Do you have your tickets?*

Oct 10 – November 2 – Fr. Linden in the U.S.

Oct. 11 – EMHC, 7 PM – Session A

Oct. 12 – EMHC, 10 AM – Session B

### **Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Oct. 13 – Children’s Mass at St. Mary of Nazareth

Oct. 15 – EMHC, 7 PM – Session B

Oct. 20 – Jesuit Friends and Alumni Celebration – Special Mass and Reception

Oct. 20/21 – World Mission Sunday

Oct. 26 – End of Daylight Savings Time – Clocks go BACK one hour. (Sweet dreams)

November 1 – All Saints Day – Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Nov. 1 – 10 – Fr. John away on retreat

Nov. 2 – All Soul’s Day – First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel

Nov. 3 – No First Communion class

Nov. 5 – Feast of All Saints of the Society of Jesus

Nov. 9 – Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Nov. 10 – Class for First Communion candidates

### **Nov. 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Nov. 22 – St. Cecilia (Patron saint of music)

Nov. 24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King

Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

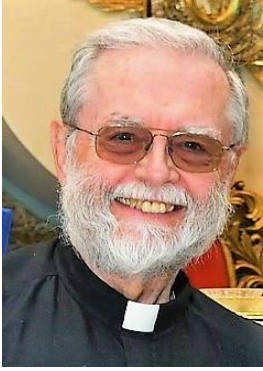
Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

YOUNG PEOPLE IN AFRICA –  
That young people in Africa may  
have access to education and work  
in their own countries.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This week we celebrate the autumnal equinox – the first day of Fall – another moment in the official changing of the seasons – one of those times when many of us stop for an instant and ask ourselves “Where did the time go?” A moment when we realize how many of the things we were going to do during “summer” still remain undone.

Welcome to the reality of life. There will be some people, I am sure – although I don’t know that I actually know any of them – who HAVE accomplished everything on their “To Do” list and can sit back with equal mixtures of contentment and pride as they survey their accomplishments. Speaking for myself, my life is more like the labor of Hercules that had him working in the Aegean stables – for every pitchfork of manure he shoveled out, two more flew in. I have been tempted sometimes to set up a hidden camera in my office, so I could record the paperwork somehow mysteriously generating more paperwork. There is always something more to do, something else to write, another event to try and schedule and promote.

I can hear some of you silently saying at this point – No sympathy. He doesn’t have children.

True. Adding children to the mix makes life even more complicated, even more challenging, even more complicated – but (if my friends are to be believed) even more rich and rewarding and fun. Children do challenge us – with their energy and their curiosity and often with their lack of inhibition. They invite us not just to look at the world in new ways, but also to participate as we have perhaps not participated since we were children ourselves. Children open avenues of joy, and at the same time, they make us even more aware of the dangers and pitfalls that surround us. It is one thing to be able to take care of ourselves; when we are faced with taking care of others, especially children, it becomes a very different challenge and a much more serious responsibility.

Taking care of children is not just the responsibility of parents, but as a Church community we have the charge to educate and train and share our faith with the little ones. Several people have made great suggestions, including the possibility of a series of one-day trips for young people, sort of a mini-pilgrimage. In this issue is a proposal for a weekly morning Mass that would focus on children. I hope to have a Children’s Liturgy of the Word before the end of the year, and maybe even a CCD class for children post First Communion and pre-Confirmation.

It says “...and a little child shall lead them.” But as we follow the little child, we also must lead others, and none are more important than the little ones themselves. Those who are parents and teachers have this call, but anyone who wants to share their own faith can be part of this wonderful work. Think about it – pray about it – and then step out of the boat. Volunteer.

And let us also 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](http://Jordanjesuits.org) **Facebook:** Go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.

## SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Vincent de Paul, September 27



When I started to put together this week's article about St. Vincent de Paul, the first thing that struck me was that, unlike a lot of other saints, all the pictures of him looked pretty much the same. He was born in 1581 and died in 1660, so there were no cameras. But the drawings and paintings are all clearly identifiable – which means he really looked like this, but also that he was very well-known in his day.

St Vincent de Paul was born in the Province of Guyenne and Gascony, the Kingdom of France. At 15, his father sent him to seminary but his interest in the priesthood at that time was to establish a successful career and obtain a benefice, with which he could retire early and support the family.

In 1597, he began his studies in the Faculty of Theology at the University of Toulouse. He was ordained on 23 September, 1600, at the age of nineteen. Because this was against the regulations established by the Council of Trent which required a minimum of 24 years of age for ordination, he resigned a pastoral appointment and continued his studies. In 1605, Vincent sailed from Marseilles on his way back from Castres, and was taken captive by Barbary pirates, who took him to Tunis. Auctioned off as a slave, his first master was a fisherman, but Vincent got sea-sick, and was soon sold. His next master was an alchemist and inventor. His master's fame became so great he was summoned him to Istanbul. During the passage, the old man died and Vincent was sold once again.

