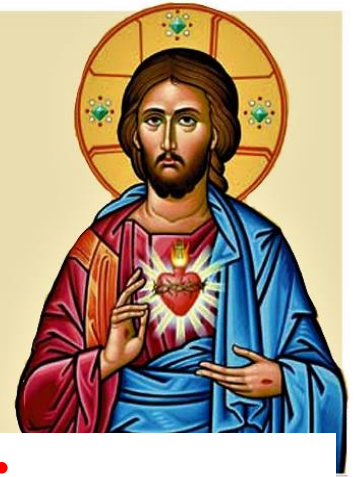


# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



## 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time September 21/22, 2019

### COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

September 21/22 – Narrated Mass, Part 2

September 23 – Deadline for ads for the program for Fr. John's Concert  
First Day of Autumn

September 24 or 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 25 – Daylight Savings Time ends

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

November 9 – Fr. John returns from retreat; regular 1<sup>st</sup> Communion class

November 13 – Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

November 14 – The Progressive Dinner

November 23/24 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING



*Pope Francis'*

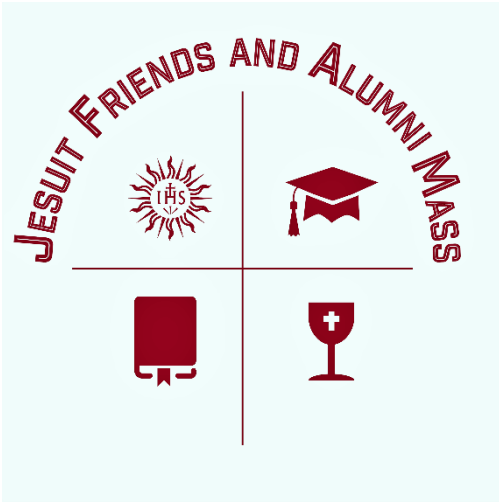
MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### FOR SEPTEMBER

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

***The link to the video for this month's prayer intention:***

**<https://youtu.be/EQtsRyhPIAs>**



## JESUITS FRIENDS AND ALUMNI – OCTOBER 19

Once again we are pleased to join with other Jesuit parishes around the world to celebrate and honor our friends who have gone to Jesuit schools or worked in Jesuit organizations. There will be a special Mass at 5 PM in Sweifieh, followed by a reception in the Church Hall immediately afterwards. The Mass program will again list the various schools and agencies that will be represented, so if you went to a Jesuit school (even if you didn't graduate) or worked at a Jesuit school or a parish or a project, send in the name of that organization, so we can include it in the program.

Please help spread the word to others you know, and plan on coming yourself. You are part of our Jesuit family, and we look forward to welcoming you and saying Thank You for your contribution and participation in the work of the Jesuits around the world.

## SATURDAY MORNING CATECHISM – Light and easy

On Saturday morning following the 8:30 Mass, beginning around 9:30 AM, a small group of young people gather to discuss and learn more about our faith. Ages range from 12 to 16 but any interested are welcome. If you would like to join us, please let Fr. John know (so we can have enough chairs). Next session is Saturday morning, September 21, just before 9:30. If you want to come for the Mass at 8:30, so much the better.

# FATHER JOHN SING

Monday,

**CONCERT POSTPONED**

**NOVEMBER 18 – 7 pm**

*Father John Meets Father Christmas  
Same Venue*

– 5 JOD  
(Admission  
start, any  
Children – 5

empty seat)

JOD (Not recommended for under 12) Limit 2 per 1 adult ticket

13 Composers – 8 languages – Songs from 4 operas, 5 Broadway shows, Country & Western, folk songs and who knows what else.

**PATRON – 25 JOD – Reserved seat, name in program, special gift. Must be reserved through Father John.**

### TICKETS

**AVAILABLE AT  
KARASI.COM**

General

Admission – 10

JOD

Student (with ID)

in theatre 10 minutes before

**ADULT CATECHISM CLASS –** Each Saturday from 3:30 to 4:30, Fr. Marc-Stephan Giese will lead a class for adults to open up new understandings of our faith and our history. The location is about 4 minutes from the church at Sweifieh and all adults are welcome. Since it is a private home, you need to contact Fr. Marc for details and so he knows how many to prepare for. His email is: [marc-stephan.giese@jesuiten.org](mailto:marc-stephan.giese@jesuiten.org).

