

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

April 13/14, 2019

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

April 13 – Light reception after Mass -come and meet your fellow parishioners

April 16 – Parish Advisory Committee Meeting, 7 PM

April 23 – Memorial of St. George

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

May 1 – Feast of St. Joseph, the Worker

Labor Day holiday

May 3 – Feast of Ss. Philip & James, Apostles – First Friday, Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

May 11/12 – SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION

May 14 – Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle

May 18 - FIRST HOLY COMMUNION AT SWEIFIEH – RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

May 24 – Our Lady of the Way

May 25 – Independence Day in Jordan

May 26 – Father John leaves for the US until July 4

May 30 – THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD - A Holy Day of Obligation

May 31 – Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

June 7 - First Friday – Adoration following the 8:30 AM Mass

June 10 – Mary, Mother of the Church

June 11 – Feast of St. Barnabas, Apostle

June 13 – St. Anthony of Padua

June 15/16 – **SOLEMNITY OF PENTECOST**

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION



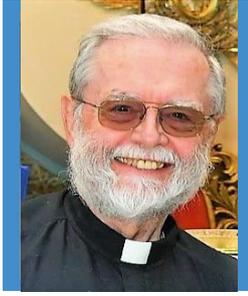
Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

**For doctors and humanitarian
collaborators in war zones,
who risk their lives
to save the lives of others.**

The link to the Pope's Video

<https://youtu.be/V0YUKssltko>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

It is true for many of us – we don't like silence. I don't mean simply that we are living in an age of "noise," with constant headphones and cell phones and internet this and that, but many people find silence awkward. They don't know how to deal with silence, it makes them uncomfortable. When I was a hospital chaplain, I learned that if a patient wasn't talking, I should simply sit in silence. Usually, the patient would try to fill in the silence with words, and that would open up a conversation.

People tend to use words to fill in silences, and sometimes as protection. When there is a topic they don't want to discuss, they will fill the conversation with words, so the other person won't have a chance to bring up whatever it is they want to avoid. Children do it with parents, spouses with one another – whether we realize it consciously or not, we can use the barrier of words to protect ourselves; we hide behind words.

It is true also for prayer. Whether consciously or not, many people "pray" by using words – reciting memorized prayers, reading prayers out of books, turning on EWTN or putting on a "Prayer" CD and for them, the words become the prayer. I suspect that, in many cases, the words can also become the barrier behind which we hide because God makes us nervous.

I often say that prayer is conversation with God. A true conversation involves both speaking and listening, and since God knows what we want, what we need (often better than we do) and what we are going to "say" even before we say it – we should probably spend more prayer time listening than we do speaking. But God – the reality of God – makes some people nervous. They like God contained – controlled – safe inside a liturgy or a rosary or a pious reading. The idea of being silent to let God speak to them personally and directly is more than they honestly want. And so they pray – often a lot – using words. Novenas and rosaries and ejaculations and all the many accumulated ways of talking TO God that are safe, seldom giving God the chance to get a word in sideways.

I admit it. Listening to God is not always easy, and what God has to say is not always easy to hear. God can reach us with our imagination – through Scripture, especially imaginatively used – sometimes in dreams. If we are open and trusting God can reach out to us in a variety of ways.

"But Father, isn't that just my own imagination? How do I know it is God?" Well, God can certainly use your imagination. Sometimes the message can be no more than encouraging you with an idea you already had. When you think God has sent you a message, examine it. Does it bring you closer to God? If the message is to stop going to Mass – or that doing volunteer work at a shelter is more important than Church – this is probably NOT a message from God. If it wants you to break one of the Commandments, then it is DEFINITELY NOT a message from God. ("But Father, I love him and it feels right." NOT a message from God.) "But everybody else is doing it." Probably not a message from God.

In the days remaining in Lent – and actually, for the rest of your life – try silence. Sit and listen to the world around you. Turn off the interruptions. (Yes, even your cell phone. It is not against the law to turn off your cell phone.) Listen to the noise – and then listen to the silence in which the noise lives. Keep listening, and eventually, maybe, you start to get the sense that there is a Presence, a Person, behind the silence. That is God, and now you are ready to start to pray. To listen. See what happens.

During these days of Lent, let us continue to pray for one another as we move through this holy time.

Fr. John's Email: 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

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.

APRIL

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 – Good Friday - After the noon service until 6 PM

APRIL 13 – COME FOR A SMALL PARTY

It's Lent, and it's been a tough winter. And that alone is enough reason to gather as a community and share a snack and a drink and catch up. We wave at each other in Church, we perhaps exchange a quick hello and a "How are you?" but it has usually been the case that when we get together we discover that we like each other! So on April 13, after the 5 PM Mass at Sweifieh, we will have a small reception. Nothing fancy or elegant, the emphasis more on people than pastries. If you would like to bring something to share, wonderful. If we have more people than food, we'll still have fun. So plan on staying a little after Mass on that day and join the fun.

CONFIRMED SCHEDULE FOR HOLY WEEK

APRIL 21 - PALM SUNDAY

Usual schedule for weekend Masses

APRIL 25 – HOLY THURSDAY

Mass at de LaSalle Church at 5 PM

Procession with the Blessed Sacrament to the Jesuit Chapel

APRIL 26 – GOOD FRIDAY

Solemn Service at 12 Noon at de LaSalle Church

(Note the change from earlier schedule listing)

APRIL 27 – HOLY SATURDAY

5 PM – Abbreviated Vigil Service at Sweifieh

8 PM – Full Vigil Service at the Jesuit Center

APRIL 28 – EASTER SUNDAY

10 AM – Mass of Easter Morning at the Jesuit Center

BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS AT THE EASTER VIGIL

We will once again have the blessing of Easter baskets as part of the ritual for the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. Baskets often feature eggs (both plain and decorated), salt, different kinds of meat, and bread. They can be simple or quite elaborate. At the end of the ceremony, each family or individual collects the basket they brought, and takes it home for their own celebration of Easter.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

Go to www.jordanjesuits.org, go to the link for SACRED HEART PARISH and on the right side is a direct link so you can register on line.

Couldn't be easier. Thank you.

OVERNIGHT RETREAT – On May 7 and 8, the parish is sponsoring an overnight retreat.

Leave Abdoun by 10 on Tuesday morning, with a picnic lunch en route to the Baptismal Site. Double rooms, each with its own bath, 3 meals included, approximately 70 JOD. We will be carpooling to help save expenses. Fr. John will celebrate Mass each day and give points for meditation. Return Wednesday afternoon. Reservations accepted on payment of fee. For more details or to reserve a space, email Sana Dababneh at Sana@dababneh.net, or call 0795656844. More details next week.

**O God, when I have food,
Help me to remember the hungry.
When I have work,
Help me to remember the jobless.
When I have a home,
Help me to remember those who have no home at all.
When I am without pain,
Help me to remember those who suffer.
And as I remember,
Help me to destroy my complacency,
Bestir my compassion,
And make me concerned enough to help,
By word and deed,
Those who cry out for what we take for granted.**

"Weiler's Law"

Nothing is impossible for the man who doesn't have to do it himself.

"Law of Volunteer Labor"

People are always available for work in the past tense.

"Osborne's Law"

Variables won't; constants aren't.

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Teresa of Avila