His new master was a former priest and Franciscan who had converted to Islam in order to gain his freedom from slavery and was living in the mountains with three wives. The second wife, a Muslim by birth, was drawn to and visited Vincent in the fields to question him about his faith. She became convinced that his faith was true and admonished her husband for renouncing his Christianity. Her husband became remorseful and decided to escape back to France with his slave. They secretly boarded a small boat and crossed the Mediterranean, landing on 28 June 1607.

After returning to France, Vincent went to Rome. In 1609, he was sent to France on a mission to King Henry IV. Once in Paris, he made the acquaintance of abbé Pierre de Bérulle, whom he took as his spiritual advisor. Later he served as a chaplain and tutor to the Gondi family, and the Countess de Gondi persuaded her husband to endow and support a group of missionaries to work among poor tenant farmers and country people in general.

On 13 May 1643, with Louis XIII dead, Queen Anne had her husband's will annulled by the Parlement de Paris which made Anne sole Regent of France. She nominated Vincent as her spiritual adviser, which helped her deal with religious policy and the Jansenism question.

In 1617, Vincent organized wealthy women of Paris to collect funds for missionary projects, found hospitals, and gather relief funds for the victims of war and to ransom 1,200 galley slaves from North Africa. From this would come the Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul. In 1622 Vincent was appointed chaplain to the galleys. After some time among imprisoned galley slaves, he returned to be the superior of what is now the Congregation of the Mission, or the "Vincentians." These priests, with vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability, were to devote themselves entirely to the people in smaller towns and villages.

Vincent was zealous in conducting retreats for clergy at a time when there was great laxity, abuse, and ignorance among them. He was a pioneer in clerical training and was instrumental in establishing seminaries. He spent twenty-eight years serving as the spiritual director of the Convent of St. Mary of Angels. Vincent died in Paris on 27 September 1660.

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His bones have been encased in a waxen figure which is displayed in a glass reliquary in the chapel of the headquarters of the Vincentian fathers in Paris. His heart is still incorrupt, and is displayed in a reliquary in the chapel of the motherhouse of the Daughters of Charity in Paris.

Among the many charitable organizations established in his name and his memory is the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, dedicated to the service of the poor, established in 1833 by French university students, led by the Blessed Frederic Ozanam. The society is today present in 132 countries.

## **MINISTRY WORKSHOP AND MEETING SCHEDULES**

Individuals who signed up last week at the reception have been notified by email, but all are welcome to attend any of these sessions. Please notify Fr. John that you are coming, so there will be enough material prepared for everyone who attends. All are at the Jesuit Center unless otherwise noted. Although the numbers at Freres Church are smaller, altar servers, Lectors, EMHC are all desired for these Masses too.

**LECTOR WORKSHOP** – *Only one workshop is required to be installed as a Lector*

Friday 28 September – 10 AM

Monday October 1 – 7 PM

**EMHC (Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion)** – *2 workshops are required. Men only.*

A – Friday October 5 at 3 PM

Thursday October 11 at 7 PM

B - Friday October 12 at 10 AM

Monday October 15 at 7 PM

### **ALTAR SERVERS**

Training for altar servers will depend on availability and school schedules. If you have not contacted Fr. John, please do, so we can include you in the mailing.

**MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY** – *One workshop to explain procedures and responsibilities.*

*Being individually scheduled. Contact Fr. John for a time. Not necessarily at the Jesuit Center.*

### **CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP**

Friday, September 28 – 3 PM

### **MUSIC GROUP**

*There are two preliminary meetings to organize and plan schedules. You are welcome and encouraged to attend both. If you can only attend one, that's fine. If you can't attend either, let Fr. John know if this is a permanent schedule problem or just these dates. Weekly rehearsals will most probably NOT be in Jabal Hussein but in a more central location according to the make up of the group.*

Tuesday, September 25 – 7 PM

Thursday, September 27 – 7 PM

**CATECHISM** (*Children's Liturgy of the Word/CCD classes/Adult Ed*)

A meeting to determine interest, availability and how we can best provide religious instruction for the children in our parish. Prior experience as a teacher is not required.

Wednesday, September 26 – 7 PM

## 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)

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES FOR ADVERTISING

### For the Program for FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT

Program - 3 2 pages available, Full Color full page only. 40 JOD

Deadline September 27 - Auditorium seats a Maximum of 170 – (*THAT'S THIS WEEK!*)

### For the 2019 SACRED HEART CALENDAR

Calendar - 1/2 page 60 JOD, Full page 100 JOD

Deadline November 15

We print 800 copies, for sale and free distribution

Contact Fr. John for more information,  
and to make a space reservation. First  
come, first served.

