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The English-Language Parish in Amman
Sweifieh Community

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Fr. Kevin's Corner

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

The unexpected "big news" both for the parish and for me personally is that my Provincial (the superior for the New England Jesuit Province, which also includes the Jesuit mission in Amman) recently asked me not to plan on returning to Amman after I finish my upcoming sabbatical in the Philippines, but to hold myself open for an unspecified new assignment. That was a change from our earlier conversations, in which he had told me that I would be returning to Amman at the end of the sabbatical.

Father Paul Mankowsky, a Jesuit priest from Chicago, will be my replacement for the coming year, beginning July 1st. He should be coming in mid-June, so that I will have a couple of weeks to introduce him to the parish and to the local area. Soon after he takes responsibility for the parish in July, I will leave Amman for my year in Manila. Serving this special parish has been a wonderful experience for me, not least because of the many generous and devoted volunteers (past and present) who have taught religious classes to our youngsters, who have trained altar servers, who have provided support for the music at Mass, who have read at the Masses, who have taken care of the parish socials, or who have helped in so many other ways. I am most grateful to all of you, and you will continue to have a very special place in my prayers!

It has been a grace-filled and personally energizing experience for me to serve as the first parish priest of this unique parish in the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem. I will miss it very much when I leave, and I pray that the parish will continue to be a welcoming and supportive religious home away from home and a place of deep encounter with Christ for all who seek its services.

Now for more ordinary parish matters:

In general during Lent, confessions will be available on request before weekend parish Masses & by appointment in the Jesuit Center at other times. When I can arrange it, a priest will also be present for confession during the first part of the weekend Masses. The schedule of parish Masses in English will remain unchanged through Wednesday of Holy Week:

Saturday, 5:00 PM. St. Mary of Nazareth Church in Sweifieh

Sunday, 11:30 AM. St. Joseph Church in Jabal Amman (near 1st Circle, on the same street as the Indian Embassy)

Sunday, 6:00 PM. De La Salle College (Frères College) on Al-Razi Street in Jabal Hussein

Friday, 12:00 Noon. Annunciation Church in Jabal al-Weibdeh (11:30 AM Way of the Cross)

Monday-Saturday, 8:30 AM. Chapel of the Jesuit Center, 43 Al-Razi Street, Jabal Hussein

The special schedule of parish Masses in English from Holy Thursday (April 1st) through Easter Sunday (April 4th) is outlined by date in the list of **UpComing Events** on the reverse of this newsletter. Please note that there are no English-Language Masses at St. Mary of Nazareth during those days. The regular parish schedule of daily & weekend Masses (as above) will resume on the Monday after Easter.

Scripture Readings for the Sunday & Feast Day Liturgies

4th Sunday of Lent (April 3): 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ephesians 5:8-14; John 9:1-41 [or shorter, vv. 1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38].

5th Sunday of Lent (April 10): Ezekiel 37:12-24; Romans 8:8-11; John 11:1-45 [or shorter, vv. 3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45].

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (April 17): Matthew 21:1-11 (for procession before Mass); Isaiah 50:4-7; Philippians 2:6-11; Matthew 26:14-27:66 [or shorter: 27:11-54].

Holy Thursday (April 21): Exodus 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26; John 13:1-15.

Good Friday (April 22): Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9; John 18:1-19:42.

Easter Vigil (April 23): Genesis 1:1-2:2; Genesis 22:1-18 [or shorter, 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Exodus 14:15-31; 15:20, 1; Isaiah 54:5-14; Isaiah 55:1-11; Baruch 3:9-15; 32-4:4; Ezekiel 36:16-17a, 18-28; Romans 6:3-11; Matthew 28:1-10.

Easter Sunday (April 24): Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Colossians 3:1-4 **or** 1 Corinthians 5:6b-8; John 20:1-9 **or** Matthew 28:1-10 [or evening, Luke 24:13-35].

2nd Sunday of Easter or Divine Mercy Sunday (May 1): Acts 2:42-47; 1 Peter 1:3-9; John 20:19-31.

