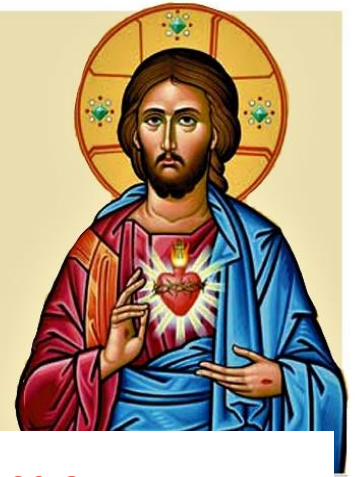


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7th Sunday of Ordinary Time February 22/23, 2020

COMING SPECIAL EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

February 22 – Feast of the Chair of St. Peter

~~February 24 – FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL CONCERT – 7 PM, Bank Al Etihad – CANCELLED~~

February 26 – *Ash Wednesday in the Universal Church*

March 3 – Father John Sheehan returns to the U.S.

March 4 – **ASH WEDNESDAY** – Mass at the Jesuit Center at 8:30 AM and 6 PM

Ashes will be distributed **AFTER** each Mass

March 6 – First Friday – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament following the 8:30 AM Mass

March 12 – Anniversary of the canonization of St. Ignatius Loyola and St. Francis Xavier

March 14 – First Confessions – before Mass – Adult confessions will be available during this ceremony

March 14/15 - Anointing of the Sick during Mass

March 17 – Feast of St. Patrick

March 18 – Birthday of Fr. Hicham Chemaly, SJ

March 19 – Solemnity of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary

March 20 – First day of Spring

Service Project – Care for the Poor (*Tentative*)

March 21 – Mother's Day

March 25 – Solemnity of the Annunciation of the Lord



Pope Francis'

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INTENTIONS

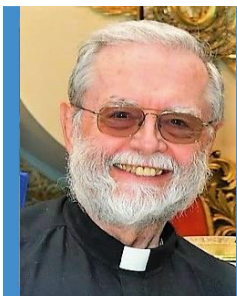
FOR FEBRUARY

Listen to the Migrants' Cries

We pray that the cries of our migrant brothers and sisters, victims of criminal trafficking, may be heard and considered.

Link to the Video

<https://youtu.be/9THVehS>



RAMBLINGS

OF THE REVEREND REDACTOR

When I prepared to sing my first concert in Amman, and the publicity went out, one of the things that attracted attention was the notice that cell phone use of any kind would not be tolerated. Not for video or photos, not for texting or reading email – nothing. “If I see a light, you will see the door.” I promised that if I saw anyone using a phone, I would stop the show and ask the offender to leave.

I was not at all sure how that would be received. In an earlier age I had the same ban on photography, and enforced it; more than once I did have a photographer ejected from the concert hall. And the reason for that is basically the same as the ban on cell phones.

It distracts other members of the audience, and interferes with their focus on and hopefully enjoyment of the concert. It distracts the performer, and it is just plain rude. But perhaps as important, it removes the user from the event. I supplemented my income at one point by working as a photographer. I had my own darkroom (my first darkroom was when I was in 8th grade) and I did weddings and portraits and special events. And I learned that to be a good photographer you are always outside the event, always looking for the angle, the composition, the right shot. In those days I was shooting film, so every shot cost me money, and I was very careful about what I shot.

Using your cell phone as a camera removes you from the event, makes you a spectator rather than a participant. Actually using your cell phone for anything has the same effect, which is why I am so opposed to any cell phone use at Mass. We are increasingly a society that is addicted to electronic communication, and while it can be useful, I used the word “addicted” on purpose. Our increasing reliance on phones and tablets and iPads and computers can remove us from the great event that is life. Ironically, as we increase our ability to “communicate” we are losing the personal, face to face experience of communication. And with apologies to Skype and Facetime and others – a screen is not the same thing as being in the presence of another person. The Church continues to refuse to permit confession by remote means, and while maintaining privacy, the seal of the confessional, is a major concern, it also acknowledges that the sacrament requires a personal contact that is simply not possible electronically.

But it doesn't have to be electronic. There are many things in our world that can “remove” us from a direct and personal involvement. Anything that becomes more important in our lives than God – and other human beings – is a danger, and possibly a violation of the First Commandment. A “false god” does not have to be a golden calf or some idol; it can be a cell phone, or a sports team, it can be a fixation with a style of diet, or an exercise program, it can be a television program that is so important you schedule your life and other activities around it. Anything that becomes more important than God, anything that can rise to the level of an addiction – that is a danger you have to be aware of in your life.

Forget the selfie; forget “recording” moments in a concert; it is not necessary to take a photo of your dinner. Get involved in the event, deeply be part of what is going on – and of course, whatever it is – Find God in All Things.

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.

HAVE YOU REGISTERED IN THE PARISH?