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

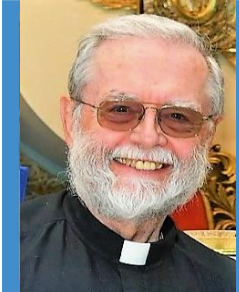
If there are any young people or adults who would like to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Father John ASAP, so arrangements can be made.

## MASS SCHEDULE

DAY	TIME	LOCATION
Mon - Sat	8:30 AM	Jesuit Center
Saturday	5:00 PM	Sweifieh
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/>



## RAMBLINGS OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

Next week, September 28, is one of the “favorite” Masses of the year for many people. On Saturday, at Sweifieh, we are having a Children’s Mass, where the focus is intentionally on the younger members of our community. There is no Children’s Liturgy of the Word, because we hope to involve all ages in the liturgy. The readings are done by children, as is the Prayer of the Faithful, the gifts are brought forward by the children, and the music and even the homily are aimed at them. There will be reserved pews in the front for smaller bodies, so they can see better, and this is usually a particularly joyful and celebratory event.

(By the way – did you ever think that one reason young children get restless at Mass is because they can’t see anything but the backside of the large adults in front of them? I’m not even talking about people who want to be different by standing when everyone else is kneeling. If you are not quite 4 feet tall, a 5-foot person in front of you completely blocks your view. Some parents keep the family toward the back, so the kids won’t bother anybody. Maybe if they were up front? OK, not all children are perfectly behaved at Mass. I certainly wasn’t. But Jesus had some very strong ideas about letting children come forward and meet Him. If the kids start to distract us, maybe we should try and see Jesus in them. You know, that thing about “Find God in All Things?” If you can’t find God in a small child...)

If you were asked what your “favorite” Mass was, what would you answer? Some might say a wedding – those are often beautiful events, and a Nuptial Mass (not a wedding ceremony but the full Nuptial Mass, which SHOULD be the norm when a Catholic couple gets married) is one of the great moving moments in Church. But then again, a Mass when a new baby is baptized and welcomed into the Church community is also special. A funeral Mass, with its combination of sorrow and rejoicing, reminding us of why we are here and where we hope to go, this is also an important dimension of our spiritual lives. Many people, if asked this question, might pick the Mass on Christmas morning – or Easter Sunday – or perhaps the Great Easter Vigil, with its celebration of light over darkness, and especially when one or more are baptized, confirmed and receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time.

The first time I celebrated the Holy Mass as a priest will always be special, as was the funeral Mass I celebrated for my mother. (When my father died I was not yet a priest.) Concelebrating with the Holy Father in Rome, or at the 4 Major Basilicas were, of course, special times, as was the first time I said Mass at St. Patrick’s Cathedral in New York, the church where my parents were married and where I was baptized.

But it should be that each and every Mass is special. Every Mass is a reminder that God does come among us, does keep His promises, and is present to us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist in an extraordinary – a truly miraculous – way. This miracle is what continues to separate the Catholic Church in all its forms from all others, and what should make each and every time we come before God a truly special Mass.

Don’t ever take the Mass for granted. Don’t ever get “used” to going to Church. It should never be routine, just something you do. Each time you come through the doors into the presence of the Blessed Sacrament,

take a moment to remind yourself why you are there, that God is truly there, and that the next moments will be, in the truest sense of the word, not just special but miraculous.

Let us continue to pray for one another.

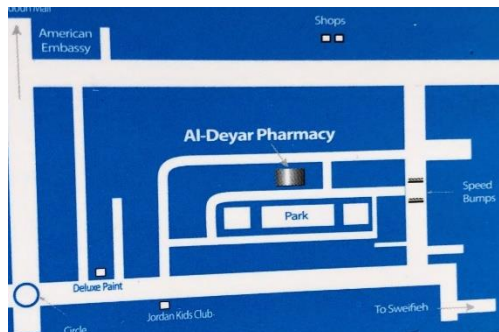
Fr. John's Email: [pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org](mailto:pastorsh@jordanjesuits.org) Website: [Jordanjesuits.org](http://Jordanjesuits.org)

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.

## **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 we now have a second session. For information: [sana@dababneh.net](mailto:sana@dababneh.net) (18 Ahmad elaroussy st – Abdoun) All are welcome – men and women, younger and older. We come to learn and to share and to deepen our faith. No grades, no tests, and God usually drops by. Sometimes there are even snacks.