Solemnity of St. James, First Bishop of Jerusalem & Principle Patron of the Diocese, and St. Philip, Apostles (May 3): 1 Corinthians 15:1-8; John 14:6-14.

Feast of the Finding of the Cross (May 7): Numbers 21:4-9 **or** Philippians 2:6-11; John 3:13-17 [*This feast is proper to the Patriarchate of Jerusalem*].

3rd Sunday of Easter (May 8): Acts 2:14, 22-33; 1 Peter 1:17-21; Luke 24:13-35.

Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle (May 14): Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; John 15:9-17.

4th Sunday of Easter (May 15): Acts 2:14a, 36-41; 1 Peter 2:20b-25; John 10:1-10.

5th Sunday of Easter (May 22): Acts 6:1-7; 1 Peter 2:4-9; John 14:1-12.

6th Sunday of Easter (May 29): Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; 1 Peter 3:15-18; John 14:15-21.

Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (May 31): Zephaniah 3:14-18a **or** Romans 12:9-16b; Luke 1:39-56.

Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord (June 2): Acts 1:1-11; Ephesians 1:17-23; Matthew 28:16-20.

7th Sunday of Easter (June 5): Acts 1:12-14; 1 Peter 4:13-16; John 17:1-11a.

Pentecost Vigil (June 11, evening): Genesis 11:1-9 **or** Exodus 19:3-8a, 16-20b **or** Ezekiel 37:1-14 **or** Joel 3:1-5; Romans 8:22-27; John 7:37-39.

Pentecost Sunday (June 12): Acts 2:1-11; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13; John 20:19-23.

Trinity Sunday (June 19): Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9; 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; John 3:16-18.

Vigil of the Birth of St. John the Baptist (June 23, evening): Jeremiah 1:4-10; 1 Peter 1:8-12; Luke 1:5-17.

Solemnity of the Birth of St. John the Baptist (June 24): Isaiah 49:1-6; Acts 13:22-26; Luke 1:57-66, 80.

14th Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (June 26): Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a; 1 Corinthians 10:16-17; John 6:51-58.

Vigil of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 28, evening): Acts 3:1-10; Galatians 1:11-20; John 21:15-19.

Solemnity of SS. Peter and Paul, Apostles (June 29): Acts 12:1-11; 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18; Matthew 16:13-19.

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus (July 1): Deuteronomy 7:6-11; 1 John 4:7-16; Matthew 11:25-30.

14th Sunday of the Year (July 3): Zechariah 9:9-10; Romans 8:9, 11-13; Matthew 11:25-30.

