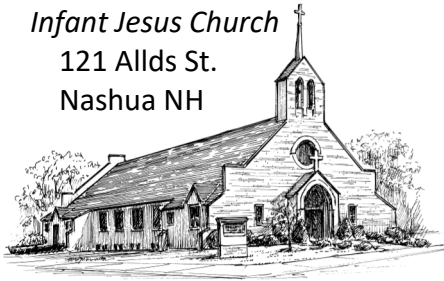
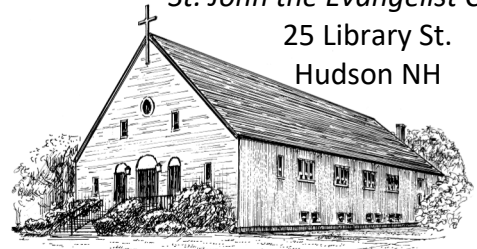


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ORDINARY TIME

If you trust in God, you too shall live;
God has set before you fire and water;
to whichever you choose,
stretch forth your hand.

SIRACH 15:15-16

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MISSION STATEMENT

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,
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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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

Feb. 15 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Ron Houseman by his family

Joan Niven by her family

IJ 6:00 PM

Henry & Lillian Tessier by their family

William Plouffe by his family

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM

Feb. 16 - 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the parishioners

IJ 8:00 AM

Mass in Portuguese

IJ 10:30 AM

Deceased loved ones: Hilston & Remillard families

Tuesday

Feb. 18 - Weekday

NO Mass Today

Wednesday

Feb. 19 - Weekday

NO Mass Today

Thursday

Feb. 20 - Weekday

NO Mass Today

Friday

Feb. 21 - St. Peter Damian, bishop

NO Mass Today

Saturday

Feb. 22 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

SJE 4:00 PM

Intentions of the parishioners

IJ 6:00 PM

Aline Tardif (1st anniv.) by her family

Sunday

Feb. 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SJE 8:00 AM

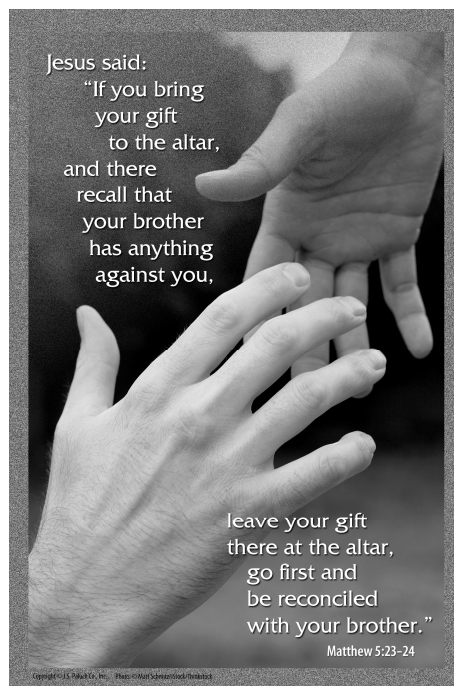
Marcel Dubord by Claire

IJ 8:00 AM

Mass in Portuguese

IJ 10:30 AM

Paul Charron by his wife & 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.

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.

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.

Liturgical Ministers Scheduled for Weekend Masses ~ Feb. 22 & 23, 2020

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00 PM (SJE)	Joan Hilston	Leona Shanholtz - Marie Devito	Volunteer Needed
6:00 PM (IJ)	Jeannine T. Levesque	Claudette Anger - Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
8:00 AM (SJE)	Ken Massey	Michael & Denise Beauchesne	Volunteer Needed
10:30 AM (IJ)	Ron DiStasio	Rita Clark - David & Carol Croteau	Volunteer Needed

Saint John XXIII Parish News

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ Feb. 8 & 9, 2020	
Adult Envelopes (111)	\$2,509.20
WeShare (Online Giving) (42)	\$743.00
Loose Cash	\$684.90
Brazilian Community Offerings	\$286.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,223.10
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Classes held in Hudson

All Grades: Sun., Feb. 16 ~ 9:15-10:15 AM
Parish Center

Confirmation Class: Sun., Feb. 16 ~ 9:15-10:45 AM
Parish Center

NO Classes: Sunday, Feb. 23 & Mar. 1

ST. PATRICK'S CORNED BEEF DINNER

Saturday, March 14

The Knights of Columbus Council 5162 will hold their annual St. Patrick's Corned Beef Dinner at St. Kathryn's parish hall. Tickets will be on sale after all weekend Masses, **starting Feb. 15 thru Mar. 8**. There is a limit on the number of tickets to be sold, so please buy your tickets early.

