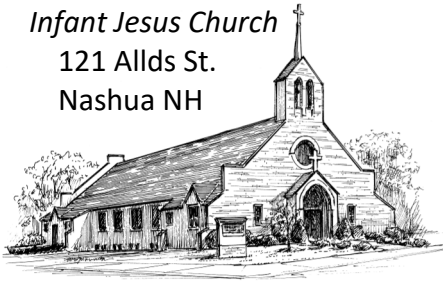
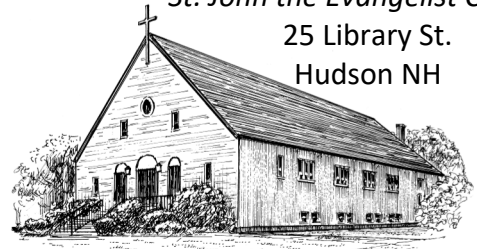


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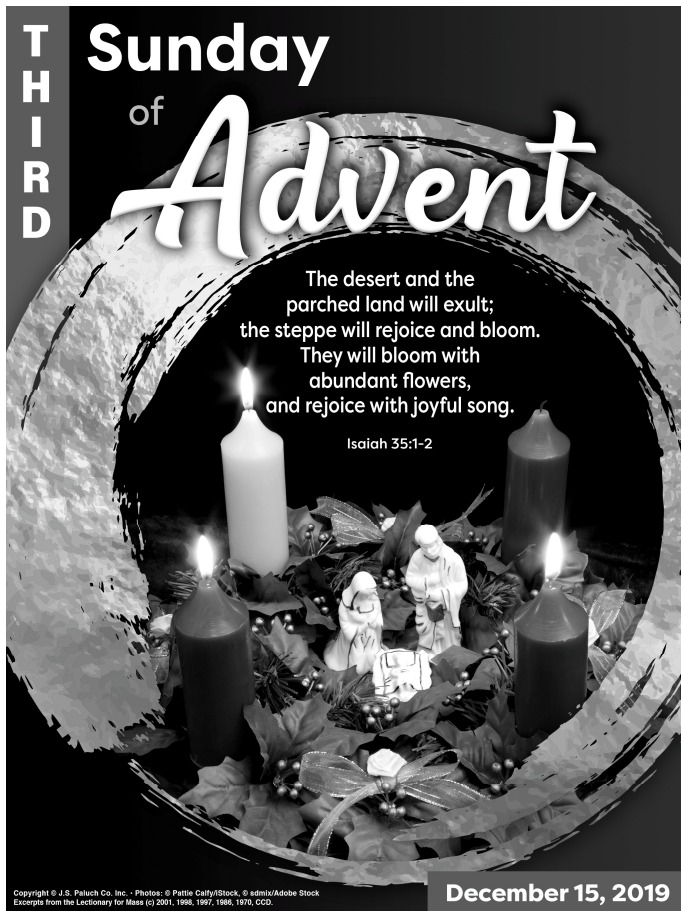
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Sunday of Advent

The desert and the parched land will exult;
the steppe will rejoice and bloom.
They will bloom with abundant flowers,
and rejoice with joyful song.
Isaiah 35:1-2



December 15, 2019

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MISSION STATEMENT

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
the parish family of Saint John XXIII
lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates
the sacraments and offers a community of
worship where all are welcomed.*

Outreach:

Saint John XXIII Food Pantry: 603-882-2462 ext. 6

Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372

NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

IJ 8:00 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Dec. 14 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Aaron & Trevor Turcotte by their family
Intentions of the parishioners

Dec. 15 - Third Sunday of Advent

Dr. Thomas Petty by the Peters family
Mass in Portuguese
Deceased loved ones of Claire L. Pelletier

Dec. 17 - Late Advent Weekday

Louise A. Girard by Claire L. Budro

Dec. 18 - Late Advent Weekday

For the repose of the soul of Fr. Richard Vickery

Dec. 19 - Late Advent Weekday

Rolande Duquette by Joanne Charron

Dec. 20 - Late Advent Weekday

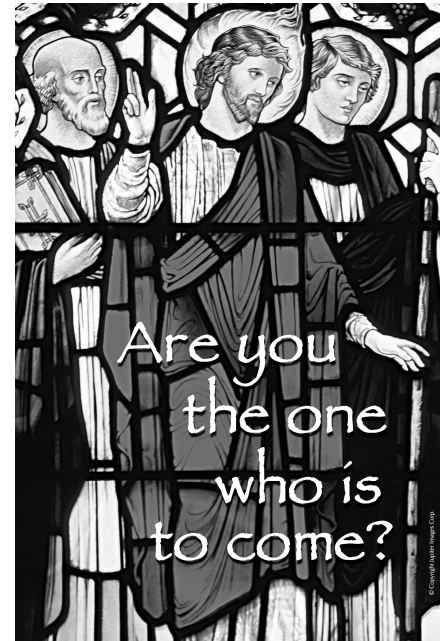
All Souls Day intention

Dec. 21 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Deceased loved ones of Shirley Kopka
Deceased loved ones of Dan & Ginny Dumont

