

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**8<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME March 2/3, 2019**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

March 4 – Novena of Grace to St. Francis Xavier begins

March 9/10 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

– Please bring palms and olive branches from last year

March 9 – Children’s Mass at Sweifieh (No Children’s Liturgy of the Word)

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

Imposition of ashes **AFTER** each Mass and after the weekend Masses

*(According to the Bishop, the local Church in Jordan will observe the Orthodox calendar until Pentecost, and all celebrations not tied to a specific date will be celebrated one week later than in the universal Church. We will be notified if that schedule should change at some time after Easter.)*

March 17 – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent; Feast of St. Patrick

March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan

March 23 – First Confessions at 3:30 PM at St. Mary of Nazareth – All are welcome

March 23/24 – Anointing of the Sick at Both Masses

March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord

March 29 – Daylight Savings time begins

7 PM – ARTS IN THE GARDEN at the Jesuit Center (See last page for details)

April 5 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

April 13/14 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

April 21 – Palm Sunday (In Jordan we follow the Orthodox calendar)

April 23 – Memorial of St. George

April 25 – HOLY THURSDAY

April 26 – GOOD FRIDAY

April 27 – HOLY SATURDAY – EASTER VIGIL

April 28 – EASTER SUNDAY Morning Mass at 10 AM at the Jesuit Center

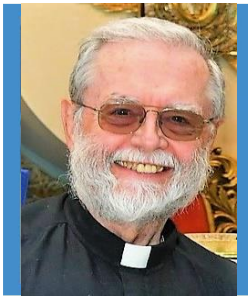


*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### **Recognition of the Right of Christian Communities:**

That Christian communities, especially those who are persecuted, feel that they are close to Christ and have their rights respected.



# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Next week we have a Children's Mass at Sweifieh. At both churches we will be collecting blessed palms and olive branches from last year, to burn for ashes for Ash Wednesday and we will have our usual Second Collection, the last one before Lent. Yes, Lent – Ash Wednesday is March 13, and in this edition is a calendar of some events for Lent, including times the chapel will be open for prayer, and every time the chapel is open, I will be available for confession.

Lent is a wonderful opportunity to step out of the parade for a little bit and see where it is coming from – and where it is heading. It is so easy to get caught up in the day to day events that we forget to rejoice in the past and to intelligently anticipate the future. When I was younger, I had wonderful older relatives and on occasion they would slip me cash gifts. On very special occasions, they were, at least in my world, sizeable cash gifts, and I had wonderful dreams about what I would buy.

Of course what happened was I would take a little of the money for this, and another little bit for something else, and without knowing it, the money was all gone and I had nothing really to show for it.

Lent is like that. We are given this great gift of time, and opportunity and we get really excited about the spiritual progress we will make. (I will not even begin to talk about the weight we were going to lose!) And at the Easter celebrations, if we stop and look back, there is a slight sense of wonder and regret at “Where did the time go?”

Let me encourage you not to repeat that cycle again this year. Pick one thing – just one thing. I prefer doing something positive as opposed to giving something up, but take some time, and look at your life realistically, and pick one thing. Now I have elsewhere in this newsletter suggested volunteering for one of the parish ministries – but that's just me. I'd prefer that you spend 30 minutes a day in silent contemplation – or prayer, if you prefer. Every day. 30 minutes. Rain or shine, happy or sad, sick or healthy (and sometimes being sick provides a GREAT opportunity for prayer time!) – no matter what else happens, you give God that 30 minutes. Even on Sunday (when some amateur lawyers argue that your Lenten promises don't count). If you have to get up earlier or stay up later sometimes – do it. You might have to give up some tv time, or some other activity on some days to fit it in – but do it.

Often enough, Lent ends up being a period of regret, not sacrifice, of missed opportunities rather than growth and accomplishment. Give THAT up this year, and give God some of your time. I'm not a prophet – I cannot guarantee what might happen. But the odds are – having some experience with how God works – it will be to your “profit” in ways you probably won't expect.

There are some items that are listed on the schedule in italics. Those are tentative and will depend completely on people signing up by the date indicated. If there is no, or not enough, interest, fair enough, the session will be cancelled. That's OK – the idea is to find things you want to do. Suggestions are welcome.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org) Facebook: Parish Group. (Ask to be admitted)  
Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.) Website: [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)



Ticket Price – 50 JOD inclusive  
Two bottles of wine on the table  
Welcome drink courtesy of Haddad.