## **NOT TOO LATE TO GET INVOLVED (Actually NEVER too late!)**

### **EXISTING MINISTRIES**

**ALTAR SERVERS** – Open for all ages, serving at the altar for Mass and special celebrations. We have permission from the Bishop for **both men and women** to serve, in addition to younger children.

**LECTORS** – Reading the Word of God at Mass. There is one training session.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION** – Men only. Helping to distribute Communion and sometimes bringing Holy Communion to those who are sick or unable to come to Church.

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD** – Providing the Word of God to young children at Sweifieh during the Liturgy of the Word. We use the "silent" room upstairs.

**MUSIC MINISTRY** – To provide music for parts of the Mass in support of the congregation, or during Communion, for special celebrations. Details to be worked out among those interested.

### **NEW MINISTRIES AND PROJECTS**

#### **PROGRESSIVE DINNER – November 14**

A fund-raising idea suggested by the Parish Advisory Council. At least 15 to 20 volunteers.

#### **MISSION SERVICE PROJECT –**

A Mission Service Project will be part of our parish response to the Holy Father's designation of October as "Mission Month," and will be designed to be a "hands-on" event for parishioners.

**HOSPITALITY MINISTER** – 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.

**TRIPS AND PILGRIMAGES** – There are many great possibilities for day trips in Jordan, and some people have expressed an interest in a longer "pilgrimage" to nearby countries.

## **OCTOBER IS MISSION MONTH**

The Holy Father is putting a special emphasis on this particular month, and as part of the many different resources, the Vatican has prepared a series of daily reflections for the month. They are longer than the daily reflections I have provided for Advent or Lent, but they do provide a rich opportunity for reflecting on our role in the world, especially as members of the Roman Catholic Church.

IF YOU WANT TO RECEIVE THESE REFLECTIONS, you have to let me know. Mission means going out in some form, so you have to “go out” and ask to be put on this list. God bless you.

## **THANK YOU!!!**

Once again, I am amazed and slightly in awe at the “miracle” that occurs at our Parish receptions. Food appears, tables move, drinks are served, people have a wonderful time, and it all seems to have as if by magic. Of course the “magic” is our dedicated coordinators and volunteers, so yet again

# **THANK YOU!!!!**

THANK YOU as well to all of you who signed up or indicated an interest in one or more of the ministries or projects we have in the parish. I am most grateful for those who did sign up.

I’ll be honest – I AM a little disappointed that we didn’t get ANY new people for Altar Serving, and only one to be a Lector, and only one for Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion. And that one – same person volunteered for both – is only here for four months. Sigh.

But it’s never too late. The list appears in this edition for one more time, and will be on the website for a while, in case anybody feels moved to jump aboard – or feels guilty, that works too. In advance, for whatever you can do – thank you.

## **MISSION PROJECT – SACRED HEART OUTREACH**

We are in the planning stage but if this sounds like something you would like to be involved with, please get in touch with Father John or Karen Gates at: [karen.gates10@icloud.com](mailto:karen.gates10@icloud.com) (so we know to include you in our planning and communication).

On a Friday soon – hopefully in October – we will collect 20-30 orphans from an orphanage here in Amman and bring them to the Jesuit Center for a day out. Picnic lunch in the garden – and arts and crafts. We will work with them to paint or draw whatever they want – wonderful pictures by young people – and we will take the three best and print them on T-Shirts, which we will sell to raise money. The money will be used to buy winter clothing and heating elements for the orphans and the places where they are staying, or for their families.

As I write this we are still in conversation so I can’t tell you the name of the group we are working with, but we will need volunteers from the parish to:

- Travel with the bus to collect the orphans and their guardians, and help make the trip fun.
- Help prepare the garden area for both the picnic and for the art working
- ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT – Anyone with talent or training to help the children learn more about drawing, to give them a richer experience of being creators.
- We think we have the printing of the t-shirt under control – but advice and counsel is always good.

- AND – we need people to sell the shirts and coordinate the selling of the shirts.
- FINALLY – to help buy and coordinate buying the clothes for the little ones.

SOOOOOO – if this sounds like fun – and it will be – and unfortunately we can't tell you WHICH Friday yet – give Fr. John or Karen a shout so we can include you. Hands on – helping people with a picnic, a project and new clothes and where needed new heat – it's all good.

# CANDIDATES FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION 2019 - 2020



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