Dec. 22 - Fourth Sunday of Advent

Intentions of the parishioners
Mass in Portuguese
Dolores Beudet (18th anniv.) by her family



IJ = Infant Jesus Church
SJE = St. John the Evangelist Church

PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.



NEWLY BAPTIZED

We welcome *Brenda Chicatte Cavalheiro*, daughter of Vilmar & Jhenifer, into our faith community!

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 3:00 - 3:30 PM SJE Church

**COMMUNION CALLS
FOR HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS**

Please notify the parish office if anyone is unable to attend Mass because of illness, handicap or age.



Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for Weekend Masses ~ Dec. 21 & 22, 2019

<i>Mass</i>	<i>Lectors</i>	<i>Eucharistic Ministers</i>	<i>Altar Servers</i>
4:00 PM (SJE)	Nicholas Bolton	Shirley Kopka - Marie DeVito	Volunteer Needed
6:00 PM (IJ)	Dan Dumont	Claudette Anger - Leona Shanholtz	Volunteer Needed
8:00 AM (SJE)	Ken Massey	Darlene Fisher - Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
10:30 AM (IJ)	Walter Kwiecinski	Rita Clark - David & Carol Croteau	Volunteer Needed

Saint John XXIII Parish News

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ Dec. 7 & 8, 2019	
Adult Envelopes (101)	\$2,566.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (41)	\$745.00
Loose Cash	\$436.00
Brazilian Community Offerings	\$333.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,080.00
Christmas Flowers (49)	\$792.00
Additional as of 12-8-19 (11)	\$156.00
Total to date:	\$948.00
Retirement Fund for Religious (33)	\$1,102.00
Immaculate Conception (38)	\$548.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes held in Hudson

All Grades: Sunday, Dec. 15 ~ 9:15-10:15 AM
Parish Center

NO Sessions: Sunday, Dec. 22 & 29

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please consider participating in either stewardship program below, which helps our parish to maintain a steady income to manage our budget:

2020 Parish Envelopes

If you are not currently using these weekly offering envelopes and would like to begin, we have extras! Please call us at the parish office.

Online Giving

To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

*Thank you to all who have made
the commitment to support our parish!*

RECYCLE EXCESS CLOTHING

Planet Aid clothing bins are located on both parish campuses.

Items that can be deposited in these bins are:
gently used clothing • coats • shoes



CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS

Envelopes for Christmas flower donations are now available at all church entrances for parishioners not currently using online giving or the envelope system.



*"Only for today, I will make a plan for myself:
I may not follow it to the letter, but I will make it.
And I will be on guard against two evils: hastiness and indecision."*

taken from, Only for Today: the Daily Decalogue of Pope St. John XXIII

This Week at Saint John XXIII...

Sunday 15	Mon. 16	Tuesday 17	Wed. 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21
<i>Deanery Advent Penance Service 2:00 PM St. Joseph the Worker Parish</i>		<i>Rosary 7:55-8:25 AM IJ Church Prayer Service 7 PM (Portuguese) IJ Church</i>		<i>Eucharistic Adoration 6-7 PM IJ Church</i>	<i>Eucharistic Adoration 9-10 AM SJE Church</i>	<i>Reconciliation 3-3:30 PM SJE Church Bingo~6:30 PM</i>

More Parish & Community News

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Parishioners who serve in this ministry lovingly knit or crochet these shawls, which are then blessed and presented (without cost) to those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggle. To receive a shawl, or for more information about this ministry, please call Pam Morin, 548-0049, Dotti Reed, 275-7345, or the parish office.

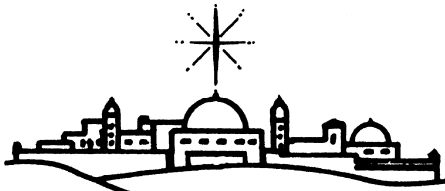


SAINT JOHN XXIII FOOD PANTRY



Grocery Coupons

Saint John XXIII Food Pantry continues to look for your **unused** grocery coupons to shop to fill their shelves. Coupons can be placed in the receptacles at both church entrances in Hudson and at the main entrance in Nashua. They can accept coupons that are expired (within a 6 month period) which can be redeemed by our Armed Forces at their local PX stations.



