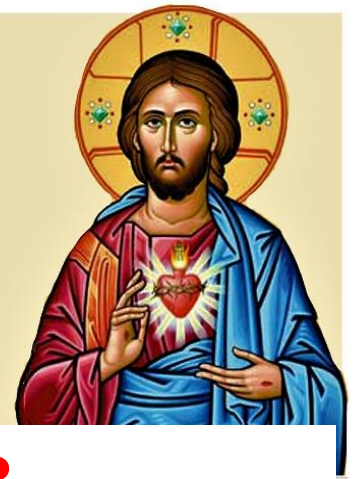


SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

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5th Sunday of EASTER May 25/26, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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 6 – Birthday of Fr. Anton, Pastor of St. Mary of Nazareth

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

June 8 – Birthday of Fr. Michael Linden, SJ, Jesuit Superior in Jordan

June 8/9 – **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH**

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**

June 21 – St. Aloysius Gonzaga, SJ

First Day of Summer - Father's Day (Take a priest to lunch!)

June 22/23 – Solemnity of Corpus Christi

June 24 – Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist

June 29 – Solemnity of Ss. Peter and Paul, Apostles

July 3 – Feast of St. Thomas, Apostle

July 5 – Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Patronal Feast of our parish – Reception following the 8:30 AM Mass, followed by Adoration

July 6 – Reception after Mass for the parish feast

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

July 15 – Feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of the Holy Sepulchre

July 22 – Feast of St. Mary Magdalen

July 25- Feast of St. James, Apostle

July 31 – Solemnity of St. Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuits



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR MAY

That the Church in Africa, through the commitment of its members, may be the seed of unity among her peoples and a sign of hope for this continent.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z7hFaaXozPQ>

FILM SERIES AT THE JESUIT CENTER

The regular Wednesday film series has been suspended for Ramadan and will resume on Wednesday, June 12 at 6 PM.

MALTA ANYONE?

Responding to suggestions from parishioners and after discussion in the Parish Advisory Council, Sacred Heart Parish is planning a short pilgrimage to Malta, tentatively from September 17 to 24. We would leave on Tuesday morning and return on the morning of the 24th. (Fr. John has to be back for Mass!) Plans are still being made but it looks as though the cost will be around 600 JOD – that could change depending on how many sign up. That includes air fare, hotel, breakfast, all admissions and perhaps some meals. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED – no commitment but interested – LET US KNOW!!! Contact Karim Mubarak, who is heading this particular event, at karimmubarak@hotmail.com. Prices and availability change with the season, so if we wait too long to make a decision, the numbers we have quoted may not be available. If we have on our list, we can keep you advised about deadlines and any changes. LET US KNOW!!!

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE SACRED HEART

This is THE feast of our parish, and it is measured from Pentecost Sunday. Since we celebrate Pentecost according to the Orthodox calendar, the Solemnity falls on July 5th, a Friday. We will have a special Mass at the Jesuit Center on that day, with a short reception to follow and the usual First Friday adoration after the reception. The Mass that weekend will be in celebration of the Sacred Heart and on Saturday after the Mass there will be a reception in the church all (we hope!). We would like to do something on Sunday following the 6 pm Mass, but with the Mass immediately following ours, the only option would be to have a reception at the Jesuit Center. Those who usually attend the Mass at Freres, let me know if you would be interested and available to come to the Jesuit Center following Mass. If there is no response, obviously, we will not go forward with that.



THANK YOU

To all those who helped make last week's celebration for the First Communion class a special event. The parents especially, who organized the reception after the Mass, deserve a large round of applause, but even more for the support and encouragement they provided during the year. Thank you to the altar servers, to the Coordinators and the people who took up the collection, and YAY to the congregation for extraordinary and thoroughly wonderful singing throughout. Someone visiting asked me if we had a choir, and I said yes – today about 200 strong.

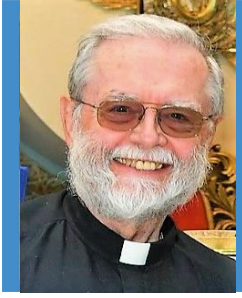
Announcement for registration for the next First Communion class will be out in August. If you do not subscribe to HEARTBEAT and you will be traveling you might consider receiving the Newsletter electronically. Late registrations will not be looked on favorably. And class size WILL be limited.

LOOKING AHEAD

When Father John returns in July, he will be posting workshops for Lectors, Altar Servers and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist. He will again be asking for volunteers to work in the CLOW (Children's Liturgy of the Work) and talking about the Care for the Poor Program and other possible parish activities including Bible Study for adults and catechism for children who have made their First Communion. If there is interest there might a class for Confirmation candidates. There will be a special reception after one of the Masses in September where people can sign up for one or more ways to contribute to the many things we do at Sacred Heart Parish – but THINK ABOUT THEM NOW. Don't let yourself get tied up and so committed to "other things" that there is no time left for the parish. Being a Catholic is more than just coming to Mass once a week. How can YOU contribute with your own skills and talent and experience? And if you have suggestions for things you think we could be/should be doing and aren't, WONDERFUL. As long as you share those suggestions we can try and make that happen.



A thorn among the roses. A group of First Communion class mothers can do ANYTHING!!!



RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

“Oh Father, that was a lovely homily you preached about Holy Communion. I receive every time I go.”

Me: “That’s wonderful. I hope you go to confession that regularly as well.”

“Oh Father, I haven’t been to confession in years. I just ask God for forgiveness, and I know He loves me and will forgive me.”

Me: “But you know that it is a commandment of the Church to go to confession at least once a year. And it is a grave sin to receive Communion with a mortal sin that has not been absolved by a priest.”

“But Father, I feel God’s love and forgiveness in my soul. That’s alright, isn’t it?”

Me:” Well, there are a lot of people who believe like you do. In fact, there are so many there is a special name for them.

“Really?” What is that?”

Me: “Protestant. Someone who has abandoned the teachings of the Catholic Church and substituted their own desires or wants or interpretation instead.”

For some people that can sound harsh. But that is the whole foundation of the Protestant movement – people who disagreed with the Catholic Church, who wanted a different way of doing things, and so they left the Church founded by Jesus Christ, and started their own. They had the integrity to make their feelings public, and leave the Church. Today there are many people – some who simply do not know the teachings of the Church, but others who feel that they can do what they want and God will understand (which is REALLY bad theology) – who call themselves Catholic, and think of themselves as Catholic but who have, in fact, left the Church by ignoring the teachings of Jesus Christ and the Church.

“But Father, if you say that, won’t more people simply stop coming to Mass? Won’t some actually leave the Church?”

That’s a hard question, because Jesus wants us all to be part of His Church, and of course, so do I. But Jesus was also quite clear throughout the Gospels about meeting the requirements, keeping the Commandments and what happens to people who don’t. Is it better for a person to be honest and leave the Church, or come to Mass (which is always good) but then to receive Communion with serious sin on their soul – which is an even more serious sin than probably any of the sins they have not confessed. Holy Communion is the Body and Blood of Christ, and should be received with preparation, reverence, prayerful reflection and a soul free from serious sin. If you don’t believe this is the Body and Blood of Christ, for heaven’s sake, don’t come forward. And if you DO believe – then it seems that receiving Communion should be a momentous act, a time of major commitment, the public affirmation of your faith in Jesus Christ and the Church He founded.

Let us continue to pray for one another and for a world that needs changing.

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

Facebook: If you are on Facebook, go to Parish Group and ask to be admitted to the group. You will be.