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ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



18th Sunday of Ordinary Time August 3/4, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

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)

Please register in advance so we know how many to expect

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

September 3 - Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center

September 14 – Welcome Mass for new and returning Parishioners – Reception after the Mass

First Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM

September 17 – 21 – Pilgrimage to Malta

September 19-21 – Visit of the Jesuit Provincial

September 23 – Deadline for ads for the program for Fr. John's Concert

September 24 – Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance

September 26 - Lector Workshop, 7 PM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance



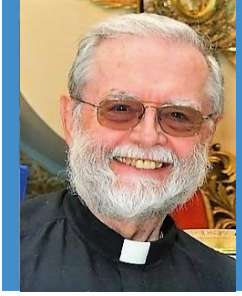
Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR AUGUST

Families, Schools of Human Growth

That families, through their life of prayer and love, become ever more clearly "schools of true human growth."



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

A couple of weeks ago we had the privilege of hosting a memorial service for one of the daughters of the man who built the house that is now the Jesuit Center. Members of the family came, and many of them had lived in the house “in the day,” and we heard stories about what it was like when this was only the second house in Jabal Hussein, and why the bullet holes are in some of the outside walls, what happened when tanks almost blew the house up in 1970 and what the configuration was like when they were there.

It was a wonderful visit, and gave us a great appreciation for the place we now call home. The family also had a rich time, remembering and re-living and telling the stories both to the Jesuits and family members who had never known the house back then.

It reminded me of how important it is to share the stories of growing up, of other places where we have lived, of events that changed not just lives but in some cases, changed history. The Bible, after all, is a collection of stories – stories of our deepening understanding of God, stories of how faith developed, stories about the work and teaching of Jesus, stories about the early Church and how the faith spread and was taught and shared in the early years.

Stories are important, and while some may think “Oh I am not an important person,” and that may be true, your stories ARE important. Your little tale of some time or some moment in your past might be just the thing to encourage someone who is depressed, or inspire someone who is looking for an answer. Your story might answer a question someone has been wrestling with or provide a perspective that your listener can then share with someone else. Your story might do nothing more than give a friend a deeper insight into your own life, and make your friendship even stronger. You never know how important your “little” story can be.

The first step in telling stories is paying attention. Your life is filled with stories, but too many people rush through their day so quickly, they miss the wonderful moments that make great stories. When I perform, I sing but I also always tell stories, and they are stories of things that happened to me, or that have something to do with the song. Because I do not get them from the internet, they are stories my audience has never heard. Pay attention. The little street scene you witnessed while waiting for a traffic light – the exchange between you and a street beggar – the struggle you had to open a package or figure out how to turn on that new electronic gadget you bought – these can all be marvelous little stories. Someone once challenged Chekhov by giving him an ashtray; the next morning, Chekhov presented him with a short story, finished and complete, about that ashtray.

Of course, one of the elements of stories that we cannot forget is FIGIAT – Find God In All Things – because God is always in our stories. Whether we realize it or not as we start to tell the story, if we think about it – God is there. Just like the Bible stories, your stories are part of the history of our coming to know God better, to know God in our daily lives. So go forth and pay attention – and tell stories.

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

Meeting for Parents of Candidates: August 22 or September 3 – 7 PM at the Jesuit Center. Please register.
August 23 – September 13 – Candidate interviews with Father John
September 14 – First class at Sweifieh, 3:30 PM, followed by Mass at 5 PM

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.

PARISH BIRTHDAYS FOR AUGUST

1	Fr. Peter Schineller, SJ		
2	Aleksandra BAbel	14	Johnny Church
	Brian Grube	19	Henry Horner
4	John Lyons	20	Ernest Sherman
	Gabriel Sivzattian	23	Drew McCloud
8	Basil Fakes	29	Luis Ramirez
	Rika VanVuuren		
11	Alexandra Dominguez		

(If your birthday is not included in this list, it means that either we have made a mistake, or you did not give us your birthday. If you would like to be included, please let us know and we will make sure you are not forgotten.)



EARLY WARNING ALERT – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

On Monday evening, October 7, at 7 PM at HALIM SALFITI THEATER, BANK AL ETIHAD HQ
Father John presents:

Songs YOU Asked For Or Should Have

More details will be forthcoming, but it promises to be an exciting and varied evening. Although Fr. John always reserves the right to change his mind, the program will (probably) include 11 different composers, songs from 4 operas and 5 shows, folk music and Country & Western and Father will sing in at least 8 different languages.

At his last concert Father asked audience members to suggest songs, and some will be receiving free tickets because their suggestions are included in the program. There will also be information about how to buy tickets, become a Patron or advertise in the program. But for right now – MARK YOUR CALENDARS! (The venue only seats 170, so when tickets go on sale... move quickly.)

As was the case for the last concert, all money raised will go to the Care for the Poor Program at Sacred Heart Parish, and for those who can't make the concert, contributions ARE accepted. And just like the last concert - Cameras, cell phones and recording devices are strictly not allowed. Patrons who use their cell phone for any reason during the performance will be asked to leave. **NOT EVEN FOR E-MAIL OR TEXTING!**

HE WHO SINGS - PRAYS TWICE

ST. LAWRENCE – Deacon and Martyr – Feast Day August 10



was one of the seven deacons of the city of Rome, Italy, under Pope Sixtus II who were martyred in the persecution of the Christians that the Roman Emperor Valerian ordered in 258.

When Sixtus became the Pope in 257, he ordained Lawrence as a deacon, and even though he was only 32 years old, he was appointed “Archdean of Rome,” the first among the seven deacons who served in the cathedral church. His responsibilities included the care of the treasury and riches of the Church and the distribution of alms to the indigent.

St Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, writes that all Christians who had been denounced had to be executed and their goods confiscated by the Imperial treasury. At the beginning of August 258, the Emperor Valerian issued an edict that all bishops, priests, and deacons should

immediately be put to death. Pope Sixtus II was captured on 6 August 258, at the cemetery of St Callixtus while celebrating the liturgy and executed forthwith.

After the death of Sixtus, the Prefect of Rome demanded that all the riches of the Church be turned over to the government. According to the legend, Lawrence asked for three days to gather the wealth. During that time he managed to give away most of the money and Church property to the indigent. On the third day, he presented himself to the prefect, and when asked about the riches of the Church, answered that the crippled, the blind, and the suffering here present were the true treasures of the Church. One account records him declaring to the prefect, "The Church is truly rich, far richer than your emperor." The Prefect was not amused and all the Deacons were killed, Lawrence at the end.

The story about his roasting on a grill and his famous line “Turn me over, I’m done on this side” is probably legend and finds no support in the documents of the day.

Lawrence is the patron saint of cooks, comedians, archivists, librarians, students, and firefighters as well as a number of cities throughout Europe.

SISTER JOANA RENEWS HER VOWS

We join in celebrating with Sr. Joana Carneiro, who recently renewed her vows for three years. The picture behind her is of St. Daniel Comboni who founded the order in 1872.

Sister Joana is currently working in South Sudan and is a member of the Comboni Missionary Sisters. She is a medical doctor and is one of approximately 3,500 missionaries of this order serving in 42 countries.



MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh, St. Mary of Nazareth
Sunday	6:00 PM	Jabal Hussein, St. Jean Baptiste de la Salle (Al Razi Street)