JESUS aCROSS the Border "Make Room" Christmas Concert ~ Friday, Dec. 20

7 PM to Midnight, Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua

Join JESUS aCROSS the Border for the 3rd year in a row, as we prepare to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, our King, through our Christmas Event! We invite people of **ALL AGES** and religions for an evening of worship with a Christmas Concert, dynamic speaker and entertaining social gathering.

Our night kicks off with our "Make Room" Christmas Concert. Following the concert, dynamic priest and Assistant Vocations Director for the Diocese of Manchester NH, Fr. Von DeRosia, will give a talk based on the night's theme "Make Room". This talk will lead into a time of Adoration and Praise & Worship. Finishing the night off, local young adult group, *Thrive Young Adults*, will get the party going with some Christmas Carol Karaoke, pizza and hot chocolate!

JESUS aCROSS the Border is a unifying organization for local Catholic young adult groups. Our events are geared towards young adults, 18-35 years of age, but are open to anyone who would like to find out more about our mission.

FACEBOOK EVENT LINK: <https://www.facebook.com/events/747792252333953/>

Please email us at Info@JESUSaCROSSTheBorder.org or visit our Facebook Page for more information.

"MORE THAN SAD" PROGRAM

Mon., Jan. 6 ~ 6:30-8:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Parish, Nashua NH

The Diocese of Manchester is pleased to partner with the American Foundation for Suicide Prevention-NH Chapter, in presenting the "More Than Sad" program on suicide prevention. The program will assist parents, teachers and youth ministers in recognizing signs of depression and other mental health problems, initiating conversations about mental health and getting someone the help they need. Suicide is the 8th leading cause of death in NH and the 2nd leading cause of death, ages 15-34. This important workshop provides information on warning signs, and steps that one can take to help prevent suicide. This program is free.

Parents and all who work with teens and young adults are welcome. For more information, or to register, contact Kelly Goudreau, Director of Parish Faith Formation for the diocese, at 603-663-0145 or kgoudreau@rcbm.org.

WORLD WIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you." Strengthen, renew and rekindle your marriage sacrament by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Mar 13-15, Duxbury MA & Apr 18-19, Brewster MA. Call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them: <https://wwmema.org/> for more information.

Saint John XXIII Parish

RECITING THE ROSARY

Come pray the rosary on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 7:55 AM to 8:25 AM, just before 8:30 AM Mass at Infant Jesus Church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAYS: 6 to 7 PM, IJ Church

***FRIDAYS:** 9-10 AM, SJE Church

*Please note the time change.

*Come spend time in quiet prayer
before the Blessed Sacrament.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAYS

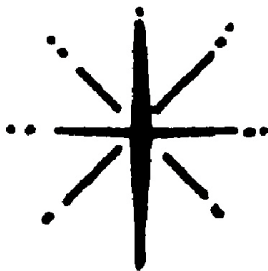
The parish office will be closed Fridays for the rest of this year. Our office hours will continue:

Monday through Thursday: 9 AM to 4 PM



Waiting and Hoping...

The people had been searching and waiting for generations for the Anointed One of God. They knew in their hearts that they needed someone to bring them back, to close the divide that had grown between God and God's people. John's baptism of repentance prepared them for the advent, or coming, of the Christ...



We can relate to the people who went out into the desert to be baptized. They heard John's urgent call to repentance and his declaration that the Messiah was coming soon. They heard him express God's care for those who needed it most. They were compelled to hear and respond. Their lives were changed, as their hearts were opened to the reality of God's love to which John so powerfully gave witness...

We wait for God to break into our lives with love. Who among us has not at times felt weak, feeble, afraid? Take heart, you are not alone. God is with you. God is ready to save us from the darkness of sin and to lead us to joy in the presence of God's mercy. This is the message of Advent, and of the whole of the gospel: God desires so deeply to be with us, that God came to be one with us in Jesus Christ.

Today's Readings: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10; Jas 5:7-10; Mt 11:2-11

SOUHEGAN DEANERY

(Nashua, Hudson, Merrimack & Milford parishes)

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday, Dec. 15 ~ 2:00 PM

St. Joseph the Worker Parish

As we prepare for Jesus' coming during the Advent season, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness. Many priests will be available to hear confessions after a brief Liturgy of the Word.

2019 Christmas Eve/Day Masses

- Dec. 24: 4:00 PM SJE Church
6:00 PM SJE (Portuguese)
6:00 PM IJ Church
- Dec. 25: 8:00 AM SJE Church
10:30 AM IJ Church



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If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 ext. 233.
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