Adult: \$12.50 & Children 12 & under: \$6.00

Key ticket sellers are: Wayne Nadeau, Bill Reilly, Jack Madden (St. John's, Hudson) and Ron Distasio (Infant Jesus).

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

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.

Bulletin Deadline: Information is due by Noon on Mondays. Please email: office@stjohnxxiiinh.org

This Week at Saint John XXIII...

Mon. 17	Tuesday 18	Wed. 19	Thursday 20	Friday 21	Saturday 22
	<i>Prayer Service</i> 7 PM (Portuguese) IJ Church		<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 6-7 PM~IJ Church		<i>Reconciliation</i> 3-3:30 PM SJE Church <i>Bingo~6:30 PM</i>

More Parish & Community News

ST. ANDREW DINNERS

High school students: Fri., Feb. 21 ~ 6-8 PM
Men (19-60 yrs. of age): Fri., Feb. 28 ~ 6-8 PM

Joseph House Retreat Center, Manchester

Men who are considering a vocation to the priesthood, or who would like some help hearing the Lord's call for their life, are invited to a St. Andrew Dinner. Contact Rebecca Vinson at rvinson@rcbm.org or (603) 663-0153, for more information or to register.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift." Learn the tools of forgiveness and healing by attending by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: Mar 13-15, in Duxbury MA & Apr 18-19, in Brewster MA. For more information, visit Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at <https://wwmema.org/> or call 800-710-9963.

JESUS ACROSS THE BORDER MONTHLY GATHERING

Friday, Feb. 21 ~ 7:30 PM-12:00 AM

St. Joseph the Worker Shrine, 37 Lee St., Lowell MA

Let's feast before the fast! Come celebrate Mardi Gras with us at this month's worship event. Join us for Adoration, Confession, Praise & Worship music led by Brandon Fitts, a young adult Mass, all followed by Carnival themed games and lots of good food! It's the perfect opportunity to find a community of like minded young adults and spend a little extra time with Jesus.

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/578545512697661/>

For more information, please email us at:

Info@JESUSaCROSStheBorder.org or visit our Facebook Page.

EPHATHA: BE OPENED!

Lenten Mission ~ St. Kathryn Parish, Hudson

All are invited to Lenten mission talks, beginning at 6:30 PM, presented by Father Marc Montminy:

Mon., Mar. 2 - Life is Messy: Things in the Way of Holiness

Tues., Mar. 3 - 20/20 Vision: Blinded by the World

Wed., Mar. 4 - Is That All There Is? Make Room for the Holy Spirit

Confessions heard each evening from 6-6:30 PM All are welcome. Please call 603-882-7793 for questions.

THE WAY OF THE CROSS CONCERT

with Donna Cori

Sunday, March 1 ~ 3:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church, 216 E Dunstable Rd

Make the Stations of the Cross like you never have before. Each meditation on the 14 stations is in song and video form. For more information about Donna, please visit www.donnacori.com. Please call the parish at 603-888-0321, if you have any questions. Free Admission.

WHY BE CATHOLIC? DISCOVER THE BEAUTY AND TREASURES OF THE FAITH

Monday, Mar. 16 ~ 7:00 PM

Immaculate Conception Church, Nashua

Jason Evert is a bestselling author of more than 15 books and has spoken to more than one million people on six continents. For more information about Jason, visit <https://chastity.com/>. For more information about the event, please call 603-888-0321.

