

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



31st SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME
November 3/4, 2018

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

(Items in italics are tentative, pending final approval)

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

Nov. 17/18 – Installation of Lectors, EMHC, and Altar Servers

Nov. 21 – Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

Nov. 24/25 – Solemnity of Christ the King

Distribution of Advent "Baskets"

Special 2nd collection for the Care for the Poor program – Christmas projects

Nov. 25 – Beginning of the Novena to St. Francis Xavier

Nov. 27 - 7:30 PM - *Weekly Advent Prayer group*

Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle

Free performance of the Jesuit Center Theatre Arts Program

Dec. 1 - 9:30 AM – *Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center*

Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent

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

Advent Day of Recollection – 1st session at 9:15 AM

Dec. 3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier

Dec 4 – 7:30 PM - Weekly Advent Prayer group

Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day

Dec 7 - First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel

Dec. 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center

Dec. 8/9 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

Dec. 9 - Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center

Dec. 11 - 7:30 PM - *Weekly Advent Prayer group*

Dec. 15 - 9:30 AM – *Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center*

Dec. 15/16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent – Renewal of Marriage Vows

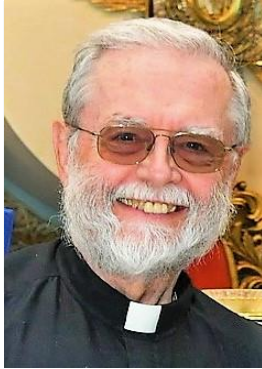
Reception following Mass at Sweifieh

Dec. 17 – Birthday of Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

In Service of Peace
That the language of love and
dialogue may always prevail
over the language of conflict.



RAMBLINGS
OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

As you read this I will be away on retreat. I'm a little slow – I take ten days to make an eight-day retreat. The goal of any retreat is to listen to and listen for God, but I will also be praying for some people, special intentions, and of course, the members of Sacred Heart Parish will be in my prayers and my Mass each day.

November is the month when we pray in a special way for our loved ones who have gone ahead of us to be with God. The names that people submit are placed on the altar at each Mass we celebrate – the weekend Masses at Sweifieh and Freres, and the daily Mass at the Xavier Chapel at the Jesuit Center. Of course God knows those names – and if you cannot submit a written name, just tell God from your heart, and you know that He hears you.

It is good for us to pray for others – those living, and those deceased. My father always used to say extra prayers for two people he did not know: the soul closest to leaving purgatory, and the most desolate and forgotten soul in purgatory. I remember when he told me about that – the image of some soul with no one to pray for him or her was so sad, I have never forgotten it. And those prayers are one of many habits I learned from my father.

As we remember those who have died – All the Saints, All Souls, the Saints of the Society of Jesus and the deceased – we should also remember to pray for ourselves as we continue on this journey to God. There will be a day when others will be praying for us during this season, and our call is to prepare for that final transition. Everything we do in this life – every choice we make, every action we take, every person we love and all the good we do – is part of our preparation for meeting God and hopefully spending all eternity in His presence.

We can easily forget that in the busy activities of our lives, which is why, for me at least, the annual retreat is a crucial part of each year. I NEED those days of prayer and silence, to review the past year and to prepare for the year to come. Ordination is a great gift, but it does not remove temptation, it does not automatically increase intelligence or faith or even the ability to love. Neither does the sacrament of marriage, or Holy Communion. God will help us – but we have to do the work. So let us continue to pray for ourselves, as well as for one another.

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MASS OF THE WEEK – THE BASILICA OF ST. JOHN LATERAN



Instead of a “Saint of the Week,” this week the Church celebrates the feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome, the oldest and highest ranking of the four major basilicas in Rome. The Basilica of St. John Lateran is the cathedral of the diocese of Rome, the official ecclesiastical seat of the Holy Father, the Bishop of Rome, not St. Peter's Basilica as so many mistakenly believe. The Basilica is also called the Church of Holy Savior or the Church of St. John Baptist. In ancient Rome this was the church where everyone was baptized. It is the oldest church in the West, built in the time of Constantine and was consecrated by Pope Sylvester in 324. This feast became a universal celebration in honor of the archbasilica, the ecclesiastical mother

church, called "the mother and mistress of all churches of Rome and the world" (*omnium urbis et orbis ecclesiarum mater et caput*), as a sign of love for and union with the See of Peter.

The emperor himself gave Pope Miltiades the ancient palace of the Laterani family, and the basilica, the baptistery, and the patriarchate, that is, the Bishop of Rome's residence — where the Popes lived until the Avignon period — were all built there.

Initially the observance of this feast was confined to the city of Rome; then, beginning in 1565, it was extended to all the Churches of the Roman rite. The honoring of this sacred edifice was a way of expressing love and veneration for the Roman Church, which, as St. Ignatius of Antioch says, “presides in charity” over the whole Catholic communion (Letter to the Romans, 1:1).

On this Feast, the Word of God recalls an essential truth: the temple of stones is a symbol of the living Church, the Christian community, which in their letters the Apostles Peter and Paul already understood as a “spiritual edifice,” built by God with “living stones,” namely, Christians themselves, upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, who is called the “cornerstone” (cf. 1 Corinthians 3:9-11, 16-17; 1 Peter 2:4-8; Ephesians 2:20-22). “Brothers, you are God's building,” St. Paul wrote, and added: “holy is God's temple, which you are” (1 Corinthians 3:9c, 17).