## FATHER JOHN IN CONCERT – 2 Weeks to Go!

I know that people like to wait until the last minute to make a commitment. (Aaaargh.) There is always the danger that with a small auditorium, you may find there are no tickets left. You know you want to come – so go ahead and get your tickets. Bring a friend. Bring two friends. Bring ten friends. If you don't HAVE ten friends, buy ten tickets and make some friends. Everyone who comes get a small present, in addition to a very entertaining evening. Please help spread the word, and thank you very much.

## ASK FATHER JOHN

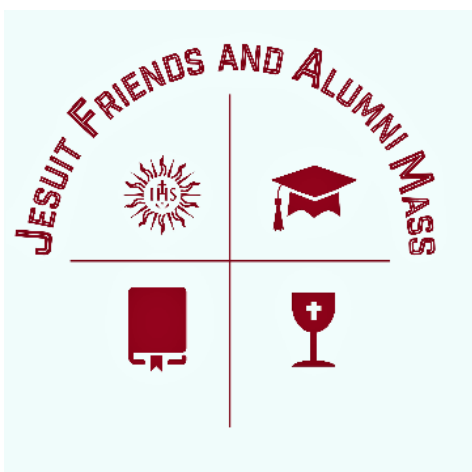
In response to a distinct lack of interest, the "Ask Father John" session for the 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday) has been cancelled.

## MASSES FOR CHILDREN

As advertised, we will be having a Mass for children on Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. There will be several rows reserved up front for children. Parents with young children may sit near them or if necessary, with them. Children will do the readings and the homily will be designed to include and involve them, but adults are allowed to listen too. We will also formally present the First Communion candidates to the Church.

It has been suggested that we might have a weekday Mass with the focus on helping children to become more accustomed to the Mass, as part of educating them in the faith. As an experiment, we are considering having this Mass each week on Friday morning at the Jesuit Center. Mass is at 8:30 AM, and since it's Friday, there would be no traffic getting to Jabal Hussein and lots of room for parking. Unlike the "Children's Mass," adults would still do the readings – but we would aim the liturgy to consciously include the children. Thoughts and responses to this idea are most welcome.





**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20**  
**ST. MARY OF NAZARETH**  
**CHURCH, SWEIFIEH**  
**Mass at 5 pm**  
**6 pm - RECEPTION**  
**AFTER MASS**

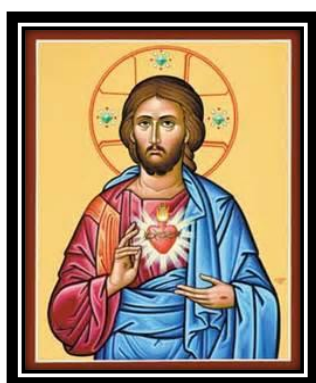
***Sacred Heart Parish - Vicariate of Amman***  
***(English-Language)***

**A Ministry of the Society of Jesus (The Jesuits)**

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All Jesuit graduates, past students and friends of the Jesuits are invited to join in a celebration of the work of the Society of Jesus in education around the world. Anyone who has attended a Jesuit school or a Jesuit organization, who has sent children, who is a “fan” of the Jesuits is welcome. It is an opportunity for us all to share our common bonds through the celebration of liturgy, followed by a reception highlighting opportunities for continuing spiritual growth and service to the local and global community.

Sacred Heart Parish joins with parishes around the world in recognizing those who have experienced the Jesuit approach, and we invite all to join us in this weekend celebration.

**PLEASE REGISTER!** Let us know you are coming, since Jesuit Alumni and Friends will have reserved seating in the Church, and we would like to include your school or organization in the Mass program for the day. We don't need your phone # or your email, you will not be put on a mailing list (unless you would like to be) but we do need to have a sense of how many people we might expect for the Mass and for the reception. And we DO want to be able to list your school or the place where you encountered the Jesuits.

Please send your registrations and school information to:

[PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org) or Text to 079 013-8985

**PLEASE HELP SHARE THE NEWS OF THIS EVENT AT YOUR EMBASSY, YOUR SCHOOL, YOUR WORKPLACE, YOUR GYM OR WHEREVER YOU SOCIALIZE. IT IS SURPRISING HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE AN ATTACHMENT TO A JESUIT SCHOOL, AND WE WANT TO BE SURE TO INCLUDE THOSE SCHOOLS AND INVITE THOSE PEOPLE.**