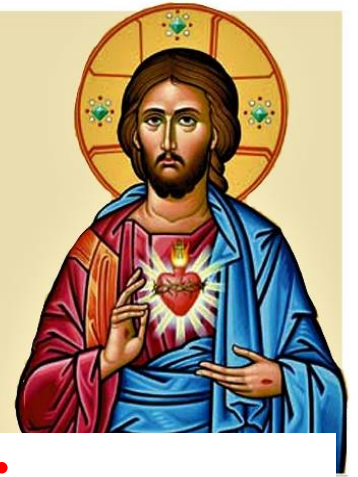


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15th Sunday of Ordinary Time
July 13/14, 2019

SECOND COLLECTION FOR SACRED HEART PARISH

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

August 2 -First Friday – Adoration after the 8:30 AM Mass

August 5 – Dedication of St. Mary Major

August 6 – Feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord

August 7 – Restoration of the Society of Jesus

August 10/11 - **SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION**

August 14 – St. Maximilian Kolbe

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Holy Day of Obligation

August 20 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council, 7 PM

August 22 – Queenship of Mary

Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

(Additional Meeting on Sept. 3rd for those unable to make August 22nd)

August 24 – Feast of St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 26 – St. Mariam of Bethlehem

August 28 – St. Augustine

August 29 – Feast of the Passion of St. John the Baptist

Patron of the Amman Vicariate

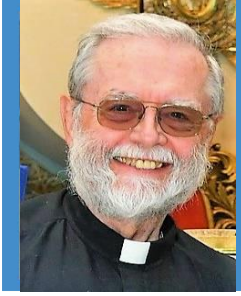


Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR JULY

That those who administer justice may work with integrity, and that the injustice which prevails in the world may not have the last word.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Ramblings on my recent ramblings. I was in 9 different states – I reminisced with classmates I graduated with 50 years ago and visited a couple celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary (I was their Best Man, hosted the “reception” out of the trunk of my car – we were all poor in those days – and gave them their honeymoon as my wedding present). I visited my sister (who is older than 50) and met the son of a godson, the 4th generation of that family I have known. (I realized with a slight shock that there are families I have known for FIVE generations!) I went to 5 plays and a ballet, had lunch or dinner with over 100 different people (some at events rather than individual dinners) , did some shopping (mostly for the parish) and gained 12 pounds. (I think that’s what it was. My scale was broken when I returned – the guys who painted the ceiling in my bedroom did something – and it is probably a sign from God that I shouldn’t obsess.)

The trip and all that went on has been the focus for a fair amount of prayer and reflection. Of course, “Find God in All Things” kicks in, as it should, but I’ve been reflecting on change and growth and discovery and celebrations and how important it is to keep in touch – all of which have both human and spiritual dimensions. And that is perhaps more important than any single event or reflection – that we are called to keep ourselves as conscious as we can of the presence of God in our lives. Sometimes God will, with His ever-present sense of humor, slap us gently “upside of the head,” I suspect just to be sure we are paying attention.

But most of the time, it is our responsibility. It takes a moment of consciousness, a moment of focus and perhaps a moment of quiet. The opportunities are endless, and in my life, I keep trying to manufacture those opportunities. It can be as simple as looking at the garden and admiring the flowers and thinking about flowers – how we grow them, how we take care of them, what they can produce if we do water and protect them – and of course, how God can take care of us and what we can produce. In a traffic jam – I know, in Amman that seldom happens, but just in case – to reflect on journeys, and how many people are heading in the same direction but in very different cars and with very different motives and with VERY different temperaments. How important is it, in the larger scheme of things, to be first, or to move fast? Where does the feeling come from that other people should get out of my way because I’m in a hurry? Because we are inside a car, do we tend to make the other people inside their cars objects rather than people and so we treat them differently?

God will guide us if we let Him. He will open the doors if we are willing to stop and make the moment for Him. “Find God in All Things.” The things are always there – God is always there – the only missing ingredient is our willingness to take the time and open ourselves up to that particular grace. The day is filled with literally hundreds of moments and thousands of opportunities. As long as we are open, God will never run out of things to teach us or ways to comfort us.

