

# SACRED HEART HEARTBEAT

ENGLISH LANGUAGE  
ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH



## 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time October 26/27, 2019

### COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

October 26/27 – Renewal of Marriage Vows

October 29 – 9 AM – Deadline for Ads for Fr. John's Concert program

October 30 – November 9 – Father John away on retreat

November 1 – Solemnity of All Saints; First Friday; Adoration following Mass

November 2 – Feast of All Souls

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

November 9/10 - **Second Sunday Collection for Sacred Heart Parish**

**(NOTE: The November collection will go to the Care for the Poor Fund)**

November 13 – Deadline for ads for the 2020 calendar

**November 18 – FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS – 7 PM, Bank Al-Etihad**

November 23/24 – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING

November 28/29 – Christmas Bazaar at the Jesuit Center

Nov 30/Dec. 1 – First Sunday of Advent

December 9 – Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception

Ask Father John (Location to TBA)

December 10 – Meeting of the Parish Advisory Council

December 14 – Mass for Children, Sweifieh

December 17 – Birthday of Fr. McChesney, SJ and Pope Francis

December 24 – Christmas Eve and Vigil Mass to be scheduled

December 25 – Mass of Christmas morning at the Jesuit Center at 10:00 AM



*Pope Francis'*

MONTHLY  
PRAYER  
INTENTIONS

### FOR OCTOBER Evangelization – Holy Spirit

That the breath of the Holy Spirit  
engender a new missionary "spring"  
in the church.

The link to the video for this month's Prayer Intention:

<https://youtu.be/wi6VxvIU4mQ>

# 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)

## FATHER JOHN MEETS FATHER CHRISTMAS

Monday, November 18 – 7 PM SHARP!  
Halim Salfiti Theater Bank Al Etihad HQ



*TICKETS FOR THE OCTOBER 7<sup>TH</sup> CONCERT VALID FOR THIS EVENT.*

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT:**

KARASI – [www.karasi.com](http://www.karasi.com)

Orders at – [www.jordanjesuits.org](http://www.jordanjesuits.org) click Sacred Heart Parish

### PRICES:

Patron – 25 JOD – Reserved seats, name in the program, special gift (*Patron seats ONLY through Fr. John*)

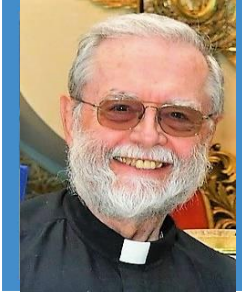
General Admission – 10 JOD

Children under 12 (Accompanied by adult) 5 JOD – limit 2 per adult ticket

Students – 5 JOD (Admitted 10 minutes before the start, sit in any vacant seat.)

*All proceeds go to the Sacred Heart Parish charity programs*





# RAMBLINGS

## OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

This week I leave to go on retreat. I have said before that I am kind of slow, it takes me ten days to make an 8-day retreat. I've talked about the value of retreats before, the importance of giving God time not just every day for a little while but once a year or so to put aside at least several days to immerse yourself in silence. I won't repeat myself.

But for this and the following two issues – so I can focus on listening to God and not worrying about what to say in the RAMBLINGS – I will share a short reflection on the prayer, Our Father. Ignatius suggests several different techniques for prayer, and one is to take a prayer you know, and reflect on it one word at a time. I don't know that I will do that but I will concentrate on some keys words and phrases over the next three issues. These are not intended to be comprehensive but merely ideas to spark your own time of reflection and perhaps even inspiration.

We begin with the first word – “Our” – the disciples asked Jesus to teach them how to pray and the first word he says is, “Our.” In many other places in the Gospel Jesus freely talks about “My Father,” but when it comes to praying He is very clear that God is the Father of all of us, and we recognize that (and hopefully rejoice in it) with the very first word of the prayer. Spend some time thinking about the meaning of “our” in your life, and your relationship with God.

Father – There are people who have emotional problems with the concept of Father, because of their own history and experience. It is good to remember that “Father” when we talk about God is using whatever limited vocabulary we have to grasp a concept, not an earthly reality. God has no gender and is – if you remember your basic catechism – in all things.

Hallowed be Thy name – remember that for the Jews, a “name” was not just a label but the name said something about the very essence of the thing named, especially for people. When God gave someone a new role, they often got a new name. Jesus named Peter when he appointed him head of the apostles. So the name of God – which pious Jews could never write or even say – was something sacred and holy, and we should remember that. It is not simply that we should not swear or use God's name in vain, but whenever we talk about God, there should be a reverence and a deep respect.

