

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



16th Sunday of Ordinary Time July 20/21, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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

Small reception following the 8:30 AM Mass

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 – Mass at 8:30 AM and at 6 PM in the Jesuit Center

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



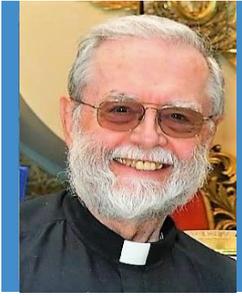
Pope Francis' FOR JULY

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

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

The video link to the Pope's message for this month:

<https://youtu.be/J1REi2BO1H0>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

I will confess that these days I am occasionally confused. I am working at several projects at once, and all in the future, so while I work on the program for the concert in October, I also note that October is a special month dedicated to missions, and how are we as a parish going to respond to the Holy Father's call. I am working on the parish calendar, so some of my time is spent in 2020, making sure the feasts and solemnities are properly listed, and since we will again be following the Orthodox calendar in Lent and East – and it is again one week behind the western Church – there will be confusion.

We are looking at the possible pilgrimage trip to Malta, and we will have details and costs by the next edition of Heartbeat – and we might do a special e-mail if we get it sooner. The dates we had looked at are September 17 to 21, Tuesday through Saturday, and that is VERY close, in terms of planning a trip. And I have been putting together the First Communion registration material, and working with material for Confirmation classes, and marriage preparation –and the list goes on.

We all do this, in smaller or larger degrees. My mother used to start Christmas shopping in April. I have friends who know where the family vacation will be in 2023. Another friend has a large folder of plans for his retirement party. It won't be for ten years, but he is getting prepared.

We all do it. But how many of us, I wonder, spend as much time planning for eternity as we do planning for next week or next month or next Christmas? Ignore the transitional moment that is dying. That seems to scare or upset many people, and so they don't deal with it, or anything associated with it. Dying is inescapable and we can seldom plan how we will die. But eternity is inevitable, and we have great – nay, absolute – control over that. We control our eternal destinies, and Jesus made that clear over and over, with parables and straight talk and even the Lord's Prayer – forgive us our trespasses AS WE forgive those... and so on. We control our destiny.

Now it would be a mistake to think that it is all decided. God has issued us an invitation for salvation, but it is not a guarantee. We have to RSVP with our lives, we have to have the "wedding garment" of the parable, which is not clothing but our souls. We cannot blithely think "Oh I am a good person, God will have mercy on me." Jesus had a number of parables about people being locked out, gathered up and burned, weeping and wailing and gnashing of teeth, sheep and goats – the message was that there are two options, two destinations, if you will. And we get to choose.

We don't choose by what we want. We choose by how we live. We choose by what we have made most important during our time on earth. If the things of earth were more important than the things of God – loving one another, going to Church, supporting the good works, repenting (ie confession and Communion) – we might find ourselves in difficulty. What is ultimately more important – God or baseball?

So as we plan for next week and next month and next Christmas – remember to including planning for all eternity. Much more important than plan reservations.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CLASSES

For those interested in enrolling a child for preparation to receive their First Holy Communion:
The normal age is at least 7 years, although some children may not be ready at that age. The child must have been baptized and the parents should be registered in Sacred Heart Parish.

Items to mark on your calendars:

MEETING WITH PARENTS: The first step is a meeting with Father John. Two meetings have been scheduled, parents are free to attend either one, but they must notify Father in advance. Ideally both parents should attend, but if that is not possible, one must be present. The dates are August 22 and September 3. The meeting begins at 7 PM promptly and will be held at the Jesuit Center, 43 Al Razi Street, Jabal Hussein. If you are not familiar with the Center, there is a map and directions on the web site.

At the meeting, Father will explain the program, and the requirements for the participation of parents during the year. He will also schedule a meeting at the home to interview the child, so he can determine if the child is ready for the program.

The first class be on Saturday, September 14th. Classes are held every Saturday at St. Mary of Nazareth from 3:30 until 4:30 PM. The candidates and their families are expected to be at the 5 PM Mass each week. First Confessions are tentatively scheduled for March 21 and First Holy Communion will be on May 9.

To register for one of the meetings send an email to: PastorSH@jordanjesuits.org with the name of the child, and the parent or parents who will be attending.

**THERE IS A 0.0296% CHANCE
THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BECOME
A PROFESSIONAL ATHLETE**

**THERE IS A 100% CHANCE
THAT YOUR CHILD
WILL ONE DAY
STAND BEFORE GOD.**

**THINK ABOUT THIS WHEN YOU
CAN'T COME TO CHURCH
BECAUSE OF A GAME.**

LOST GLASSES?

Last Sunday at Freres Church, after Mass someone turned in a pair of glasses. Father John has them, and they can be collected at the Jesuit Center (let him know before you come) or he will have them at both the Saturday Mass at Sweifieh and at the Sunday Mass at Freres.

SUPPORT THE JESUITS

THIS IS NOT ABOUT MONEY!!!!

A volunteer group is being formed – tentatively called the Jesuit Mothers Guild – not a gathering of women whose sons are Jesuits but women who would like to help the Jesuits in their work and activities. (The sub-text, with which I am sure many would agree, is that the Jesuit Fathers can use all the help they can get.) If you are interested in learning more about this group, and perhaps taking part in upcoming activities, contact Sana Dababneh at (Email) sana@dababneh.net or see her after Mass on Saturday at Sweifieh.

CONFIRMATION?

An “official” announcement will be made in August, but if there are any in the congregation from age 15 upwards (yes, adults who have not been confirmed should consider this) who think they are ready for the final sacrament of initiation, feel free to contact me, or think about it until the “official” announcement is made.

FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

During the summer months we often do not have the Children’s Liturgy of the Word. Since the Gospel reading this week is the story of Martha and Martha, you have most of the words you need in the Scripture. So here is something to keep younger minds occupied.

Or maybe even older minds.

If you can NOT get the answer, please do NOT call Father John.

Ask a ten-year old.

By the way – volunteers to help with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word are always welcome. Contact Karen or Ian at: karenandian2407@gmail.com And they will get back to you.

It’s a lot of fun!!!



Mary and Martha Word Line Up

Unscramble each of the clue words. Take the letters that appear in the circled spaces to answer the final question.

GAVILEL

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CIDSSELIP

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RSITESS

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ARHTAM

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SVERE

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ZARTNAEH

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CCEIOH

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EWNMO

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SGTUE

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What did Jesus say was important? _____