

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
October 13/14, 2018

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Oct. 13/14 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Oct. 13 – Children’s Mass – Introduction of 1st Communion candidates

Oct. 19 – Care for the Poor Group – 3 PM, Jesuit Center. All are welcome to attend

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

Children’s Liturgy of the Word begins

Oct. 20/21 – World Mission Sunday

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

Field Trip/Mini pilgrimage for young people

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. 10/11 - SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

Nov. 16 – Benefit Dinner for the Jesuit Center Theatre Arts Program (*Details to follow*)

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

Dec 2 – Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center

Advent Day of Recollection



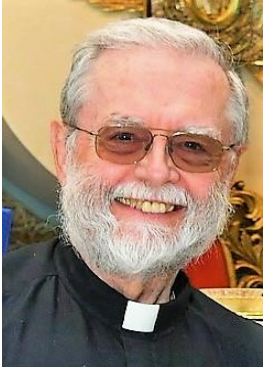
Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

Video available after October 15

The Mission of Religious

That consecrated religious men and women may bestir themselves, and be present among the poor, the marginalized, and those who have no voice.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

As you know, I am a theatre person, by training and by temperament. I have often been accused of looking at life as a series of song cues, and there is some merit in that. I often find myself finding melodies in odd moments, and thinking of song lyrics when things are happening. Right now, the words that pop into my head are “Life is a cabaret, old chum, come to the cabaret.” (I will now be humming that melody for the rest of the day, unable to get it out of my head.)

I have just finished my first concert in Jordan, and for those who were able to come, thank you. For those who were not, thank you for your prayers. The performer is not a good person to judge the performance, but it seems people had a good time. Or they were very polite.

But before the dust settles on that event, the calendar rushes me forward. This weekend we present the First Communion candidates to the community, and celebrate a Mass for children at Sweifieh. We are preparing for the start of the Children’s Liturgy of the Word – and if there are any adults or older children who would like to be part of making that happen, we REALLY need the help, so let me know so we can include you in the planning and preparation. We’re taking a day trip aimed at younger members of the community on October 26 and next week, we celebrate Jesuit Alumni and Friends at a special Mass and a reception afterwards. I will shortly announce Advent events and this year’s version of the “Advent Basket” program we had last year. I’m working on the 2019 calendar (advertising is still available) and from November 1 to November 10 I will be away on retreat (although there WILL be First Communion class on the 10th).

A Cabaret of events indeed! Please note that we are seriously looking for involvement of some of the older young people in our community – altar servers, aides in the Children’s Liturgy of the word, participating in the mini-pilgrimage and hopefully in the Advent Day of Recollection. When one is not really a “child” and not yet an adult, it can be hard to find your place. At Sacred Heart we have things that need to be done that can be – should be? – the particular territory for exactly that group. They/you are invited to step forward.

Finally – forgive me if I boast a little – as I was getting this ready for the printer, someone alerted me to the Wednesday edition of the Jordan Times – English language version.

<http://jordantimes.com/news/local/world-famous-performer-father-john-delights-amman-audience>

I didn’t know I was “world famous” but I appreciate the nice write-up. And since a child told me the HEARTBEAT didn’t have enough pictures, I’ve added a couple on this page.

As always, let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John’s Email: pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org

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.





Helene

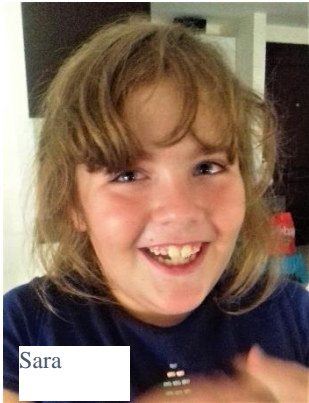


Claire

2019
FIRST
HOLY
COMMUNION
CLASS



Suhail



Sara



Zachary

FIRST
CONFESSIONS
MARCH 23

FIRST
HOLY
COMMUNION
MAY 18



Kinan



Victor



Alice



Alex



Rakan



Angelina



Isabelle



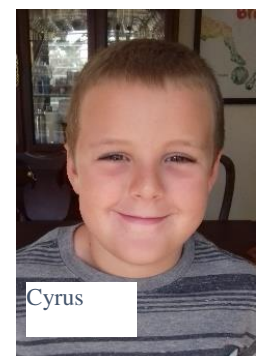
Kenzi



Seungyeon



Siobhan



Cyrus

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Teresa of Avila, October 15

(I know, St. Luke has a Feast this week, while St. Teresa is only a Memorial. But everybody knows about Luke, while not nearly enough appreciate the extraordinary woman who is not only a saint but was named a Doctor of the Church. Also, she is my sister's name saint. What choice did I have? Read on.)

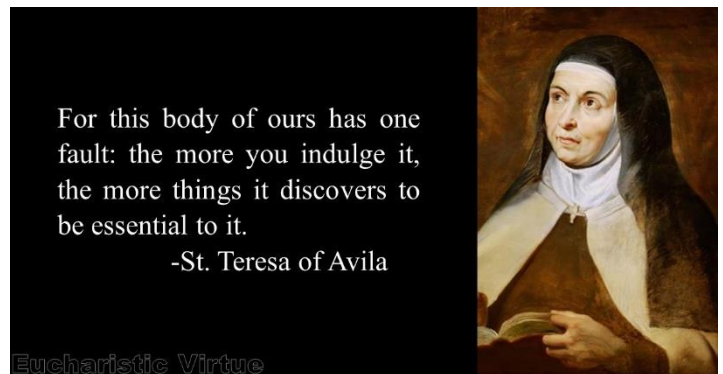
Born in the year 1515, Teresa challenged the norms of the day and the image of what “women could do.” On the website Aletia, they list 15 “Interesting Facts about Teresa” as compiled by one of her sister Carmelites”