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

Holding hands during the Lord's Prayer at Mass

Should we or should we not? FR IGNATIUS YEO explains

One posture the faithful can adopt during the Lord's prayer is to simply put their hands together.



Firstly let us take note of the extract published in the Archdiocese's webpage (catholic.sg): "Gesture at the Lord's Prayer: Liturgical laws have consistently not allowed the holding of hands during the Lord's Prayer nor the raising of hands in the orans position by the laity. (Senate Minutes, April 2018).

The Church through the Congregation for Divine Worship has consistently taught that "holding hands during the Our Father has become common place, but it is an illicit addition to the Liturgy. Holding hands is a sign of intimacy and not reconciliation, and as such disrupts the flow of the Sacramental signs in the Mass which leads to the Sacramental sign of intimacy with Christ and our neighbour, Holy Communion."

Harmony of gestures within the Mass

Many Catholics might not know that the "extending of hands" or practice of the orans posture at Mass is exclusively a priestly gesture. The rubrics for the Mass give the priest sole authority of praying with elevated hands –

not the deacon nor the laity.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states:

After the Eucharistic prayer is concluded, the priest, with hands joined, says alone the introduction to the Lord's Prayer, and then with hands extended, he pronounces the prayer together with the people (GIRM 152).

"Holding hands is a sign of intimacy and not reconciliation, and as such disrupts the flow of the Sacramental signs in the Mass."

– Congregation for Divine Worship

The orans in history

The orans position has been used as a gesture of pleading and supplication since ancient times, thus it is true that many pagan religions widely adopted it, including Graeco-Roman paganism. The orans position was also present in Judaism as

well, and finally the early Christians came to identify the orans position with the outstretched arms of Christ crucified. Hence, it is solely reserved to the priest at Mass, for he acts in "Persona Christi Capitis" (in the person of Christ the Head) leading the Mystical Body of Christ present at Mass in offering to the Father the perfect prayer and sacrifice of Christ.

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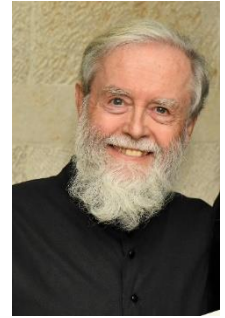
¹See *Notitiae*, (1975), Sacred Congregation for Divine Worship, The Vatican, Vol. XI, P. 226. [this same *Notitiae* was cited in 1981 US Sacramentary "Appendix- VII. Notices Of The Sacred Congregation For Divine Worship And The Discipline Of The Sacraments (1969-1981)". Also see "Practical Provisions 6 §2" of the 1997 Instruction on Certain Questions Regarding the Collaboration of the non-ordained Faithful in the Sacred Ministry of Priests; The approved US edition of the GIRM was issued in April 2003 and; in 2006, the response to President of the Episcopal Regional Liturgy Commission of CBCMSB received from the Congregation of Divine Worship Prot.N. 134/06/L].

FATHER JOHN'S FAREWELL CONCERT!

Monday, February 27, 8:00pm - 9:30pm
with **John Sharp!**

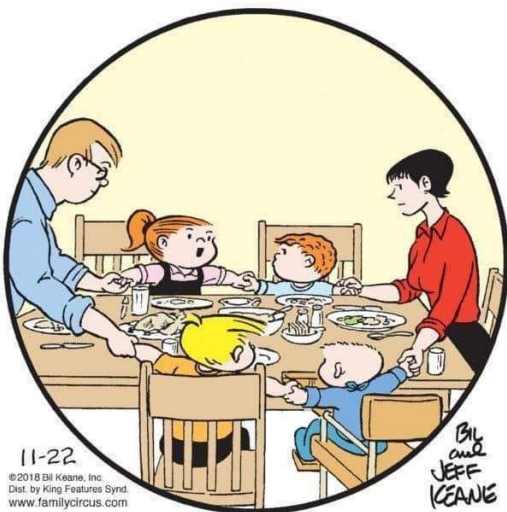
VENUE: Holy Trinity Church, Bank Al Etihad HQ

CANCELLED



Apologies for any inconvenience but there were so few reservations for the performance that it was not feasible to continue. Patrons have been contacted about refunds – if you bought a General Admission ticket, Fr. John may not have a record of all sales, so please contact him for your refund.

These things happen – but it was going to be a lovely show. Ah well. Please spread the word so hopefully no one will show up expecting to buy a ticket at the door.



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“We hafta hold hands while we say grace so nobody gets a head start eating. Right, Mommy?”

I've mentioned this before but it deserves repeating. According to the best practices of the Church (see the citations and reference at the bottom of the article on the other page), holding hands during the Lord's Prayer, and putting your hands in praying position of the priest – both are bad practices, and should not be done.

POSTURE in praying “OUR FATHER”

PRESENTATION OF THE CHILD JESUS
DIOCESE OF PARANAGU

WRONG POSTURE OF PRIEST

OR

LAITY