

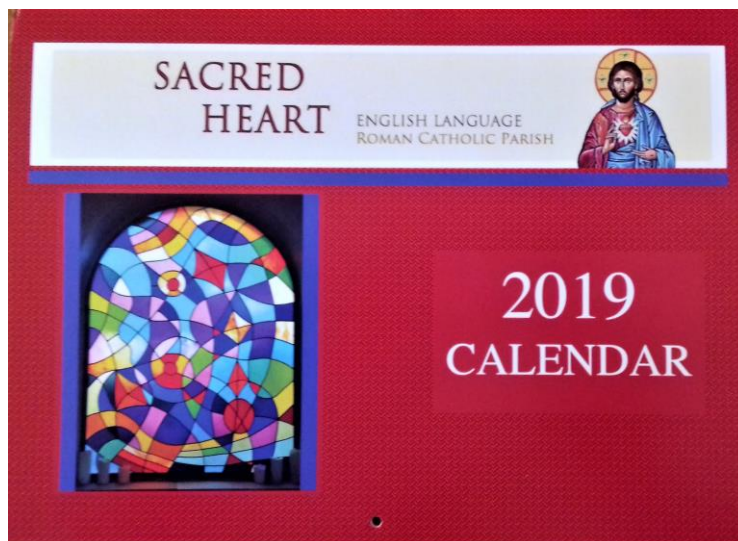
SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



Second Sunday of Advent December 8/9, 2018
SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

THE 2019 SACRED HEART PARISH CALENDAR HAS ARRIVED!!!



This is NOT a generic, mass-produced calendar that you can find in other places and churches. This is OUR calendar, filled with pictures of our people and our activities. It is useful – there is room to write your own dates, appointments, special reminders – and it is a nice way to look back at some of the events of the past year. There are several advertisements, and of course, we would like you to pay attention to them and if you need their services – patronize the people who support our parish.

Price for the calendar are the same as last year:



2 JOD – 1 calendar
5 JOD - 3 calendars
10 JOD - 7 calendars
AND
20 JOD - 15 calendars



Available after the weekend Masses, at the Jesuit Center –and for large orders we will deliver. If you would like some on consignment, to sell at your place of business or at an event, that can easily be arranged. They make great stocking stuffers, small gifts for people, and a way to share with family and friends in other places something of your life in Amman. And of course, you are helping to support Sacred Heart Parish and those who advertised in this calendar.

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 2nd Sunday of Advent) – No children’s Liturgy of the Word

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

Dec. 11 - Deadline for registering for the Day of Recollection on the 14th

Dec. 14 - Advent Day of Recollection – 1st 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. No charge.

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

Dec. 15/16 – 3rd Sunday of Advent

Christmas Reception following Mass at Sweifieh

Last First Communion class until January 12

Dec. 22 – First day of winter

9:30 AM – Advent Reflection group at the Jesuit Center (Final session)

Dec. 22/23 – 4th Sunday of Advent, regular Mass schedule

Dec. 24 – Vigil Mass at Sweifieh, 5 PM – Fr. Michael Linden, celebrant

Dec. 25 – Mass of Christmas morning, 10 AM, Jesuit Center, Jabal Hussein.

Dec. 26 – Feast of St. Stephen, the first martyr

Dec. 27 – Feast of St. John the Evangelist

Dec. 28 – Feast of the Holy Innocents

Dec. 30 – Feast of the Holy Family – Jesus, Mary and Joseph

Jan. 1 - **Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of God**

Masses at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 and 10 AM

Jan. 4 – First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

Jan. 6 – The Feast of the Epiphany

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)

PARISH BIRTHDAYS

4	Anna Senga
10	Albert Dadson
16	Mary Lyons
17	Fr. Robert McChesney, SJ Pope Francis – 1936
19	Marie Desjonqueres
21	Kyle Tescher
24	Janet Franchy
29	Josef Humpert

If your birthday is missing –
a) You didn’t list it when you registered;
b) you didn’t register;
c) we made a mistake.
You can fix all of these by updating your registration, registering or letting us know. THANK YOU.





Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

In the Service of the Transmission of Faith
That people, who are involved in the service and the transmission of faith, may find, in their dialogue with culture, a language that suited to the conditions of the present times.

COME AND CELEBRATE!!

BIRTHDAYS! CHRISTMAS!!!

END OF SCHOOL!! VACATION!!!

WHATEVER !!! (Who needs a reason!)

December 15 – After the 5 PM Mass

**Bring your favorite recipe to share
Meet friends/make new friends**



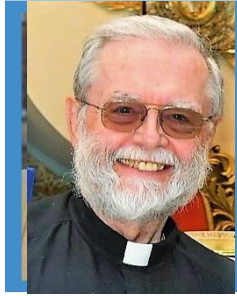
**Let Donna Naber or Maria Solomon know
if you are bringing something so they can coordinate**



WANT TO KEEP CHRIST IN CHRISTMAS?