1. She felt that a day when she couldn't read a new book was a day lost.
2. With the complicity of her mother and behind the back of her strict father, she read books about the great deeds of knights, which were very popular at the time. *(Like St. Ignatius)*
3. There are hypotheses that suggest that Teresa was part of a network of women who exchanged books.
4. She was independent and autonomous. When she understood that God was calling her to be a nun, and after she told her father (who rejected the idea), she decided to leave her parents' house, and she went to the monastery of the Incarnation (in Avila).
5. The day she entered the monastery (November 2, 1535), the bells were ringing for All Souls day.
6. She overcame bureaucratic and economic obstacles—and, Dobner says, also the male chauvinism of the time—and managed to found new convents.
7. She established small convents throughout Spain. She traveled on foot, and thus became called the “walking” (“*andariega*”) saint.
8. She taught her nuns to think and pray on their own, and to concentrate in order to hear the Lord in their interior, in what she called the “Interior Castle.”
9. She was closely watched because she was suspected of heresy, but they couldn't find anything that contradicted the idea that she was obeying God's will.
10. She always abandoned herself to God's will, and was a very determined woman who knew where she was going. She often used to say, “I am yours, Lord; I was born for You. What do you want from me?”
11. In 1970, together with Saint Catherine of Siena, she was declared a Doctor of the Church.
12. As she herself admitted, sometimes she felt like “a lion,” and other times like “an ant.”

She was a mystic, often in deep communion with God. She was said to levitate when praying, and asked her sisters to sit on her lap to keep her from rising up to the ceiling. She started a number of new convents, and wrote some of the great spiritual works of her day that continue to inspire and educate people in our own time.

She was a reformer, and like Francis of Assisi, called women religious to a simpler life of prayer and piety. In many convents of the day, parties and fashionable wear were more prominent than prayer and she stood up to authorities, resisted rich endowments and caused riots and resistance in many circles. Yet her reforms inspired many women to join her convents and helped spark a spiritual revolution not just in Spain but throughout Europe.

She is the patron saint for people with headaches, and Spanish writers. (Apparently there is no saint for trouble-makers, because she would surely be the choice.) She was canonized in 1622, and is the founder of the Discalced Carmelites. In 1970 she was declared a Doctor of the Church for her writing and teaching on prayer, only one of two women to be honored in this way.



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 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.

FIELD TRIP/MINI PILGRIMAGE for Young Adults

On Friday, October 26 we will be sponsoring a mini pilgrimage to some of the more famous and fascinating spots in our area – Mt. Nebo (where the mosaics shed light on what life was really like in the time of Christ) Madaba (one of the first tourist maps in the world) and Macchaerus, where the head of John the Baptist was presented to Herod. We'll have lunch at a great restaurant overlooking a valley, where there is also a museum and a terrific mosaic workshop and gift shop. At the moment the cost for the day is 20 JOD for everything – all the admissions and lunch - the parish will assume the cost of the bus. Open to young people from age 10 up and room for a couple of adults to balance things out. We need to have confirmed reservations no later than Tuesday, October 23rd. Call Fr. John or email or leave a message on the website (where it says "Contact us") or send a What's App. But please – MAKE A RESERVATION and the sooner the better. If it gets close and we have had no or very little response, we will have to cancel. Save the date!!!

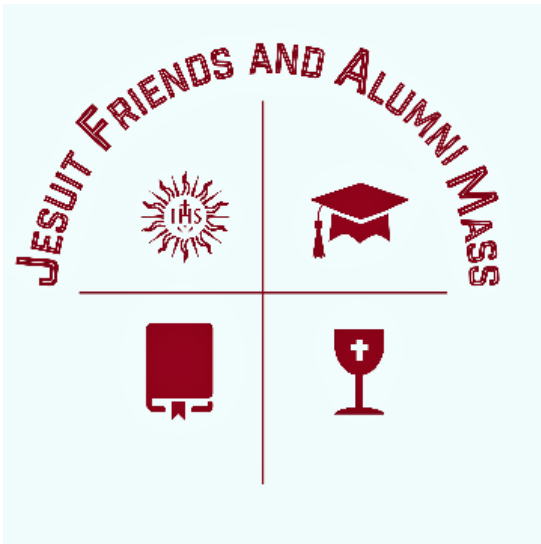
CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

We will begin the Children's Liturgy of the Word on October 20th at Sweifieh. At the beginning of Mass, all the children (ages 4 to 7, and older children who are helping) will come down front and received a blessing, and head up to the "silent room" for their own Liturgy of the Word. They will return at the offertory and rejoin their parents.

To make this work, we do need three or four more adults who are willing to spend some time with the children sharing the Bible stories with them. And we do ask parents to sign up their children, so we can have adequate materials and teachers/helpers. If you are interested in helping out – please send an email so we can alert you for the meeting of teachers prior to the first class.

A MESSAGE FROM SISTER JOANA

Hello my dearest friends. Hope you are all doing well. I am going to complete one month in South Sudan. Thanks be to God I am fine and happy. The situation in the country is still uncertain but we live moments of peace and some stability but the challenges they are many and in all fields. I started already to be introduced to my work in the hospital. Please continue to pray with me for these people who are still suffering so much especially the children and the women. May our faith in our Risen Lord Jesus Christ continue to guide our lives in the way of peace and justice and mercy full love. With love for all.



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)

The Jesuit Center – 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

PO Box 212074 Amman 11121 Jordan

Fr. John R. Sheehan, SJ - Pastor



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 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.