

SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



22nd Sunday of Ordinary Time August 31/September 1, 2019

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- August 31 – Children’s Liturgy of the Word resumes (CLOW)
September 2 - Meeting for parents of 1st Communion candidates, 7 PM at the Jesuit Center
PLEASE NOTE THE NEW DATE FOR THIS MEETING
September 7/8 – Narrated Mass, Part 1
September 10 – Tuesday Night Bible Study begins – 7 PM
September 14 – Welcome Mass for new and returning Parishioners – Reception after the Mass
First Class for First Communion candidates – 3:30 PM
September 14/15 - **Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish**
September 19-23 – Visit of the Jesuit Provincial
September 21/22 – Narrated Mass, Part 2
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
September 27 – Lector Workshop, 10 AM, Jesuit Center – Please register in advance
September 28 – Mass for children at Sweifieh
September 29 – Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 3 PM Jesuit Center
October 1 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 1 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center
October 5/6 – Mass in Latin
October 7 – FATHER JOHN SINGS AGAIN!! A Concert at Bank Al-Etihad
October 10 - Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion – Session 2 of 2, 7 PM Jesuit Center
October 11 – MISSION SERVICE PROJECT
October 12/13 – Installation of Liturgical Ministers
Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish
October 19 – Mass for Jesuit Alumni and Friends
October 26/27 – Renewal of Marriage Vows
October 30 – November 9 – Father John away on retreat
November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints; First Friday
November 2 – Feast of All Souls

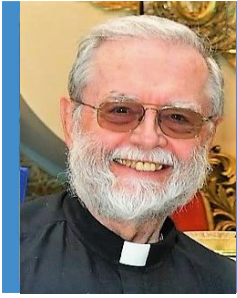


Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

FOR SEPTEMBER

The Protection of the Oceans
That politicians, scientists and economists
work together to protect the world's seas
and oceans.



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

The parish pace is picking up. The last meeting for parents of potential First Communion candidates is Monday evening, people are returning from trips and summer excursions, schools are starting – some this week, some next week – and schedules are starting to become more crowded and conflicts are already arising. We have workshops for Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist and Altar Servers (Men and Women, Boys and Girls), teachers and Hospitality Ministers and maybe even musicians. It's grand to see familiar faces returning – and how some children have GROWN over the summer! – and wonderful to see new faces.

When I was a small boy, I grew up in a family where everybody cooked. As children, we started by baking. Your first step – decide what you want to make. Then assemble the ingredients – put them together according to the recipe – prepare by pre-heating the oven – watch carefully and pay attention so you don't let your masterpiece bake too long or not long enough – don't rush, let it cool (trying to put icing on a warm cake is a lesson once learned never forgotten!) – and there you are.

This is a lesson that applies to life as well. What do you want to do with this year coming up? What do you want to make – not in the bakery line, but with your life. What ingredients do you need? What is the recipe, the proper amount of each to contribute – how do you put them together (you cannot separate the eggs AFTER you add them to the flour! Another lesson learned.) – what other preparations need to be made in advance? And so on.

The first and most important step is, of course, deciding what you want to do with this time between now and May or June. At the end of the “year,” what kind of “cake” do you want to have made with your life? Just as a good cake includes many elements, so too your life. You can't be all school, or all exercise or all work, or even – gasp – all Church. Church should certainly be one of the ingredients but in the real world, it isn't the only one. (Hey – it's not the only one in MY life!)

Before you can begin, you need to make decisions, think about the result, and prepare. Use this time “at the beginning” to check your recipe, your list of ingredients – and when you think you're all set, put everything aside for a day and then go back and take another look, just to be sure.

If you don't know where you are going, you never know if you arrive.

Something to think about – one of the ministries of the Church is serving at the altar. We are actively seeking new members of the parish for this privileged work, and that includes men and women as well as boys and girls. We will provide a white alb for each server – the server is responsible for keeping it clean and bringing it to Church when serving – and there is a workshop and a period of observation. Think about it. You can contact me or sign up at the reception on September 14. And while we have not had servers at Freres, there is no reason we can't – and every reason why we should.

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 – LAST CALL

The first class of preparation for those who wish to make their First Holy Communion in 2020 will be held on Saturday, September 14, at 3:30 PM in the basement of the hall next to St. Mary of Nazareth Church, Sweifieh. But before that – Fr. John needs to meet with the parents (at least one) of each child, and then he will schedule a meeting with the child at the family home, to determine if he thinks the child is ready. Both of these MUST be completed before the child is admitted to the program.

Fr. John does NOT look happily on late applications without good and sufficient reasons.

Meeting for Parents of Candidates:

September 2 – 7 PM at the Jesuit Center. Please register.