We are never alone.

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

MASS ATTENDANCE

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May	788	362	179
Average	197	13	45
June	647	553	229
Average	129	22	49

WEBSITE DATA FOR JUNE

In the month of June we had 1,154 visitors who made 4,207 visits to one or more pages on our website. We continue to have the most visits from computers registered in the US, followed by Jordan and Germany. Google.com remains the most popular referring engine by far.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

JULY 31 is the Feast of St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits. As you can imagine, it's a big deal for Jesuits.

There will be a special Mass that morning at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center, followed by a light reception. In the evening, there will be a Texas Barbecue out in the garden, from 5:30 to 7:30, so people can drop in and visit and move on. As a member of our Parish, you are invited. **HOWEVER – advance reservations are absolutely required**, since there is very limited space. No charge – the parish is delighted to welcome you as our guest. But you have to let us know **NO LATER** than Monday morning, July 29 at 10 AM. We will confirm your reservation when we receive it. The parish has a limited number of seats available to us since this is a special event for many of our Jesuit Center participants.

There will also be a performance in our Garden Theatre by members of the Arts Program group at the Jesuit Center starting around 8 PM. It is also free, but again **advance reservations are absolutely required** and those attending the barbecue have first call on the limited number of seats for the concert. Members of other programs at the Center will also be invited – it is an event strictly by invitation – and depending on the response, we might have to regretfully close the event. **SO – reserve early** if you would like to join us in this special event. Make your reservation for either event or both by sending an email to Father John.

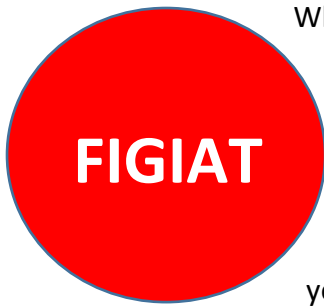
OTHER CALENDAR ITEMS

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASS for 2020: There will be more detailed information later in August, but there will be a meeting for parents on Thursday August 22 or on Tuesday September 3. You need to register in advance for one of these meetings, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center. At least one parent must be present, ideally both but I know that's not always possible. At that meeting we will schedule a time for me to meet each child individually, so I can decide if I think he or she is ready for the class. Minimum age is usually 7 but some children are not ready at that age. Classes will begin on Saturday September 14th.

WELCOME BACK - On September 14th at Sweifieh, we will have a reception following the Mass, to welcome back people who have been away and to welcome those coming to Sacred Heart Parish from elsewhere. We will also have people from each of the different ministries (Lector, Altar Server, Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion, Children's Liturgy of the Word, Care for the Poor program) to answer questions and to encourage people to get involved.

NOTHING IS SET IN STONE – As we begin the process of gearing up for a new liturgical parish year, if you have an idea of something we ought to be doing, or something we do differently – please let us know. We LOVE new ideas and we love the people who share them Don't be shy – help us be a better parish.

SPIRITUAL REMINDERS



When I was in Nigeria, I had a button made that said FIGIAT in white letters against a red background. Some were just plain, and others had “Find God in All Things” in black letters around the outside. I made 1,000 of each and gave them away. Within a couple of weeks they were everywhere – a nice reminder.

It occurred to me that in our very visual age, maybe more similar items might help us to remember important things in our daily lives. For instance, a sticker that you could put on something as a reminder:

You can stick this on something and only you will know that it means “NEAR OCCASION OF SIN” and so this remind you to be careful when opening the fridge or turning on the computer or getting into the car.



Again, you can stick this anywhere – and ideally in MANY different places – and only you will know it reminds you to “GIVE GOD TIME.” To make the pause in your day to allow God to come in.

I’m sure you can think of other things you need to remind yourself of, and making a sticker or a sign or a button is an easy way to call your attention to the presence of God in whatever it is you’re doing.

(My apologies to those who read this Newsletter in the black and white print edition. The button is bright red with white letter, the second sticker has black letters against a yellow background, and the last on has orange/gold letters in a purple cross.)



There are lights and shadows in each one of us. We must learn where the darkness is in our lives and replace it with light.