April / June Liturgy

April 2, 2011

Reader : Carole Fache & Sybil Pereira

Offertory : Ghawi Family

Server : Rafaella Karadsheh & Ghazi Karadsheh

April 9, 2011

Readers : Marian Karmandarian & Rose Espinola

Offertory : Boyle Family

Servers : Sebastian Tabash & Christian Tabash

April 16, 2011

Readers : Samer Karadsheh & Carol Boyle

Offertory : Ahloe Family

Servers : Veron Porter & Vernon Porter

April 23, 2011

HOLY SATURDAY

No English Mass at Sweifieh today

10:30 PM: Easter Vigil Service at Frères

April 30, 2011

Readers : Kristine Faza & Lara Karadsheh

Offertory : Jung Family

Servers : Teresa Nino & Mariam Janini

May 7, 2011

Readers : First Communicants

Offertory : First Communicants

Servers : Nicole Faza & Fayek Faza

May 14, 2011

Readers : Confirmation Candidates

Offertory : Newly Confirmed

Servers : Kristine Faza & Natalie Halaseh

May 21, 2011

Readers : Nicole Faza & Donna Naber

Offertory : Diassanake Family

Servers : Ji Ho Son & Angelica D'sa

May 28, 2011

Readers : Sana Dababneh & Gayana Krnatyan

Offertory : Bakki Family

Servers : Christian Tabash & Alex Gonyea

June 4, 2011

Readers : Clara Metzragopian & Paul David

Offertory : Gonyea Family

Servers : Angela Petropoulo & Kristine Faza

June 11, 2011

Readers : Thursenia DeHart-Porter & Carole Boyle

Offertory : Ghanima Family

Servers : Vernon Porter & Veron Porter

June 18, 2011

Readers : Marian Karmandarian & Gayana Krnatyan

Offertory : Faza Family

Servers : Teresa Nino & Mariam Janini

June 25, 2011

Readers : Rose Espinola & Melissa Link

Offertory : Halaseh Family

Servers : Ji Min Son & Angela Petropoulo

July 2, 2011

Readers : Carole Fashe & Sybil Pereira

Offertory : Ghawi Family

Servers : Rafaella Karadsheh & Ghazi Karadsheh

UpComing Events

April 1 Lenten Way of the Cross - 11:30 AM; First Friday Mass - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

April 8 Lenten Way of the Cross - 11:30 AM; Mass - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

April 9 Monthly 2nd Collection & social after Mass in Sweifieh.

April 15 Lenten Way of the Cross - 11:30 AM; anticipated Palm Sunday Mass with blessing & distribution of palms - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

April 16-17 Regular weekend Mass schedule for Palm Sunday, except that the Sunday Mass at St. Joseph Church (Jabal Amman) will begin at 12:30 PM & there will be an additional Sunday Mass at 12:30 PM at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh); blessing & distribution of palms at each Mass.

April 21 Holy Thursday; Mass of the Lord's Supper - 5:00 PM at St. Jean-Baptiste De La Salle Church (Frères College, Jabal Hussein).

April 22 Good Friday; Celebration of the Lord's Passion - 12:00 noon at St. Jean-Baptiste De La Salle Church (Frères College, Jabal Hussein).

April 23 No 5:00 PM Mass at St. Mary's; Easter Vigil Service & Mass of the Lord's Resurrection - 10:30 PM at St. Jean-Baptiste De La Salle Church (Frères College, Jabal Hussein).

April 24 Solemnity of Easter Sunday; Easter Masses - 12:30 PM at St. Joseph Church (Jabal Amman); 12:30 PM at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh); 6:00 PM at St. Jean-Baptiste De La Salle Church (Frères College, Jabal Hussein).

April 29 Mass of the Friday of Easter Octave - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

May 1 Labor Day in Jordan (holiday).

May 3 Solemnity of St. James, First Bishop of Jerusalem & Principle Patron of the Diocese, and St. Philip, Apostles - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).

May 6 First Friday - Mass at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

May 14 Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein); monthly 2nd Collection & social after Mass in Sweifieh.

May 22 Fr Kevin's 73rd birthday.

May 25 Jordan Independence Day (possible holiday today or maybe tomorrow).

May 31 Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary; 42nd anniversary of Fr. Kevin's ordination to the priesthood - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).

June 2 Solemnity of the Lord's Ascension - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).

June 3 First Friday & Mass of the Ascension of the Lord (from Thursday) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

June 9 King Abdullah's Accession to the Throne (possible holiday).

June 10 Anticipated Mass of Pentecost Sunday - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

June 11 Monthly 2nd Collection & Social after Mass in Sweifieh.

June 12 Pentecost Sunday; regular weekend schedule of Masses.

June 17 Anticipated Mass of the Most Holy Trinity (from Sunday) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

June 19 Twelfth Sunday of the Year & Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity; regular weekend schedule of Masses; Father's Day (in USA).

June 21 First Day of Summer.

June 24 Solemnity of the Birth of John the Baptist - Mass at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

June 26 Thirteenth Sunday of the Year & Solemnity of Corpus Christi; regular weekend schedule of Masses.

June 29 Solemnity of SS. Peter & Paul, Apostles - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).

July 1 First Friday & Solemnity of the Sacred Heart - Mass of the Solemnity at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).

July 3 Fourteenth Sunday of the Year; regular weekend schedule of Mass.

July 4 American Independence Day.

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