The beauty and harmony of the churches, destined to give praise to God, also draws us human beings, limited and sinful, to convert to form a “cosmos,” a well-ordered structure, in intimate communion with Jesus, who is the true Saint of saints. This happens in a culminating way in the Eucharistic liturgy, in which the “ecclesia,” that is, the community of the baptized, come together in a unified way to listen to the Word of God and nourish themselves with the Body and Blood of Christ. From these two tables the Church of living stones is built up in truth and charity and is internally formed by the Holy Spirit transforming herself into what she receives, conforming herself more and more to the Lord Jesus Christ. She herself, if she lives in sincere and fraternal unity, in this way becomes the spiritual sacrifice pleasing to God.

Today's feast celebrates a mystery that is always relevant: God's desire to build a spiritual temple in the world, a community that worships him in spirit and truth (cf. John 4:23-24). But this observance also reminds us of the importance of the material buildings in which the community gathers to celebrate the praises of God. Every community therefore has the duty to take special care of its own sacred buildings, which are a precious religious and historical patrimony.

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)

LAST CALL – ADVERTISING IN CALENDAR 2019

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

The final version of the calendar is being put together –

there are two pages still available for advertising but we have prepared other content if they are not sold.

Even though Fr. John is on retreat, an email will alert him to save a page. This is the final notice.

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

FUND-RAISING DINNER AND ENTERTAINMENT – November 16

In the middle of October, the Arts program put on a birthday dinner in honor of Michael Marrah, the Director and driving force of the Theatre Arts program. It was a celebration for him, but it was also a dress rehearsal for the dinner on November 16th. I was in attendance, and it was MAGNIFICENT. The hall was beautifully decorated, the actors and dancers were the “staff” and a more professional level of service you can not find at the best hotels in Amman. There was dancing and several courses and the whole evening was thoroughly wonderful.

So with a clear conscience and great enthusiasm I can recommend this event to you. The cost is minimal; you can bring your own wine (a small corking fee applies) and there will be surprises. The venue only seats 50, so don't wait to make your reservations.

If you can't attend, contributions are accepted and welcome. Thank you for your support.

ADVENT BASKET PROGRAM 2018 – You “CAN” Do It!

This year, instead of a basket, we are offering a can. Instead of asking for used clothes or food items, we are asking for money . We discovered last year that the storing and sorting and trying to figure out the distribution of such a wide range of physical “stuff” was simply beyond us. The most successful part of last year’s program was the food and blankets we were able to provide because of the cash donations we received.

So for 2018, we have an Advent “Basket” that looks a lot like a can, with a slit in the top for money. We suggest that each day – like an Advent calendar – something goes in the “Basket.” The “Baskets” will be collected before Christmas, and Sacred Heart Santa will make deliveries in mid-January. The “Baskets” will be distributed at the Feast of Christ the King, November 24/25. And on that weekend we will also have a special 2nd collection for the Care for the Poor program, especially to help with Christmas projects.



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Aina Hegedis
- 22 Allan Khalil
- 24 Reuben McCarthy
- 27 Balqis Aldawood

MINI PILGRIMAGE REPORT – We Made It!

In spite of gloomy weather reports, the on-again off-again status of the bus, restrictions on travel and access we had not anticipated – on October 26 21 members of the parish headed out to explore some of the great sites of Jordan, and learn something from them about our world and our faith today.



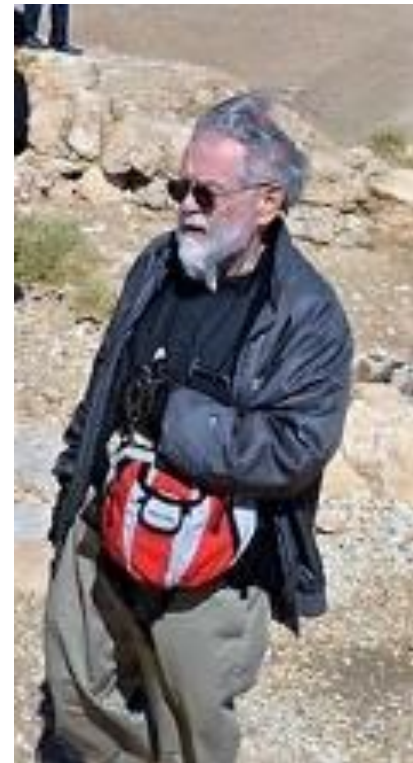
Our happy band of pilgrims - Father John took the picture



Several families made this a family outing. Here the Gates family pauses for a moment. The fortress of Macchaeus is in the background. Both of the young men RAN up the mountain. Several others in the group made it by walking and stopping and panting. A lot.



Maks is sitting where Herod probably sat to watch the dance that cost St. John the Baptist his head. He is channeling the Tetrach.



Snapped when Fr. John wasn't looking - but it shows just how windy it was on top of that mountain

REMINDER – NOVEMBER 17/18

At the weekend Masses at both Freres and Sweifieh, we will be formally installing Lectors, Altar Servers, and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. I will be in touch with those I think need to be installed. But if you have completed the necessary workshops, and have NOT been formally installed, please drop me a note, to be sure you are on the list. If you would like to be a Lector, an Altar Server or an EMHC (at the moment the last is for men only but I'm hoping that may change), LET ME KNOW and I will try to schedule the necessary workshop during the week of November 10 to 17, so we can install you at the same time. (If you have been an EMHC in another parish, let me know. We accept that and you can be added to our list.) The Lector workshop takes about 90 minutes, and to join the ranks of altar servers, you spend a couple of Masses in the front row with one of the Coordinators, who will talk you through the service, and one session with Fr. John, about an hour. We will try to accommodate your schedule, so let Fr. John know.