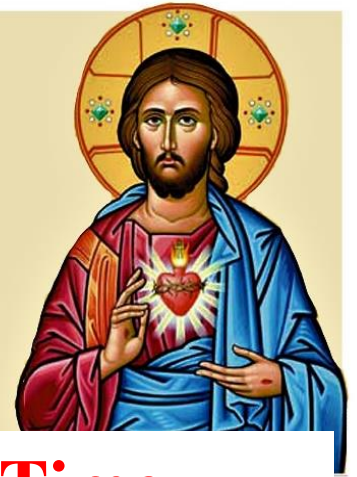


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The 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time January 18/19, 2020

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

- January 18 – Octave of Prayer for Christian Unity begins
January 22 – Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children
January 25 – Feast of the Conversion of St. Paul
January 30 – Birthday of His Majesty King Abdullah II
February 2 – Solemnity of the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple
Candles will be blessed during Mass, and throats will be blessed after Mass
February 3 – St. Blaise, throats will be blessed after the morning Mass
February 4 – The Jesuit Martyrs of India
February 6 – St. Paul Mikki SJ and Companions
February 8 – St. Josephine Bakhita
February 11 – Our Lady of Lourdes
February 15 – St. Claude LaColumbière, SJ
Mass for Children at Sweifieh
February 22 – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter
February 26 – *Ash Wednesday in the Universal Church*
March 4 – **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM
Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** each Mass
March 14 – First Confessions – before Mass
March 14/15 - Anointing of the Sick during Mass
March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick
March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary
March 20 – First day of Spring
March 21 – Mother's Day



Pope Francis'

MONTHLY
PRAYER
INTENTIONS

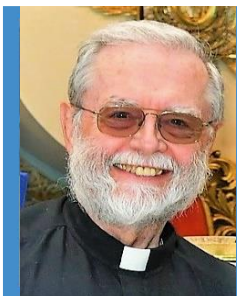
FOR JANUARY

Prayer intention for Evangelisation
Promotion of World Peace

We pray that Christians, followers of other religions, and all people of goodwill may promote peace and justice in the world.

The video link to the Holy Father's
Message:

https://youtu.be/Q_wlGnv0xNE



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

In journalism, the norm used to be that the first sentence should try and provide the basic information for the important 5 questions – Who, what, when, where and why. So before I add any additional explanations:

Who – Fr. John Sheehan, SJ

What – will be leaving Jordan

When – probably on March 3rd

Where – to return to the United States for a new assignment

Why – because his appointment from the Patriarch's office expires on March 1st, and the Near East Province has assumed responsibility for the works of the Jesuits in Jordan.

We all knew from the day I arrived that my appointment was only for three years, although at the time, I assumed that when a new Jesuit Provincial would be appointed, my appointment would be renewed. I did not know that plans were underway to transfer the responsibility for the work of the Jesuits in Jordan to the Near East Province. It makes sense, and while no one can predict the future, I certainly think it will be a good thing for both the Jesuit Province and for Catholics in Amman, as the Jesuits will be able to reach out more to a wider range of Catholics in Jordan in more ways than we have been able to.

Jesuits go where the need is greatest, and our Provincial Superiors make those decisions. In my life as a Jesuit, I have not always seen the wisdom in some of those choices, but in my own experience, every place I have been sent, I have been present at a time and place where I was able to make a difference. I don't know that I have made much difference here – certainly there is an impressive list of things I was NOT able to accomplish, things that failed or never got off the ground. Hopefully I did more good than harm, and again, from a personal perspective, I learned a lot. I don't know if I was able to change Jordan in any meaningful way, but certainly Jordan has changed me.

Part of me is disappointed. When I had been in Jordan for about six months someone asked me how I liked it, and without thinking, I answered that I could die here – meaning I could easily see spending the rest of my life here. But God – through my Provincial – has other plans, and I leave with confidence that this parish will be well-taken care of. In the next months there are four Jesuits in residence, and two other priests who will be visiting as part of a sabbatical. The Near East Province has committed to sending another priest in the summer of 2020, so I know you will be well looked after.

There is one thing I would ask – besides taking care of one another and being gentle with the priests, of course - I have several boxes of books and music, and several framed pictures I would like to take back with me. Anyone with any contacts for shipping that do not involve spending days at Customs and forking over large sums of money – I would love to hear from you. I will be spending the extra cash to travel with three and perhaps even four suitcases – but the books and music and larger items present a separate problem. All assistance eagerly accepted. I should know shortly how many boxes I'm talking about.

