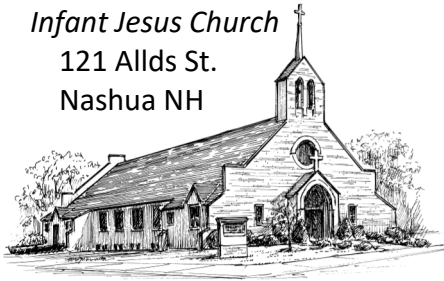
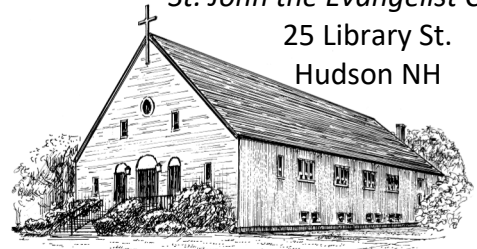


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March 29, 2020



Fifth

Sunday of Lent

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die."

John 11:25-26

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.*

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COVID-19 UPDATES

In light of public health concerns over the spread of the Covid-19 virus, Bishop Libasci has suspended public Mass attendance until further notice in our diocese.

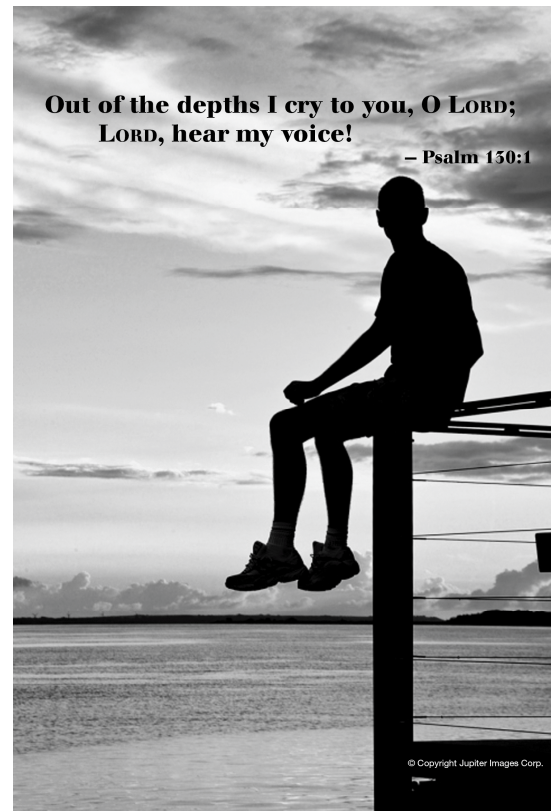
He has asked that churches be open for extended hours of prayer.

In our parish, this will take place at Infant Jesus Church. The church door in the parking lot, (closest to the rectory), will be open to allow for private devotion on:

Monday through Friday, 8 AM to Noon
and Sunday, 8 AM to Noon

To receive current information for our diocese, please enter the address below on the web:

www.catholicnh.org/community/outreach/health-care/coronavirus/



LIVE STREAMING OF MASS IN LOCAL CHURCHES

With public Mass curtailed to help slow the spread of the covid-19 virus, local parishes are turning to live streaming of the celebration of Mass. Here are a few:

- St. Christopher: Sunday at 10 AM
Go to parish website: www.stchrisparishnh.org or
public facebook page: www.facebook.com/stchrisnh/
- St. Kathryn: Sunday at 10:30 AM
Go to the parish homepage www.stkathryns.org
- Immaculate Conception: <https://www.facebook.com/iccnashuanh.org/>

For daily scripture readings, go to the USCCB (*United States Conference of Catholic Bishops*) website, then select "Today's Reading."

Only for Today

- I will adapt to circumstances, without requiring all circumstances to be adapted to my own wishes.
- I will devote ten minutes of my time to some good reading, remembering that just as food is necessary to the life of the body, so good reading is necessary to the life of the soul.
- I will do one good deed and not tell anyone about it.

Taken from the writings of Pope Saint John XXIII

Saint John XXIII Parish News

STEWARDSHIP THROUGH THESE TIMES

Even though the operations and administration of the parish are limited, we unfortunately still have our bills to pay. Please consider mailing your weekly envelopes to our parish mailing address:

Saint John XXIII Parish, 121 Allds St., Nashua NH 03060

Our parish offers online donations directly from our website via a company called *WeShare*. To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving." Sincere thanks to our parishioners already utilizing online giving and to our envelope users.

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

5th Sunday of Lent

Ezekiel's Counter Story...It is difficult to overstate the bleak situation faced by the people of Israel described in today's reading from Ezekiel. Babylon had invaded Jerusalem, killed many of its inhabitants, and destroyed the temple. Some of them were forced into exile in Babylon. Their captors and neighbors likely concluded that the Babylonian deity had pummeled the Hebrew deity into submission. Israel's God was as good as dead, and the people of Israel as well.

In the midst of this catastrophe, Ezekiel announces a counter-story. The narrative of God's death is false. Israel's God is alive, and God's own breath will restore their life. They will be lifted out of the grave of their grief and despair, and be returned to their land. Ezekiel's message speaks to all of us who know of profound disorientation, of separation from loved ones, and of deep loss. God will bear our unbearable sorrow, and God's spirit will offer new life and hope.

Resurrection and the Life...Today's Gospel tells us of the raising of Lazarus. In Jesus' exchange with Lazarus' sister Martha, she refers to the general resurrection of the dead on "the last day." Jesus then shifts the perspective by identifying himself as "the resurrection and the life." What does this mean? Jesus earlier had spoken of the hour "when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live" (John 5:25). When Jesus cries out in a loud voice—"Lazarus, come out"—Jesus fulfills that role in the present, offering resurrection and life here and now, in a new relationship with him.

Resurrection is offered not only on the last day, and not only at our physical death, but in the mix of our present daily lives. Sometimes we are buried in tombs of suffering or of entrapment in sin. When we encounter death in its many forms, in faith we can hear Jesus, who summons us out of death and into life.

Today's Readings: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4,5-6,7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 [3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45]

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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES CANCELED

With the announcement of NH school closures until at least April 3rd, our parish Religious Education classes have also been canceled, until further notice.

PARISH BINGO CANCELED

Our parish Bingo held at Eagles Wing Function Center, in Nashua has been canceled effective immediately, until at least April 18.

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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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