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## **33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** **November 17/18, 2018**

### **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

*(Items in italics are tentative, pending final approval and response from the congregations)*

- 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” after Mass – Coffee and snacks at Sweifieh
  - Special 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – Cancelled for lack of interest~~
- Nov. 29 – Deadline for registering for Dec. 1 Day of Recollection
- 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 (Registration not needed)
- 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 – 1<sup>st</sup> session at 9:15 AM. RSVP required. Deadline – 11/29 11 AM*
- Dec. 3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- Dec. 3 – World Disabled Day – celebrations at Our Lady of Peace Center, 10 AM
- Dec. 6 – St. Nicholas Day
- Dec 7 - First Friday – Adoration following Mass at the Xavier Chapel
- Dec. 7-9 – Christmas Bazaar at St. Mary of Nazareth
- Dec. 8 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception – Morning Mass at the Jesuit Center
  - 9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center
- Dec. 8/9 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- Dec. 8 – Children’s Mass (Mass of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent) – No children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Dec. 9 - Sunday Mass at 10 AM during Advent at the Jesuit Center
- Dec. 10 - Deadline for registering the Day of Recollection on the 14th
- Dec. 14 - Advent Day of Recollection – 1<sup>st</sup> session at 9:15 AM, following the 8:30 AM Mass*
- Dec. 15 - 9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center
- Dec. 15/16 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent
  - Christmas Reception following Mass at Sweifieh
- Dec. 17 – Birthday of Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ
- Dec 18 – Jan 22 – Fr. McChesney in the U.S.
- Dec. 21 – First Day of Winter
  - St. Peter Canisius, 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.

**The link to the Pope's video for November:**

[https://youtu.be/lpwG\\_CCDTv8](https://youtu.be/lpwG_CCDTv8)

## **NOVEMBER – REMEMBER OUR BELOVED DECEASED**

During the month of November, the names of family and friends who have gone to God are placed on the altar at the daily Masses at the Jesuit Center and for the weekend Masses and they will be remembered at each Mass. Memorial slips are available as you leave Mass. You may also send names by email and they will be included in the Memorial Box on the altar. A contribution for this remembrance is NOT necessary, but always welcome.

## **NEW REGISTRATION FORM**

Yes, it's ANOTHER Parish registration form! But the good news is that if you have already filled out a registration form online, you can log into the website and simply update your existing form. If you have NOT registered, you can log in and do it on line. If you don't like or use or trust computers, the print edition is included in this newsletter and print copies will be available at the weekend Masses and at the Jesuit chapel.

## **THE RESPONSE OF THE CHILDREN**

If this headline doesn't make sense to you, go and read RAMBLINGS and all will be made clear. The pictures that accompanied these gift suggestions are online on the web page, at <http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/staff-and-church-leadership/>

The responses:

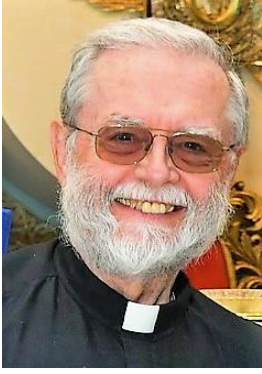
Two children wanted to give the gift of Father John.

One wanted to give the gift of butterflies and sunshine, and another the gift of nature.

One wanted to give his special turtle to his friend, and – my personal favorite – one wanted to give an ATM machine “so we always have money.”

## **SPEAK NOW OR FOREVER HOLD YOUR PEACE**

These are words we associate with weddings, but they hold true in a parish as well. There are a number of Advent programs, Days of Recollection and invitations that have been put forward. At least has already been cancelled due to lack of response, and others await the response from the congregation. (That would be YOU.) There are deadlines, and when the time had passed, the program is cancelled. You cannot simply show up at the last minute and expect that the Day of Recollection or the prayer group will be happening. So look at the calendar, see what you would like to take part in during Advent. Or be silent. It is, as always, your choice.



# RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

## I'M BACK!!!!

To which, of course, the appropriate response is – Oh, were you away? Reminding us that no one is indispensable and we can all be replaced. When I first started out in professional theatre, my father gave me two bits of advice – don't believe the reviews (whether they are good or bad) and remember that there is always someone in the wings just waiting to take your place.

“Oh Father, no one could take your place.”

Of course they can – and will, just as I have taken someone else's place. The work we do and the roles we fill are important, and how we fulfil those responsibilities is important. But none of us is indispensable, and the greatest responsibility we have is to work to obtain our eternal salvation.

On a lighter note – last week the First Reading and the Gospel were both about sharing what we have, giving the gifts of what is important to us to someone else. At the Children's Liturgy of the Word, the young people were asked to reflect on that and say, with illustrations, what they might want to give. Some of their answers are elsewhere in this newsletter but while the first reaction might be a smile or a chuckle, they are also worthy of a little reflection. Their wonderful pictures are on the website – they didn't produce well in the black and white print edition.

Next week is the great solemnity of Christ the King, and at Mass we will have a special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection to support the projects of the Care for the Poor group, which include a novel approach to providing cheap and safe heating for families that can't afford the cost of commercial heating solutions. After Mass, in the Church hall, Advent Baskets – which are actually cans – will be distributed to families and individuals. If a family would like more than one, say one for adults and one for children, that's fine. We register each can so we can tell at the end if there are some we have not collected. And there will be blank labels available, if there are children in your household who might want to decorate their own labels.

Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup> also marks the beginning of the Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier, the patron of missionaries and the patron saint of the chapel at the Jesuit Center. The Novena concludes on his feast day, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, and copies of the Novena prayers are available on the website, on the Facebook page and printed copies are available at the Jesuit Center.

Advent officially begins on the first Sunday of Advent, December 2. But our Saturday group will meet on the Saturday before, and on that Sunday there will be an Advent Day of Recollection, and the start of the 10AM Sunday morning Mass. Advent is a great time of preparation, but also an excellent time for prayer.

So let us pray – for ourselves, for our families, for our loved one and our special intentions – and let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org)

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. Cecilia, patron of Music – November 22

Saint Cecilia is the patroness of musicians. It is written that as the musicians played at her wedding she "sang in her heart to the Lord". Her feast day is celebrated in the Latin Catholic, Eastern Catholic and Eastern Orthodox churches and in the Anglican Communion.



Although Cecilia is one of the most famous of the Roman martyrs, the familiar stories about her are apparently not founded on authentic material. There is no trace of honor being paid her in early times. A fragmentary inscription of the late fourth century refers to a church named after her, and her feast was celebrated at least in 545.

According to legend, Cecilia was a young Christian of high rank betrothed to a Roman named Valerian. Through her influence, Valerian was converted, and was martyred along with his brother. The legend about Cecilia's death says that after being struck three times on the neck with a sword, she lived for three days, and asked the pope to convert her home into a church.

Since the time of the Renaissance she has usually been portrayed with a viola or a small organ.

### 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)

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

“But I can't put a candy bar in that little slot!” True – but for what you spend for that one candy bar, we can buy more than one. If everyone puts in a little bit every day – counting down to Christmas – we can provide a large box of food and a large double-weight double blanket to a poor family.

The Advent “Basket” that looks like a can does two things. It helps remind you each day that we are in a season preparing to remember the birth of Jesus. It's not simply putting money in the can – but each time you do, you should be conscious of what this whole season is about. If parents involve their children – and they should – this can be a lovely moment each day, whether as the day starts or the day ends.

You can have one can for the family, or one for children and one for adults – one for each child – and we have blank labels as well, so if someone in your house is artistic, they can create their own label. When we collect the cans, we might have an online “exhibit” of some of the more interesting creations.

Please come and sign up for one or more cans on the weekend of Christ the King – November 24<sup>th</sup> at Sweifieh and the 25<sup>th</sup> at Freres Church. Thank you in advance for your generosity.