Of course at this point I have no idea where I am going or what doing. I am still Pastor until March 1st, so don't try anything 😊 And my personal email remains: (johnRsheehan@yahoo.com). I'll be getting a new phone, which means a new phone number, so assume the old What's App and message is dead. As I/we get more details about the transition, I'll let you know. In the meantime – 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.

ADVENT BASKET CANS

If you still have your cans, please bring them to Mass this weekend or to the Jesuit Center, so we can close the books and have a count on what was contributed. Feel free to stuff money in them at the last moment – it all goes to the work of the Care for the Poor group. And THANK YOU for your generosity.

ANNUAL REPORT for 2019

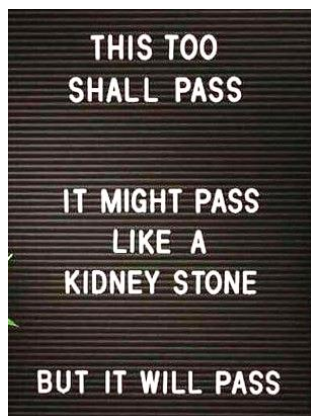
The End of the Year report for 2019 should be attached to this newsletter or available separately. If, it means there was a last-minute technical problem and it will be out shortly. But we anticipate the final proof-reading in time to get it out to be part of this Newsletter.

ONE FINAL THOUGHT

As Fr. John starts the remote preparation for leaving Jordan, as he mentioned in RAMBLINGS, one of his concerns will be packing and shipping. With that in mind, he suggests that while the people of Sacred Heart are most generous, farewell gifts that need space and weight for shipping complicate life.

CARE FOR THE POOR GROUP

This is one of the most active of our parish ministries, and new members are always welcome. We will be meeting on Friday, January 24th, to review last year's projects and activities, and to plan for the coming year. We will also open the Advent baskets and count the money. If you would like to join this group, drop Father John an email and he will send you the information about the meeting. If you can't make it on the 24th but would like to be added to the mailing list for ongoing information, same drill – send Fr. John an email and he will add you to the list.



OCTAVE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY 18-25 JANUARY, Each Year

A Prayer for Catholics in Their Homes, With Families, With Friends

+ In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

“That they all may be one, as You, Father, in me and I in You; that they also may be one in Us; that the world may believe that You have sent me.”

V. I say to you, you are Peter;

R. And upon this rock I will build my Church.

-- *Each day, meditate about and ask God's favor for the intention indicated: --*

January 18: For the union of all Christians in the one faith and in the Church.

January 19: For the return of the Eastern Orthodox Christians to communion with the Holy See.

January 20: For the reconciliation of the Anglicans with the Holy See.

January 21: For the reconciliation between European Protestants throughout the world and the Catholic Community.

January 22: That Protestant Christians in the Americas, Africa, and Asia may be one, and reconciled in Christ with Catholicism.

January 23: That lapsed Catholics will return to the Gospel and to the Sacraments of the Church.

January 24: That the Jewish people come into their inheritance in Jesus Christ.

January 25: That missionary extension will extend the Gospel and knowledge of Christ with credibility and fidelity.

--*Each day, conclude with this prayer: --*Let us pray. O Lord Jesus Christ, who said to Your Apostles: Peace I leave you, My peace I give to you; regard not our sins, but the faith of Your Church, and grant unto her that peace and unity which are agreeable to Your Will; Who live and reign forever, one God, world without end. Amen.

WE CONTINUE:

JESUIT CENTER COMMUNITY CHOIR

Every Monday from 6.30 PM to 8 PM
Beginner and newcomer welcome!

More information and registration:
=962-79-6793436

Hope to see you on Monday...
Fr. Marc



With new songs and renewed energy and new singers.... we continue with the Jesuit Center Community Choir. Every Monday from 6.30 PM. Songs in English and Arabic. No singing experience needed. Just come and try. Newcomers and beginners welcome!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

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

**ADULT COMMUNITY PROGRAMS
JESUIT CENTER**

**Arts of theatre (Dance)
0791442301**

**Sports Programs: (Basketball)
0795028986**

**English Language Informal
0786412715**

**Weekly Movie: Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM
(No charge – in English w/English subtitles)**

For more information: 0796793436

Light has no shadow – God is light.

