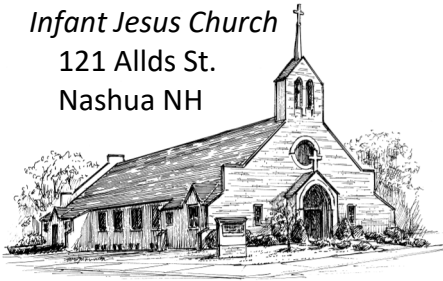
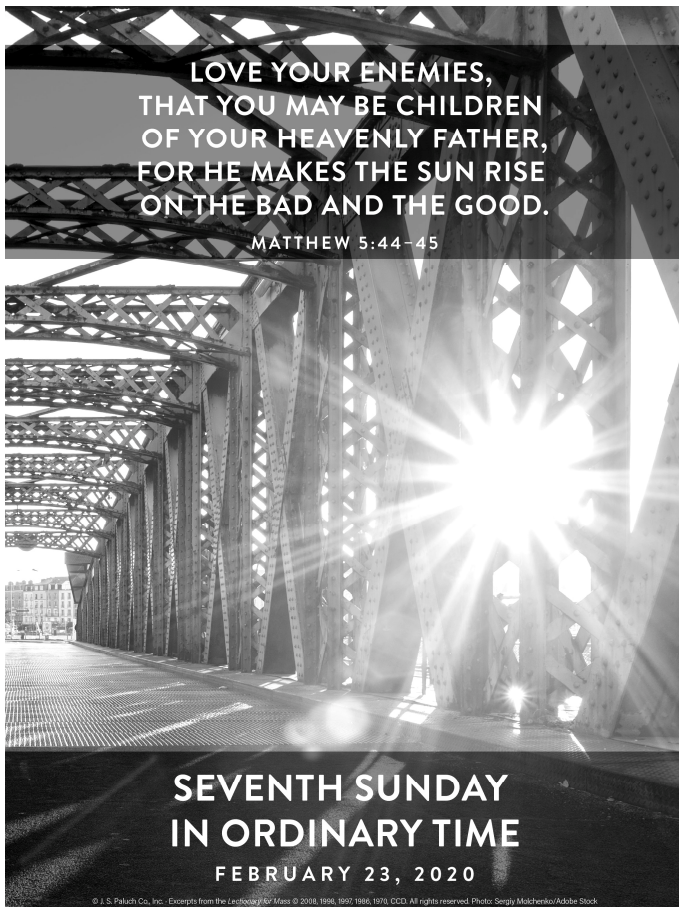
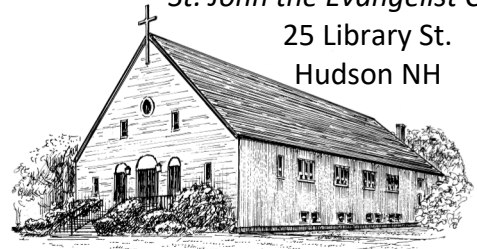


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FOR HE MAKES THE SUN RISE
ON THE BAD AND THE GOOD.
MATTHEW 5:44-45

**SEVENTH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

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the sacraments and offers a community of
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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

NO Mass Today

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 6:30 PM

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

Feb. 22 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Intentions of the parishioners

Aline Tardif (1st anniv.) by her family

Feb. 23 - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marcel Dubord by Claire

Mass in Portuguese

Paul Charron by his wife & family

Feb. 25 - Weekday

Feb. 26 - Ash Wednesday

Intentions of the parishioners

In memory of George & Evangeline Nadeau

Feb. 27 - Thursday after Ash Wednesday

Earl L. Budro by Claire Budro

Feb. 28 - Friday after Ash Wednesday

Dot Labonte by the Catholic Daughters

Feb. 29 - Anticipated Weekend Masses

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick

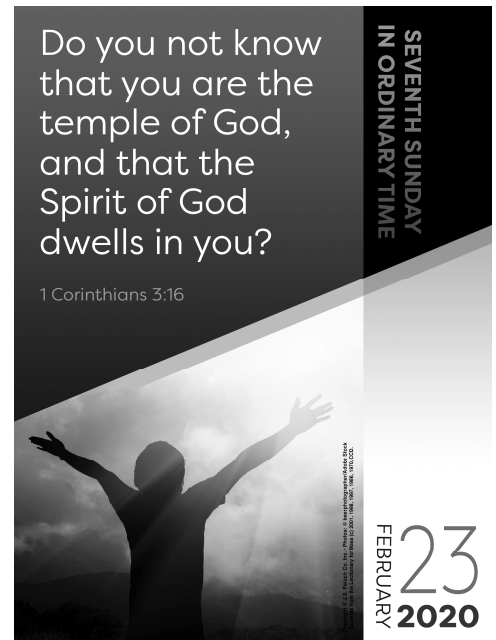
Deceased loved ones of M/M Albert Poliquin

Mar. 1 - First Sunday of Lent

Intentions of the parishioners

Mass in Portuguese

Theresa Duchesne 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.