Irish Band from Dublin, plus DJ

For reservations or more information  
Call Maha at 06 553-3616

Welcome reception – 8 PM  
Dinner served 9 PM  
Dress – Smart casual (no jeans!)

## MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Maria Rosen Solomon
- 5 Amy VanDorn
- 8 Jennifer Totary
- 17 Shirley Fontejon
- 20 Jayantha Gurusinghe
- 23 Paul David
- 24 Lorenz Wild
- 28 John Franchy
- 29 Charles Baylor  
Micky Pulickal



## SATURDAY/SUNDAY – MARCH 9/10

BRING YOUR BRANCHES! Your blessed palms or olive branches from last year Palm Sunday can be brought to the Church, so we can burn them to make the ashes for Ash Wednesday, which is March 13.

## NOW IS A REALLY GOOD TIME TO VOLUNTEER

We have lost some of our good volunteers and so we need:

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST (Men only – 2 workshops)

LECTORS (Men or women, from high school to senior citizen – 1 workshop)

ALTAR SERVERS -(Boys and girls – 1 workshop and observation in Church)

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD (Help our children get God's Word presented at their level)

RECEPTION COORDINATOR (Help organize the occasional receptions after Mass)

Contact Fr. John and we can arrange the workshops to get you actively involved in these ministries. What a great service to the Church – instead of giving up something for Lent, DO something. Volunteer!

## Monthly data for February on the website

In the month of February (a short month) the parish website had 1,270 visitors who made 3,539 visits. The most visitors came from the U.S. (or with a U.S. address) followed closely by visitors from Jordan.

## MASS ATTENDANCE FOR FEBRUARY

Attendance at St. Mary of Nazareth was 746, at Freres 170 and at the daily Mass at the Jesuit Center (6 Masses each week) the attendance was 360 (with a daily average of 15).

## LENTEN ACTIVITIES – MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The chapel at the Jesuit Center will be open on the following days and times for private prayer. Whenever the chapel is open, Fr. John will be available for confession. You may also schedule private confession with Fr. John or any of the other Jesuits by contacting them directly.

### MARCH

- 13 – After Mass until 10:30,  
after the evening Mass, until 9 PM
- 15 – After Mass until 10:30 AM
- 18 – 11 AM until 12:30
- 22 – 1 PM – 2:30
- 26 – 6 PM to 8 PM
- 31 – 2 PM – 4

### APRIL

- 3 – 9 – 10:30 AM
- 6 – 9 – 10:30 AM
- 8 – 2 – 4 PM
- 10 – 3 – 5 PM
- 14 – 2 – 4 PM
- 19 – 9 – 10:30 AM
- 22 – 3 – 5 PM
- 24 – 10 – 11:30 AM
- 25 – Holy Thursday – after the evening service until 11 PM. The Blessed Sacrament will be carried in Procession from the de LaSalle Church to the Jesuit Chapel.
- 26 – 10AM – 12:30 PM  
After the afternoon service until 6 PM

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

#### APRIL 21 - PALM SUNDAY

Usual schedule for weekend Masses

#### APRIL 25 – HOLY THURSDAY

Mass at deLaSalle Church at 5 PM

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Jesuit Chapel

#### APRIL 26 – GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Service at 3 PM

#### APRIL 27 – HOLY SATURDAY

5 PM – Abbreviated Vigil Service at Sweifieh

10 PM – Full Vigil Service at deLaSalle Church

#### APRIL 28 – EASTER SUNDAY

10 AM – Mass of Easter Morning at the Jesuit Center

*A Proposed Day of Recollection on March 29 – Mass at 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM. Registration until March 25.*

*Proposed Reflection Sessions Saturday morning following the Mass. First session would be March 16 and continue for a total of six session. Registration no later than March 12.*



The Arts of Theatre 2019

The Jesuit Center - Amman Jordan  
Invite you to the Arts of Theatre 2019  
Showcase on Friday March 29, at 7:00 Pm  
"60 mins in the Garden."  
at Jesuit Center - Jabal Al Hussein

Reserved seats are **JOD 10.00** until March 28  
Seats limited to 120 persons – General admission is free

Reservation or information: **0796793436**