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## THE SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 24/25, 2018

**SPECIAL 2<sup>ND</sup> COLLECTION FOR THE CARE FOR THE POOR PROJECTS**

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

- 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. The Novena prayers are available on the website and in print form at the Jesuit Chapel
- Nov. 27 – Thanksgiving Mass with Bishop Shomali – 6 PM at St Mary of Nazareth  
A performance by the children of Incarnate Word follows in the church hall
- Nov. 29 – Deadline for registering for Dec. 2 Day of Recollection
- Nov. 30 – Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle  
Performance of the Jesuit Center Theatre Arts Program – De LaSalle Church Hall, 6 PM
- Dec. 1 - 9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center (Registration not needed)
- Dec. 1/2 - First Sunday of Advent
- 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 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  
Lunch is provided. The day ends around 3:30 PM.*
- Dec. 3 – Feast of St. Francis Xavier
- 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  
Deadline for registration December 11. RSVP required. Appropriate for older children as well as adults. Lunch is provided – the day ends around 3:30 PM.*
- 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.



*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)

**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 CASUAL CHRISTMAS CHOIR**

I find myself wondering if there are some people who know that they will be here for Christmas who might like to get together and form a "Christmas Choir." No commitment beyond preparing some harmonies for Christmas carols that we might sing at the Vigil Mass on Christmas Eve and at the Mass on Christmas morning. We would have 4 rehearsals – it's amazing what you can accomplish with 4 rehearsals – and no commitment for anything beyond that. Well, maybe for the January 1 Mass but we'll see how that works out. If anyone would be interested – let Fr. John know this week, since we will have to decide if there are enough voices who will be here to make it work.

**MUSIC FOR ADVENT**

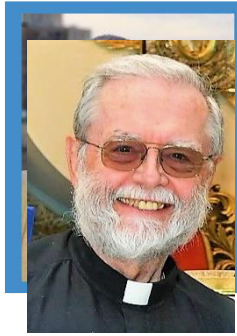
An early warning alert for the Masses during Advent. We will return to the Latin responses for the Holy and the Lamb of God, and we will chant the Lord's Prayer in English. The Alleluia before the Gospel will be the triple Amen in chant mode. We will briefly review these before the Masses on the First Sunday of Advent. Don't panic – you actually know all these once you hear them.

**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 REFLECTIONS**

As we have done in the past, this Advent daily reflections for this special season will be available each day on the Facebook page, and will be e-mailed directly to you. A mailing went out this past week to all those currently on the list, making sure each person still wanted to receive the reflections. If you did NOT receive that mailing, you are not currently on the list. If you WOULD like to receive the daily reflections, please send Father John a note ([PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org)) and he will add your name.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This weekend we celebrate the great Solemnity of Christ the King. We have our usual Mass at Sweifieh on Saturday night, I will celebrate a Mass on Sunday morning at Mt. Nebo, and again on Sunday evening at Freres. At our parish Masses, after the Mass, we will have a special collection for the Care for the Poor Program activities, and also after Mass we will have available the Advent “Baskets” which this year are really cans into which we hope you will put a little money each day during Advent.

Last year we started the Advent Basket program and the response was overwhelming, both in cash contributions and in items. We received clothing and toys and household goods and food. We were close to running out of space to store things at the Jesuit Center. We sorted and labeled – we threw out some items that were just not fit for sharing – and we used the money to buy blankets and food. With the help of our own volunteers who had some contacts and Jesuit Refugee Services, we found needy recipients for everything we had, both poor families in the south, and families who were in two different building collapses within a week here in Amman. You made a difference in the lives of a lot of people.

As we reviewed the program, we realized that we could not reasonably handle the flood of clothing and items, nor were we able to effectively handle the distribution. So we decided to go back to the notion of the Advent calendar, and instead of opening a window each day during the season, we suggest that you – whether that means an individual or a family – might drop something into the “Basket” that looks a lot like a can. A family can take more than one, if you want each child to have a can or boys and girls, or adults and children. One person is going to put her can on her desk at work. We have blank labels, if “artists” in your family would like to decorate their own – and if we get some great art, we might have an exhibit after the first of the year.

We will collect on the weekend of December 22/23, but if you are traveling, we will accept them early or later. We will use the money collected to provide items – food and blankets and clothing and some toys and some specialty items just for fun – in January, once the Christmas flood has died down. In the pre-Christmas season we will be providing a small solution for the problem of getting heat for families who can’t afford the electricity or the gas for stoves. Our hope is to reach out to 100 families between December 1 and December 15. That project will be supported by the money I raised at my concert, and what we will collect this weekend in the special collection.

The people on the Care for the Poor group are working very hard – but there is very little that we could do if we did not have such a generous and supportive parish community, so while I always feel guilty asking for money – it is such a cliché, that priests are always asking for money – at the same time I know how much need there is and how much good we – Sacred Heart Parish – are doing.

So thank you, for your prayers and your generous participation. When the 2019 Calendar comes out, you’ll see some pictures of what we were able to do. In the meantime, know that we are making a difference.

And let us continue to pray for one another, and all the people we serve.

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. Andrew Apostle – 30 November



St. Andrew was probably born before the birth of Christ, and died in Greece around 60 AD. He is the patron of at least 18 countries, dioceses and regions, and 30 different trades, professions and healer of diseases. He is supposed to be the brother of Saint Peter, and according to Orthodox tradition, the apostolic successor to Saint Andrew is the Patriarch of Constantinople.