Thy will be done – which raises the question of how we know God's will, and pretty everybody knows the answer to that. The problem is – we don't do it. We don't weigh our actions against God's call before we do them and we don't evaluate what we have done after the fact by the same standard. God is seldom a part of our decision-making process, so “doing” His will is too often ignored. How many sins do we bring to confession that could have/should have been avoided had we merely stopped for a second to reflect on where God is or is not in what we intended to do.

Spend some time with the Lord's prayer this week, and see what God may be trying to tell you.

And let us continue to pray for one another.

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*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.*





## Christmas Bazaar at the Jesuit Center



Date: Thursday, November 28 – 2 PM to 8 PM

Friday, November 29 – 10 AM to 5 PM

Tables available – one price for both days.

Food – games for the kids – raffles – music & entertainment

To reserve a table, call Father John at 013 079-8985

If no answer, leave a message

Or send an email: [PastorSH@Jordanjesuits.org](mailto:PastorSH@Jordanjesuits.org)

Large table – 20 JOD for both sessions

Small table – 15 JOD, 2 for 30 JOD

Free admission

### THE 2020 CALENDAR IS BEING PREPARED

This is the 3<sup>rd</sup> edition of our annual calendar, with pictures from our parish and our parish activities, not a “generic” calendar put out by a printing company. The dates are in squares big enough to write in, and there are commemorations of all the major Church events and some you may not know about. About half of our printing cost comes from the support of advertisers, and the cost this year for the calendars will remain the same – 2 JOD for 1 calendar, but 3 calendars for 5 JOD, and 7 calendars for 10 JOD. They make great stocking stuffers, so plan now. We hope to have them on sale for Christ the King or the week after at the latest.

### THERE IS STILL ADVERTISING SPACE AVAILABLE.

A full-page ad is only 100 JOD – you supply the camera-ready art no later than November 13 (if there is still space available at that date). Reservations for space accepted; email Father John.

## DON'T MISS OUT!

### FAREWELL TO SISTER URSULA

After 20 years working in Jordan, Sister Ursula is returning to Rome, “where it all began” as she said. The daily Mass group met to celebrate her work and her friendship both at Mass and with a reception afterwards. She will be greatly missed.



We didn't get a group picture of everyone but here are some who stood still long enough to get a photo



*Sister asked Fr. John to sing, since she will miss his concert.. When Sister asks you always say YES.*



*Next stop - Rome. She said she hopes people will come and visit her there.*

## SOS CHILDREN'S PICNIC AND ART EVENT

On Friday, October 18, Sacred Heart Parish hosted a group of children from SOS Children's Village and some of their staff for a day out of art and picnic in the garden at the Jesuit Center. (PLEASE go to the website and see the pictures in the vibrant colors the children used.)

The group was from the home in Irbid and the feedback we received included these comments:

1. the volunteer for SOS said "this is the most fun he has ever had in years"
2. the kids felt very useful and excited to be able to help their village out by having fun
3. the kids have not stopped bragging about their amazing lunch (only one of the kids that came had ever had McDonalds) *We gave them Happy Meals and pizza and donuts and candy and soda and chips and cookies and it all disappeared very quickly*
4. this was the first art activity/opportunity SOS has coordinated for their orphans in Irbid (and as you can see in the finished paintings, several of the orphans really had a passion for it)
5. the orphans are in very high spirits to this day and are telling everyone in their village about what they experienced. they are also organizing for mini art workshops within the village now that they have the material! *(We gave them art supplies that we had bought and that had been donated.)*
6. they had great stories about the "opera man" *(Since Fr. John CANNOT paint, he sang and was silly with the children. THAT he can do.)*

We had great volunteers from our parish, both adults and children, and several experienced artists and teachers helped focus and encourage the children. The next step is to pick several designs and the plan is to put them on t-shirts (3 different sizes) and ask members of the parish to sell them. The money we raise will go to the SOS Children's Village.

The sales will be simple – parishioners will buy a pack of shirts and pay up front. That way we are not caught up with a lot of bookkeeping. If you sell them, you keep the money. If you give them away – and they will be fun presents right before Christmas – you will be a hero. And the SOS Children's Village will be grateful. If you do not want to sell shirts but simply want to contribute to SOS, that is also wonderful, just be sure you specify that when you give the money to Father John.

Here are some pictures from the day – and more on the website:



All ready, waiting for the children



THEY'RE HERE!!!!



Art is Fun!





