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2ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME January 19/20, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- Jan 18 – 25 – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity
- Jan. 19/20 – The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time (Year C)
- Jan. 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of unborn children
- Jan 22 – 27 – World Youth Day in Panama
- Jan. 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
- Feb.1 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass
- Feb. 2 – Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Blessing of Candles at the 8:30 AM Mass
- Feb. 2/3 – Blessing of candles and blessing of throats at both weekend Masses
- Feb. 2 – The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered to Piotr Swiezaczynski at the 5 PM Mass
- Feb. 3-5 – Papal Visit to Abu Dhabi
- Feb. 9/10 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- Feb. 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes
- February 16/17 – Renewal of Marriage Vows at both Masses (Tentative)
- Feb. 18 – Ask Father John
- Feb/ 22 – Feast of the Chair of Peter
- March 1 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass
- March 4 – Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier begins
- March 9/10 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**
- March 9 – Children’s Mass at Sweifieh
- March 12 – Canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier
- March 13 – **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM
- March 17 – 1st Sunday of Lent; Feast of St. Patrick
- March 16/17 – Mass in Latin in both churches
- March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph
- March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan
- March 23 – First Confessions
- March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Pope Francis'
MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

That young people, especially in Latin America, follow the example of Mary and respond to the call of the Lord to communicate the joy of the Gospel to the world.

The link to the video for this month’s intention:

<https://youtu.be/wL-JpNsIZUQ>

OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

18-25 JANUARY

A Prayer for Catholics in Their Homes, With Families, With Friends

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“That they all may be one, as You, Father, in me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent me.”

V. I say to you, you are Peter;

R. And upon this rock I will build my Church.

-- Each day, meditate about and ask God's favor for the intention indicated: --

January 18: For the union of all Christians in the one faith and in the Church.

January 19: For the return of the Eastern Orthodox Christians to communion with the Holy See.

January 20: For the reconciliation of the Anglicans with the Holy See.

January 21: For the reconciliation between European Protestants throughout the world and the Catholic Community.

January 22: That Protestant Christians in the Americas, Africa, and Asia may be one, and reconciled in Christ with Catholicism.

January 23: That lapsed Catholics will return to the Gospel and to the Sacraments of the Church.

January 24: That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.

January 25: That missionary extension will extend the Gospel and knowledge of Christ with credibility and fidelity.

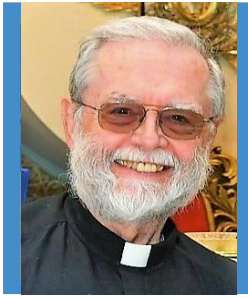
--Each day, conclude with this prayer: --Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Your Will; Who live and reign forever, one God, world without end. Amen.

CARE FOR THE POOR UPDATE

There are still a number of Advent Basket cans that have not yet been returned, so we cannot give you a report on what the total collected was. Based on the returns from the first half, the parish has been extraordinarily generous, which is a wonderful thing.

After some searching and difficulty, we found pots that will work. Not enough to meet all our needs but we have 150 units ready to go out. We had candles on hand and the day after the pots were delivered, the bricks also arrived, and so now we are dealing with the distribution. We bought out every pot that IKEA had and so we continue the search for more pots. One local man is making a sample for us – but if we place an order with him, it will take two weeks for the creation and drying process. We'll keep you posted. But here is what 150 pots and 700 bricks look like. (The 16,000 candles are safely stored in the Jesuit Center.)





RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Helen Hayes, one of the great American stage actresses of all time, used to grumble when people would call another actor “a great artist.” It wasn’t that she was jealous, but she didn’t consider theatre an art. For her, it was a craft, to be worked at and polished – but she used to say that very few people managed to raise the craft of theatre to the level of real art.

People tend to have an exaggerated sense of what theatre is. At its best, theatre is a practical profession. I used to ask students, “What is the one absolutely necessary thing if you are going to have theatre?” After they had guessed a stage or a script or actors I would tell them the answer: Audience. Without an audience, all you have is a rehearsal. No matter what aspect of theatre you work in, the reality of the necessity of an audience is part of your life. It is especially true if you are running the theatre, or doing publicity, when your primary job is putting people in the seats. Buying tickets is, of course, important. But if the sales are slow, a good producer will give away tickets, or reduce the price for a particular group (senior citizens, veterans, military, religious) so that the seats are filled.

In one form or another that is also true for much of life. Showing up is important. Going to the special event of your friend – a wedding, a birthday and always a funeral – being there is very important. Obviously going to school or to work. Being a part of an athletic team, a theatre company, a musical group. It’s not just learning the words or the plays or the notes or the academic material; your presence as a member of the group is very important, for you and for the others in the group.

It is also true for Church and the activities of a parish. Some people say, “Oh I don’t need Church, I can pray at home.” And that is perfectly true. But you come to Church first because of the immediate presence of the Holy Eucharist, the Body and Blood of Christ. That you don’t get at home. And the whole reason for Church, besides the sacraments, is precisely praying together, being together, working together, singing together, inspiring and supporting one another.

One of the great customs in Jordan is the condolence when someone dies. We have wakes in other countries, and they serve the same purpose. But here the condolence is an event somehow separate from the funeral, and it is so that people can come together. It is important and people will cancel meetings, dinners, even trips, in order to come to a condolence visit. Because showing up is important.

Last year I told the true story of the little old lady who had filled a table with special things for Halloween, but because her house looked scary, no one was coming to “Trick or Treat.” I was only a kid but that made me sad and I spent the rest of the evening rounding up my friends to go and visit her. Imagine if you gave a party and no one came. Or a funeral or a condolence where no one showed up. Or asked for volunteers or for an opinion and no one responded.

In most aspects of life, showing up in one form or another is important. Especially in a parish.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

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

Fr. John’s Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.)

Facebook: Parish Group. (You have to ask to be admitted, but you will be.)

JANUARY 22- DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

"The Child Who Was Never Born" by Martin Hudáček.



VISIT OF THE JESUIT PROVINCIAL

From January 20 to 23rd, Very Reverend Father Dany Younes, the Jesuit Provincial of the Near East Province will be visiting in Amman. He has jurisdiction over the Jesuit Center and of course, the members of the Society of Jesus who live and work here. It is not a "formal" visitation, but a chance for him to get to know the works of the Society in Amman more intimately, and to meet some of the staff and the people with whom we work. During those days, the Jesuits will have as a priority being available for Father Provincial, and so may not be able to attend to other business. Thank you for your understanding.



ADVENT BASKET CANS

If you have not yet returned your Advent Basket cans, please try and get them back quickly, so we can do a final tally and make a report. THANK YOU.