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Fr. Kevin's Corner

Dear Friends and Parishioners,

The summer has ended, the country's Ramadan observance & subsequent holidays are over, all the schools are in session, & the pace of life has now settled down for a while. It was a busy summer for our parish, in particular because there were 17 infant baptisms from early July to the end of September; the annual average during the first 13 years of the parish was only about 19 or 20!

On the last Saturday of September, Clara Metzghopian began First Communion classes for this year. Already about a dozen youngsters have been registered for the class, but a few more will probably join in the coming weeks.

We have also begun a Confirmation class for youngsters from the different congregations of our parish. Elisa Estrada, a Teresian Associate who is the librarian of the Pontifical Mission for Palestine Library in Jabal Hussein, is teaching those classes at 11:00 AM on Saturday mornings in the library. A couple of youngsters from our Sweifieh congregation have indicated an interest in being part of that preparation, & other youngsters (11 years or older) are welcome to join. We did not succeed in finding a volunteer teacher to hold Confirmation classes for our Sweifieh congregation, but I hope this arrangement will prove satisfactory.

As yet, we have had only limited interest in other Saturday afternoon religion classes, but that may change in coming weeks. If more registration forms come in, we may be able to start classes for younger children or for those between First Communion & Confirmation.

I will be leaving on October 19th for my annual vacation in the States. Father Al Hicks from the Jesuit Center & Trappist Father Jean-Claude Maingot have graciously agreed to cover the parish Masses during my absence. I will stay in the States through Thanksgiving & return to Amman at the end of November.

Scripture Readings for the Sunday & Feast Day Liturgies

Memorial of the Guardian Angels (October 2): Baruch 1:15-22; Matthew 18:1-5, 10.

27th Sunday of the Year (October 4): Genesis 2:18-24; Hebrews 2:9-11; Mark 10:2-16 [or shorter 10:2-12].

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7): Jonah 4:1-11; Luke 11:1-4.

28th Sunday of the Year (October 11): Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 [or shorter, 10:17-27].

29th Sunday of the Year (October 18): Isaiah 53:10-11; Hebrews 4:14-16; Mark 10:35-4 [or shorter 10:42-45].

Feast (for Jesuits) of SS. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions (October 19): Hebrews 11:1, 35b-38; 12:1-2; Matthew 16:21, 24-28.

30th Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Jerusalem (October 25): Acts 1:12-14; Revelation 11:19b; 12:1, 3-6, 10b; Luke 1:41-50.

Feast of SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles (October 28): Ephesians 2:19-22; Luke 6:12-16.

31st Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of All Saints (November 1): Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 John 3:1-3; Matthew 5:1-12a.

Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed or All Souls Day (November 2): various readings are available, including, e.g., Job 19:1, 23-27; Wisdom 3:1-9; Isaiah 25:6a, 7-9; Romans 8:31b-35, 37-39; 1 Corinthians 15:51-57; John 6:37-40 or 11:32-45 or 14:1-6.

32nd Sunday of the Year (November 8): 1 Kings 17:10-16; Hebrews 9:24-28; Mark 12:38-44 [or shorter, vv 41-44].

Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (November 9): Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:9c-11, 16-17; John 2:13-22.

33rd Sunday of the Year (November 15): Daniel 12:1-3; Hebrews 10:11-14, 18; Mark 13:24-32.

Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (November 21): 1 Maccabees 6:1-13; Luke 27:27-40.

34th Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of Christ the King (November 22): Daniel 7:13-14; Revelations 1:5-8; John 18:33b-37.

1st Sunday of Advent (November 29): Jeremiah 33:14-16; 1 Thessalonians 3:12-4:2; Luke 21:25-28, 35-36.

Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle (November 30): Romans 10:9-18; Matthew 4:18-22.

2nd Sunday of Advent (December 6): Baruch 5:1-9; Philippians 1:3-6, 8-11; Luke 3:1-6.

Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception (December 8): Genesis 3:9-15, 20; Ephesians 1:3-6, 11-12; Luke 1:26-38.

3rd Sunday of Advent (December 13): Zephaniah 3:14-18; Philippians 4:4-7; Luke 3:10-18.

4th Sunday of Advent (December 20): Micah 5:2-5 (Hebrew vv. 1-4); Hebrews 10:5-10; Luke 1:39-45.

Christmas Day (December 25):

Vigil (December 24, evening): Isaiah 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Matthew 1:1-25 [or shorter, vv. 18-25].

Mass at Midnight: Isaiah 9:1-6; Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-14.

Mass at Dawn: Isaiah 62:11-12; Titus 3:4-7; Luke 2:15-20.

Mass During the Day: Isaiah 52:7-10; Hebrews 1:1-6; John 1:1-18 [or shorter, vv. 1-5, 9-14].

Feast of St. Stephen, 1st Martyr (December 26): Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Matthew 10:17-22.

Sunday in the Octave of Christmas and Feast of the Holy Family (December 27): 1 Samuel 1:11, 20-22, 24-28 [or Ecclesiasticus (Sirach) 3:2-6; 12-14]; 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 [or Colossians 3:12-21]; Luke 2:41-52.

Octave of Christmas and Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, and Giving of the Name Jesus (January 1): Numbers 6:22-27; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 2:16-21.

2nd Sunday after Christmas (January 3): Sirach 24:1-4, 8-12; Ephesians 1:3-6, 15-18; John 1:1-18 [or shorter, 1:1-5, 9-14].

Solemnity of Epiphany (January 6): Isaiah 60:1-6; Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Matthew 2:1-12.

