

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



**9<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME March 9/10, 2019**  
**SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

## **COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

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 (End of the Novena to St. Francis)

March 12 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council, 7 PM

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

Special Mass in honor of St. Patrick at 12:30 at the Jesuit Center

March 19 – Feast of St. Joseph

March 21 – Mother’s Day in Jordan – the 8:30 Mass will be celebrated for all mothers

Mother’s Day Bazaar in the garden at the Jesuit Center

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 – clocks go **AHEAD** one hour

7 PM – **ARTS IN THE GARDEN** at the Jesuit Center (*Free admission – Reserved seats 10 JOD*)

*For reserved seats call before March 28 at 079 679-3436*

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

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

April 23 – Memorial of St. George

*Palm Sunday and Triduum celebrations according to the posted schedule on Page 3*

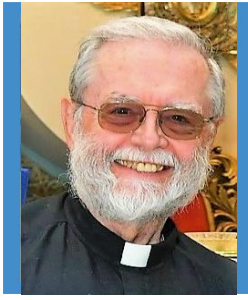


*Pope Francis'*

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

I got a phone call last week from one of the downtown hotels. They had a guest who wanted to come to Mass on Wednesday morning, and needed directions. Terrific. I gave them all the information and was pleased that the hotel was helping out the guest. A little later I got another call, from the visitor herself. She wanted to receive ashes for Ash Wednesday, so I broke the news that she was in the liturgical twilight zone, where Ash Wednesday this year comes a week after the rest of the Catholic world, as do all of the other celebrations for Easter and afterwards, right up to Pentecost.

Yes, it's confusing. But no less confusing than trying to figure out when Easter comes (unless you want to simply look it up) or when Ramadan will start, or at exactly what moment does the time change occur (Spring forward, Fall back). I worked for several years in the Marshall Islands, which are on the other side of the international dateline. When it was Saturday in the U.S. it was Sunday on Kwajalein. Our "weekend" was Sunday and Monday, so we would be coordinated with the U.S. I taught at a school that had a 6-day schedule and a 5-day week, so one week Monday was an "A" schedule, and the next week Monday was an "F" schedule, Tuesday was an "A" schedule and it kept shifting.

All this sounds very confusing, but the reality is when you live it, you get used to it, and you adapt. Newcomers to Jordan keep trying to figure out when the "weekend" is, and they quickly learn that the concept is fluid and it's better to simply not worry about it. We've gotten used to celebrating the Sunday Mass on Saturday – and here in Amman we even celebrate it on Thursday evening and Friday morning as well. The Sunday after Ash Wednesday we distribute ashes after Mass for those who could not make it to church on Ash Wednesday (but if you receive ashes on Wednesday, do NOT come back on "Ash Sunday"). The importance isn't the calendar date but rather the event. The ashes remind us of the penances we are supposed to willingly assume during Lent, and that our time will one day run out and we will return to the dust from which we were made.

Time is real, but the measurement of time is arbitrary, something we make up and all agree to follow. Growing older is real, but how you act and feel is up to the individual. Some are "old" at 55, and others are active into their 90's. How we deal with life is a good model for our relationship with God. We do the best we can with whatever happens in our lives; we try and find God in those same events, the good and the bad. There is an old song – and by "old" I mean even older than I am – *It Ain't What You Do, It's the Way That You Do It*. That can be true for a lot of life.

If you give to the poor grudgingly and with a frown, the poor still get the gift, but you've missed the point about giving joyfully. If you come to Mass because you "have to," you are, technically speaking, obeying the Commandments, but again, you're missing the point. If you visit the sick, or people in jail or any of the other corporal works of mercy (Quiz – how many are there and can you name them?) without love and joy, once more, you're getting the job done, but you're missing the point. Find God. Find joy and love and see Christ in the other people, THAT – I humbly suggest – is the point.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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Fr. John's Mobile: 079 013-8985 (If no answer, leave a message.) Website: [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)

## 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 sessions. Registration no later than March 12.*

**Try to imagine a life without timekeeping.**

You probably can't. You know the month, the year, the day of the week. There is a clock on your wall or the dashboard of your car. You have a schedule, a calendar, a time for dinner or a movie.

Yet all around you, timekeeping is ignored. Birds are not late. A dog does not check its watch. Deer do not fret over passing birthdays.

Man alone measures time.

Man alone chimes the hour.

And, because of this, man alone suffers a paralyzing fear that no other creature endures.

A fear of time running out.

### ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY



Thursday, March 14 – Amman Marriott  
50 JOD

Welcome reception – 8 PM

Dinner served 9 PM

Dress – Smart casual (no jeans!)

Dinner and Dancing

Live Band from Dublin plus DJ

**For reservations or more information**

**Call Maha at 06 553-3616**

**After 11 call Farah Medica at**

**06 551-6800 ext 100**

## A Non-traditional Blessing

Sister Ruth Fox, OSB

May God bless you with discontent with easy answers, half-truths, superficial relationships, so that you will live from deep within your heart.

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, abuse, and exploitation of people, so that you will work for justice, equality, and peace.

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you will reach out your hand to comfort them and to change their pain to joy.

May God bless you with the foolishness to think you can make a difference in this world, so that you will do the things which others tell you cannot be done.

If you have the courage to accept these blessings, then God will also bless you with:

happiness—because you will know that you have made life better for others

inner peace—because you will have worked to secure an outer peace for others

laughter—because your heart will be light

faithful friends—because they will recognize your worth as a person.

These blessings are yours—not for the asking, but for the giving—from One who wants to be your companion, our God, who lives and reigns, forever and ever. Amen.

### **MASSES FOR THE COMING WEEK** *(In case You're Confused)*

Monday, March 11 – Monday of the 9<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time

Tuesday, March 12 – Tuesday of the 9<sup>th</sup> week of Ordinary Time

Wednesday, March 13 – Ash Wednesday

Thursday, March 14 – Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Friday, March 15 – Friday after Ash Wednesday

Saturday, March 16 – Saturday after Ash Wednesday (Morning Mass)

First Sunday of Lent (Evening Mass)

And then we follow the regular Lenten schedule. Feast and Solemnities that are based on a date, like the Annunciation, are celebrated on that date. Feasts and Solemnities that are relative are celebrated according to the liturgical Orthodox calendar.



*Ash Wednesday*  
*Remember that you are dust,*  
*and to dust you shall return.*

*~Ecclesiastes 3:20*