UNITED WAY "CHANGEMAKERS UNITED" KICKOFF PARTY ~ Wed., Mar. 11, 6-8 PM

MakeIt Labs, 25 Crown St, Nashua

Be part of the conversation about how people, 40 and younger, can take an active role in volunteering and advocating for the needs of our most vulnerable neighbors. We'll hear from agencies who serve our most vulnerable neighbors, we'll talk about ways attendees would like to help, and we'll brainstorm some volunteer projects the group can do together. To register, contact Sara Ceaser at (603)864-0201 or sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org.

Saint John XXIII Parish

FR. GEORGE AWAY ON VACATION

Fr. George is away on vacation in India and he will return Tuesday, Feb. 25. We offer our sincere thanks to Msgr. Richard Kelley and Fr. Bartholomew Ogomelu who will celebrate the next two weekend's Masses.

Please note:

- There will be **no weekday Masses** from now to Tuesday, Feb. 25. Weekday Masses will resume: Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26.
- The recitation of the rosary in church will not take place on Tuesdays & Thursdays: Feb. 18, 20 & 25. Resumes: Thursday, Feb. 27.
- Friday's Eucharist Adoration will not take place on Feb. 21. Resumes: Friday Feb. 28.

DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION - Sun., April 19 ~ 2 PM **St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester**

Bishop Peter Libasci invites all couples celebrating an anniversary in 2020 of 10, 15, 20, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 55+ years, to attend the Spring Wedding Anniversary Mass. To register, contact your parish office **by March 20**. The parish office will gather and submit all necessary information to the diocese. All registrants will receive an invitation to this special celebration. Couples celebrating anniversaries of 5, 25, or 50 years will be asked to register for a Fall celebration. To all other married couples, congratulations and we look forward to seeing you at this Spring's Wedding Anniversary Mass!

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE **IN SUPPORT OF ST. GIANNA'S PLACE**

St. Gianna's Place—a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in our former rectory in Hudson, began a baby bottle campaign here in our parish. Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of day-to-day operations and maintenance. If you would like to help, simply take home a baby bottle, fill it with your donation, and return it to the bin at the main entrances of our churches **by next, Sun., Feb. 23**. With your support, we can change mothers, and their babies, lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Rulers of this Age...St. Paul speaks of both the “wisdom of this age” and the “rulers of this age.” He refers specifically to the so-called wise people and institutions responsible for unjustly condemning Jesus to death. As we mourn the human sin that killed Jesus two thousand years ago, we also consider contemporary errors and evils that wound the Body of Christ in our own age. We easily recognize the crimes of our leaders. Religious, corporate and government institutions have inflicted suffering on countless innocent souls. The depth of our modern-day failures threatens us with despair. But Jesus calls us to renewed faithfulness and hope. Jesus tells us to “surpass” our leaders in righteousness. He instructs us to simplify our own lives: “Let your ‘Yes’ mean ‘Yes’, and your ‘No’ mean ‘No’. Anything more is from the evil one.” We are right to work against the sins of our leaders, but we must also scrutinize our own lives and make peace with our families, neighbors and co-workers.

Passing Away...There is some urgency in Christ's call to holiness. Everything in this age is passing away. Jesus call is timely and radical, pleading with us to drop other business and make reconciliation a priority. The Lord actually says to “leave your gift at the altar” and return to worship after making peace with the adversaries in our lives. Jesus is deadly serious about the need for reconciliation and righteousness, insisting that nothing—not even our eyes and arms—are worth more than love. All of today's readings reflect on the deep connection between God's law and healthy, peaceful love. As Saint Paul says in Romans 13:10, “love is the fulfillment of the law.” Here in the twenty-first century, we modern disciples of Christ can cultivate that mystery deep in our hearts, nurturing the tremendous twin gifts of God's love and God's law, offered to us freely to help us sustain a healthy and holy Body of Christ.

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Today's Readings: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5: 17-37 (20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37)

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Child Safety Reporting
If you know of or suspect abuse or neglect of a minor (under 18 yrs.), you must report it to the NH Division for Children, Youth and Families: 1-800-894-5533 or 603-271-6566.
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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