October / December Liturgy

October 3, 2009

Readers : John Calhoun & Paul David

Offertory : Metzthagopian Family

Servers : Amanda Hamati & Angela Hamati

October 10, 2009

Readers : Gayana Krnatyan & Rachelle Naab

Offertory : Ghawi Family

Servers : Tiffani Ghawi & Angela Petropoulo

October 17, 2009

Readers : Melissa Link & Noel Calhoun

Offertory : Calhoun Family

Servers : Rami Hamati & Kristina Faza

October 24, 2009

Readers : Donna Naber & Marty Haddadin

Offertory : Naab Family

Servers : Natalie Halaseh & Natalie Ghawi

October 31, 2009

Readers : Clara Metzthagopian & Sana Dababneh

Offertory : Amany Family

Servers : Amanda Hamati & Angela Hamati

November 7, 2009

Readers : Rachelle Naab & Gayana Krnatyan

Offertory : Ghanima Family

Servers : Angela Petropoulo & Rami Hamati

November 14, 2009

Readers : Malcolm Morrison & Jeroen Vergeylen

Offertory : Bakki Family

Servers : Tiffany Ghawi & Natalie Ghawi

November 21, 2009

Readers : Melissa Link & Joanie Brooks Lindsay

Offertory : Hughes Family

Servers : Farah Haddadin & Angela Hamati

November 28, 2009

Readers : Paul David & Clara Metzthagopian

Offertory : Faza Family

Servers : Kristina Faza & Natalie Halaseh

December 5, 2009

Readers : Donna Naber & Sana Dababneh

Offertory : Halaseh Family

Servers : Tiffani Ghawi & Natalie Ghawi

December 12, 2009

Readers : Doris Sahyoun & Marty Haddadin

Offertory : Carter Family

Servers : Farah Haddadin & Rami Hamati

December 19, 2009

Readers : Jeroen Vergeylen & Malcolm Morrison

Offertory : Naab Family

Servers : Natalie Halaseh & Angela Petropoulo

December 26, 2009

Readers : John Calhoun & Gayana Krnatyan

Offertory : Amany Family

Servers : Amanda Hamati & Angela Hamati

January 2, 2010

Readers : Paul David & Noel Calhoun

Offertory : Calhoun Family

Servers : Kristina Faza & Natalie Halaseh

UpComing Events

- October 2** First Friday & Memorial of the Guardian Angels - Mass at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- October 7** Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- October 9** Friday Mass (27th Week in Ordinary Time) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- October 16** Friday Mass (28th Week in Ordinary Time) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- October 19** Feast (for Jesuits) of SS. John de Brébeuf, Isaac Jogues, & Companions - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- October 23** Friday Mass (29th Week in Ordinary Time) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- October 25** 30th Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Queen of Palestine, Principal Patron of the Diocese of Jerusalem - regular weekend schedule of Masses.
- October 28** Feast of SS. Simon & Jude, Apostles - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- October 30** Friday Mass (30th Week in Ordinary Time) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- November 1** 31st Sunday of the Year; Solemnity of All Saints - regular weekend schedule of Masses.
- November 2** Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day) - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- November 6** First Friday - Mass at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal Weibdeh).
- November 9** Feast of the Dedication of the Lateran Basilica - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- November 13** Friday Mass (32nd Week in Ordinary Time) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- November 20** Friday Mass (33rd Week in Ordinary Time) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- November 21** Memorial of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- November 27** Friday Mass (34th Week in Ordinary Time) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- November 30** Feast of St. Andrew, Apostle - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 4** First Friday - Mass (Friday of 1st Week of Advent) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- December 8** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception - Mass at 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 11** Mass (Friday of 2nd Week of Advent) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- December 16-24** Pre-Christmas Novena of Masses in Tagalog (*Simbang Gabi*) - each evening at 7:30 PM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 18** Mass (Friday of 3rd Week of Advent) at 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh).
- December 24** Christmas Eve Masses - 7:30 PM in Tagalog (final *Simbang Gabi* Mass) at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein); [8:00 PM at Mount Nebo (*tentative*)]; 10:15 PM at De La Salle Church, Frères College (Jabal Hussein).
- December 25** Christmas Masses - 9:30 AM in Tagalog at OWWA; 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Church (Jabal Amman); 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh); 6:00 PM at De La Salle Church, Frères College (Jabal Hussein).
- December 26** Mass of the Feast of St. Stephen - 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (J Hussein).
- December 27** Sunday in the Octave of Christmas; Feast of the Holy Family - regular weekend schedule of Masses.
- December 28** Mass of the Feast of the Holy Innocents - 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 29** Mass of the 5th day in the Octave of Christmas - 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 30** Mass of the 6th day in the Octave of Christmas - 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (Jabal Hussein).
- December 31** Mass of New Year's Eve - 11:00 PM at St. Joseph Church (Jabal Amman).
- January 1** New Year's Day Masses - 9:30 AM in Tagalog at OWWA; 11:30 AM at St. Joseph Church (Jabal Amman); 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Jabal al-Weibdeh); 6:00 PM at De La Salle Church, Frères College (Jabal Hussein).
- January 3** 2nd Sunday after Christmas - regular weekend schedule of Masses.
- January 6** Mass of the Solemnity of Epiphany - 8:30 AM at the Jesuit Center (J Hussein).
- January 8** Mass of Epiphany (from Wednesday) - 12:00 noon at Annunciation Church (Weibdeh).

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