**FEED THE HUNGRY, CLOTH THE NAKED, FORGIVE THE
GUILTY, WELCOME THE STRANGER AND THE UNWANTED
CHILD, CARE FOR THE ILL, LOVE YOUR ENEMIES.**





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

When I started as the Executive Director and Chairman of the Board for the Xavier Society for the Blind in New York City, one of the first things I learned was that St. Lucy was the Patron saint of the blind. With that in my ever-expanding file of new things I learned, I decided we should celebrate, and I started the tradition of a Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral on her feast day, with blind people doing the readings and bringing up the gifts. We did that every year but one. One year, the 13th of December was on a Sunday, and Cardinal Dolan was delighted with the idea of including our blind community. The Sunday Mass took precedence over the Mass of St. Lucy, but we had blind lectors and blind people bringing up the gifts and the Cardinal spoke eloquently about the work the Xavier Society had been doing since 1900.

The tradition I started has continued, and for several years we/they have had a blind priest as the principal celebrant, which is as it should be. This year the Mass will be held at the Francis Xavier Church, which is next door to the very first place where the Xavier Society was established. Again, this is as it should be, and I am delighted to see the tradition not only continuing but expanding. We have had celebrations where members of the St. Lucy Society participated, and one year at the Cathedral, one of the young ladies wore the headdress with lit candles. We had forgotten to notify Cathedral security, and when they saw the lit candles – on her head – they rushed to interfere but it was too late, and all went off without a problem.

This Rambling reminiscence actually has two points. The first is something I said probably hundreds of times while I was with the Xavier Society – a blind person can do pretty much anything a sighted person can, with the right training and the right tools. There are blind lawyers and doctors, blind professional golfers and even licensed airplane pilots who are blind. I have ridden in a car with a blind driver – and the car did not drive itself, he was completely in charge. Training and tools can make pretty much anything possible.

That's a good lesson for us, and not just that we should keep an open mind about others who might appear to have "disabilities" or who seem to be different. As we prepare to meet God – some sooner, some later – we are in the same situation. With the right training – catechism, spiritual reading, personal prayer, a spiritual director and the willingness to work – and the right tools – the sacraments, retreats, prayer again – we can do anything that the saints have done when they were alive. Jesus said the only thing we needed was a little tiny bit of faith, and we could move mountains. That we are NOT moving mountains says that we still have work to do.

The other "lesson" from my rambling is that it doesn't take much to start a tradition, something of value that continues after you have gone. You can be gone from a job, from a place, from being present to your family – but it is easy to start a tradition, which is usually nothing more than an action designed to take care of or to celebrate someone else, or maybe a lot of someone else's. Don't be shy about sharing your love or your ideas, your talents or your experience or your skills. You might start or be a part of starting something that will continue long after you are no longer a part of it. And isn't that a wonderful thing?

As we move through this great season of preparation, let us continue to pray for one another, and all the people we serve.

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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.

SAINT OF THE WEEK – St. Lucy, December 13



St. Lucy was a young martyr in Syracuse (Sicily) during the Diocletian persecutions of 304 AD. She consecrated her life to God and served the poor. The governor of Syracuse ordered her to burn a sacrifice to the emperor's image. When she refused she was tortured (most likely blinded) and killed. It is said that when her body was being prepared for burial it was discovered that her eyes had been miraculously restored. That is why she is shown with eyes on a plate but also eyes still in her head.

There are many legends that have grown up around this saint over the centuries but the known facts are few. However the devotion to her started shortly after her death and has continued to grow over the centuries.

St. Lucy is the patron saint of the blind and those with eye-trouble. She is also the patron saint of authors, cutlers, glaziers, laborers, martyrs, peasants, Perugia, Italy; saddlers, salesmen, stained glass workers, and writers and many places that carry the name Lucia. She is invoked against hemorrhages, dysentery, diseases of the eye, and throat infections. She is greatly honored in many Scandinavian countries where her association with light

balances the long dark days of winter. Her name in Latin shares the same root as the word for light (*lux*). Among the traditions associated with her is the wearing of a headdress with lit candles. A young girl dressed in a white dress and a red sash (as the symbol of martyrdom) carries palms and wears a crown or wreath of candles on her head. Her feast day is celebrated on December 13.

St. Lucy is an inspiration to always live unashamed of the gospel and stand strong in our faith no matter how much persecution we face. The palm branch that she is holding is a symbol of the triumph of good over evil, reminding us of the palms that were laid on the ground as Jesus entered Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.



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 at Sweifieh, with the 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.)