Eusebius in his *Church History* quoted Origen as saying that Andrew preached in Scythia. The Chronicle of Nestor adds that he preached along the Black Sea and the Dnieper river as far as Kiev, and from there he traveled to Novgorod. Hence, he became a patron saint of Ukraine, Romania and Russia. According to tradition, he founded the See of Byzantium (later Constantinople and Istanbul) in AD 38, installing Stachys as bishop. According to Hippolytus of Rome, Andrew preached in Thrace, and his presence in Byzantium is also mentioned in the apocryphal Acts of Andrew. Basil of Seleucia also knew of Apostle Andrew's missions in Thrace, Scythia and Achaëa. This diocese would later develop into the Patriarchate of Constantinople. Andrew, along with Saint Stachys, is recognized as the patron saint of the Patriarchate.

Andrew is said to have been martyred by crucifixion at the city of Patras (Patraë) in Achaëa, which is part of the region of West Greece and is situated in the northwestern part of the Peloponnese peninsula. The capital is Patras. The legend says that Andrew said he was not worthy of being crucified in the same manner as Our Lord, and so his death was on an X-shaped cross, now known as “St. Andrew’s Cross.”

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

There is an old saying – If you want to make God smile, tell Him your plans. But as far as we can tell right now, here is the schedule of events for Advent

December 1-22 – Each Saturday morning, following the 8:30 AM Mass, there will be a group reflection on Advent and the preparation for Christmas. No reservation necessary, all are welcome.

December 2 – 23 – Every Sunday morning at the Jesuit Center, there will be a “quiet” Mass at 10AM. No singing. All are welcome.

December 15 – Following the 5 PM Mass at Sweifieh, a Christmas reception in the Church Hall.

December 24 – 5 PM, a Vigil Mass for Christmas, focus on the young people, although not a “children’s” Mass.

December 25 – Mass of Christmas Day at the Jesuit Center at 10 AM. (Remember – Christmas is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Vigil Mass satisfies the obligation.)

### TENTATIVE EVENTS

December 2 – Day of Reflection. Deadline for registration November 29

December 14 – Day of Reflection. Deadline for registration December 11

December 24 – Vigil Mass at Mt. Nebo. Time to be confirmed, celebrant either the Apostolic Nuncio or his assistant

## WEBSITE UPDATE

Someone is visiting the website. It wasn’t our best month, but In the last 30 days, our website has had 1,158 visitors, who made 3,677 visits.





The Jesuit Center and Abouna Michael Linden  
Invite You to  
**A NIGHT OF DANCE AND DRAMA**  
*Michael Marrah – Choreographer/Director*

Friday, November 30 at 6 PM  
College De LaSalle (Freres)  
58 Al Razi Street  
Jabal Hussein  
(Free parking)

General Admission – Free, no charge  
VIP Reserved seating section – 10 JOD  
*For reservations, call 079 679-3436*

### **ADVENT “BASKETS” DON’T MAKE THEMSELVES**

The Advent “Baskets” you take home were crafted by a team of volunteers. Here are some pictures from the day they came together. (Not all the volunteers made the picture but all contributed.)



Each can had to have the existing label removed; Some had to have the slot in the top punched out. All had to be labeled with one of the four different labels, and then each can had to be numbered. And moved back and forth and back and forth. When it was all finished, as a reward, there were sandwiches.

## **PREPARING THE WAY: RECONCILIATION IN ADVENT**

*Do not fear.*

Is 41:10



*"There are people who are afraid to go to confession, forgetting that they will not encounter a severe judge there, but the immensely merciful Father"*

POPE FRANCIS

## LOOKING AHEAD

Advent is the season when we prepare for the celebration of the Birth of Christ. But it is also necessary to prepare for Advent. One of the great Advent traditions is the Advent wreath, and so here is a reminder about getting prepared to begin the celebration of Advent next week.



The origins of the Advent wreath are found in the folk practices of the pre-Christian Germanic peoples who, during the cold December darkness of Eastern Europe, gathered wreaths of evergreen and lighted fires as signs of hope in a coming spring and renewed light.

Christians kept these popular traditions alive, and by the 16th century Catholics and Protestants throughout Germany used these symbols to celebrate their Advent hope in Christ, the everlasting Light. From Germany the use of the Advent wreath spread to other parts of the Christian world.

Traditionally, the wreath is made of four candles in a circle of evergreens. Three candles are violet and the fourth is rose, but four white candles or four violet candles can also be used. Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal-- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. A short prayer may accompany the lighting.

### A Rite for the Beginning of Advent at Home

*The first day the wreath is in the home, the leader may say:*

As our nights grow longer and our days grow short, we look on these earthly signs--light and green branches--and remember God's promise to our world: Christ, our Light and our Hope, will come. Listen to the words of Isaiah the prophet: The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light; on those who lived in a land as dark as death a light has dawned. You have increased their joy and given them gladness; They rejoice in your presence as those who rejoice at harvest, as warriors exult when dividing spoil. *Is. 9:1-2*

*Then all pray:*

O God, rejoicing, we remember the promise of your Son. As the light from this candle, may the blessing of Christ come upon us, brightening our way and guiding us by his truth. May Christ our Savior bring life into the darkness of our world, and to us, as we wait for his coming. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

*Then the first candle is lighted.*

Each day at home, the candles are lighted, perhaps before the evening meal -- one candle the first week, and then another each succeeding week until December 25th. The rose candle is usually lighted on the third Sunday of Advent. As the candles are lighted, a prayer may be said.

### Daily Prayers for Lighting the Advent Wreath

#### First Week

O Emmanuel, Jesus Christ,  
desire of every nation,  
Savior of all peoples,  
come and dwell among us.

#### Third Week

O Key of David, Jesus Christ,  
the gates of heaven open at your command,  
come and show us the way to salvation.

#### Second Week

O King of all nations, Jesus Christ,  
only joy of every heart,  
come and save your people.

#### Fourth Week

O Wisdom, holy Word of God, Jesus Christ,  
all things are in your hands,  
come and show us the way to salvation.