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)

**HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN
THE PARISH?**

WWW. <http://shp.jordanjesuits.org/>

SEPTEMBER 14 – WELCOME/WELCOME BACK

After Mass on September 14th at Sweifieh, we will have a reception in the Church hall to both welcome those who are new to the Parish, and to welcome back those who were away for all or part of the summer. There will be tables where you can sign up to participate in various ministries and projects in the Church, and lots of food and drink. Please plan on coming, and on bringing something to share – your favorite recipe, a dish no one else can make quite like you can – or just something fun. You are welcome even if you don't bring anything but yourself but the culinary surprises in the past have always been exciting.

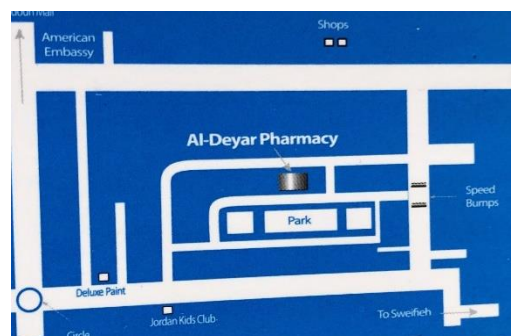
THE “NARRATED” MASS

One of the responsibilities of a Pastor is to teach, and one of the foundations of our faith is the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Next week, and on the weekend of September 21/22, I will be conducting what I have come to call a “Narrated” Mass. We will eliminate the opening hymn, and instead of a homily, I will take us through the Mass and explain why we do certain things, why objects are present, what the history and meaning and importance of the elements of the Mass are. I would encourage all to **BE ON TIME**, since much of the important part of this event takes place at the beginning. Of course, all should be on time (if not a little bit early) EVERY week, but these two are particularly important.

TUESDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDY – 7 pm

Don't let the name scare you, it's really more like Adult Faith Conversation and Exploration. We already have one group that meets every Tuesday from 11am to 12:30 pm (anyone interested is welcome to join this group as well) and beginning on **Tuesday, September 10 at 7 PM** we are starting a second group. For information: sana@dababneh.net

All are welcome – men and women, younger and older. It is a Catholic gathering but others are most welcome, as long as they realize that. We're not trying to convert anybody but we really don't want folks coming who want to convert us to something else. We come to learn and to share and to deepen our faith.



*A bit
of virtue
will never
hurt you.*

MINISTRY PREVIEW

On September 14 at the reception after Mass, we will have tables where people can volunteer for different ministries and projects in the Church. Next week, HEARTBEAT will have a complete list of these ministries and a description of what each entails including training and preparation. Here is a thumbnail version, so you can start thinking about what you might like to do, to be involved in, to contribute.

EXISTING MINISTRIES

ALTAR SERVERS – Open for all ages, serving at the altar for Mass and special celebrations.

LECTORS – Reading the Word of God at Mass

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION- Helping to distribute Communion and sometimes bringing Holy Communion to those who are sick or unable to come to Church

CARE FOR THE POOR – Outreach on behalf of the parish to the needy in our area

CHILDREN’S LITURGY OF THE WORD – Providing the Word of God to young children at Sweifieh during the Liturgy of the Word

MUSIC MINISTRY – To provide music for parts of the Mass in support of the congregation, or during Communion, for special celebrations.

SPECIAL EVENTS – To help coordinate and manage receptions after Mass

POSSIBLE MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS

PROGRESSIVE DINNER – November 14

A new project that will require at least 15 to 20 volunteers

MISSION SERVICE PROJECT – October 11

The project will be announced shortly, and will be part of our parish response to the Holy Father’s designation of October as “Mission Month,”

HOSPITALITY MINISTER – A new ministry to welcome those coming to Mass throughout the Mass, and to be available for quick response in case of a minor emergency or someone needing assistance.

TEACHING CATECHISM – If there is a desire, we would like to provide catechism instruction for young people who have made their First Communion but are not yet ready for Confirmation

YOUTH PROGRAM AND ACTIVITIES – On the theory that “If you build it, they will come,” to create a program involving young people in the parish for activities outside of Mass.

TRIPS AND PILGRIMAGES – There are many great possibilities for day trips in Jordan, and some have expressed an interest in a longer “pilgrimage” to nearby countries. To help plan and organize these activities.

OUTREACH AND PUBLICATIONS – Father John has created the parish calendar each year, and the weekly newsletter. We send our parish annual update to local churches, and it has been suggested for instance that we might create a small brochure to distribute to the Concierge desk at local hotels, so they can direct visitors to the English Mass. If anyone is interested in being involved in design, writing, producing these materials, Fr. John is always ready to welcome help. While we cannot “evangelize” we can gently make sure people know we exist and when our Masses are.

If you – ie ANYONE – has ideas for activities or sees a need that is not included on this list, please speak up, speak out, and we will try and see if there is more interest.