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. 29 & Mar. 1, 2020

Mass	Lectors	Eucharistic Ministers	Altar Servers
4:00 PM (SJE)	Dan Dumont	Nicholas Bolton - Darlene Fisher	Volunteer Needed
6:00 PM (IJ)	Diane Dubreuil	Jeannine Gagnon - Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
8:00 AM (SJE)	Kathy Nichols	Marie DeVito - Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
10:30 AM (IJ)	Bruce Tessier	Claudette Anger - Paul Lukitsch - Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed

Saint John XXIII Parish News

STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ Feb. 15 & 16, 2020	
Adult Envelopes (87)	\$2,441.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (42)	\$743.00
Loose Cash	\$1,479.00
Brazilian Community Offerings	\$272.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,935.00
Snow Removal (31)	\$770.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
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, **through 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 (SJE) and Ron Distasio (IJ).

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!*

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.

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

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

This Week at Saint John XXIII...

Monday 24	Tuesday 25	Wednesday 26	Thursday 27	Friday 28	Saturday 29
	<i>Prayer Service</i> 7 PM <i>(Portuguese)</i> IJ Church	<i>Ash Wednesday Masses:</i> 8:30 AM~SJE Church 6:30 PM~IJ Church 	<i>Rosary</i> 7:55 AM IJ Church <i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 6-7 PM IJ Church	<i>Eucharistic Adoration</i> 9-10 AM SJE Church	<i>Reconciliation</i> 3-3:30 PM SJE Church <i>Bingo</i> ~6:30 PM

More Parish & Community News

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect." Encourage the Holy Spirit to perfect your marriage 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.

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

I am the Lord... Today's first reading concludes in classic Levitical style: "I am the Lord." Over and over again, the book of Leviticus punctuates its paragraphs with that simple statement: "I am the Lord." Relentlessly repeating that phrase, the word of God reminds us that God is the Lord—and we are not. We did not construct the world; we did not create ourselves. Remembering our status as mere creatures comes as a shock to us at times, especially when we flex and pose as masters of our own tiny universes. On the other hand, knowing we are "merely" God's beloved children can free us. When we accept that God is the source and summit of all wisdom, we approach life with a growing stillness, an openness to God's powerful action in the world.

Holy and Perfect... Our openness to God's powerful action helps us understand Jesus' words in today's Gospel, when he demands that we become "perfect." Most of us shudder at the thought of having to be perfect. The idea of achieving perfection seems impossible, frankly. But, just before despair sets in, we recall that we are merely creatures. If God wants us to be "holy" and "perfect," as today's readings emphasize, then God will provide all we need to chip away at our imperfections. If we nurse a hateful grudge against someone and cannot imagine being free of the resentment, God can help. If we harm our own bodies through bad habits, the Holy Spirit can strengthen our resolve and transform our daily behavior. If we long for advantage over others, if we are disgusted by the thought of loving "unworthy" people, if we overwhelmingly prefer comfort and stability over the wildness of lavish generosity—Jesus Christ, King of glory, can convert our timid hearts. These transformations take time, patience and prayer. Sitting quietly to reflect over today's readings is an excellent kind of prayer, and an inspiring way to begin.

Today's Readings: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,12-13; 1 Cor 3: 16-23; Mt 5: 38-48

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EPHPHATHA: BE OPENED!

Lenten Mission, Mar. 2, 3 & 4

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.

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 further information about the event, please call 603-888-0321.

Lent at Saint John XXIII Parish

- **ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26**

We are asked to fast (ages 18 to 59) and abstain from eating meat (ages 14 and up) on Ash Wednesday. It is also time to start your Lenten discipline...what will you give up, or take on, this year?

Masses: 8:30 AM (SJE Church) & 6:30 PM (IJ Church)

- **FRIDAYS IN LENTEN SEASON**

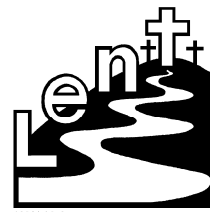
Catholics are asked to abstain from eating meat on the Fridays of Lent.

- **AID TO CHURCH IN CENTRAL & EASTERN EUROPE AND AFRICA**

This Ash Wednesday collection, in part supports the rebuilding of the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, by training seminarians and lay leaders, by providing pastoral care and helping with building renovations. A portion of this fund supports the Pastoral Solidarity for the Church in Africa.

- **OPERATION RICE BOWL**

If you would like to participate in this annual Catholic Relief sponsored Lenten program, please pick up a Rice Bowl this weekend, or on Ash Wednesday, at any of the church entrances.



FR. GEORGE AWAY ON VACATION

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

Please note:

- There will be **no weekday Mass** Tues., Feb. 25. Weekday Masses resume: Ash Wed., Feb. 26.
- The recitation of the rosary in church will not take place Tues., Feb. 25. Resumes: Thurs., Feb. 27.
- Friday's Eucharist Adoration resumes Fri. 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 ENDS THIS SUNDAY, FEB. 23

St. Gianna's Place—a home for women in crisis pregnancies located in our former rectory in Hudson, began a baby bottle campaign a few weeks back, here in our parish. Your financial support is greatly appreciated in order to defray the costs of day-to-day operations and maintenance. Please return your baby bottle donation to the designated container at the main entrances of our churches **by this Sunday, Feb. 23**. With your support, we can change mothers, and their babies, lives through the love and care of this community. Thank you!

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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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