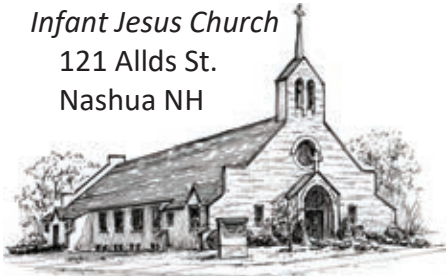
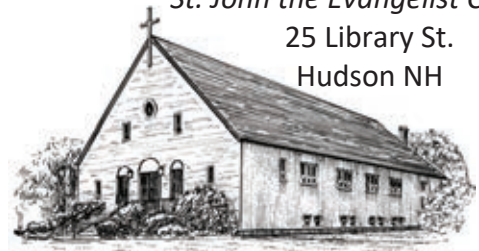


# Saint John XXIII Parish

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St. John the Evangelist Church  
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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.*

## Saint John XXIII Parish

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Deacon Randy O'Neill

Rev. Ethelbert Orabuque (hospital chaplain in residence)

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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

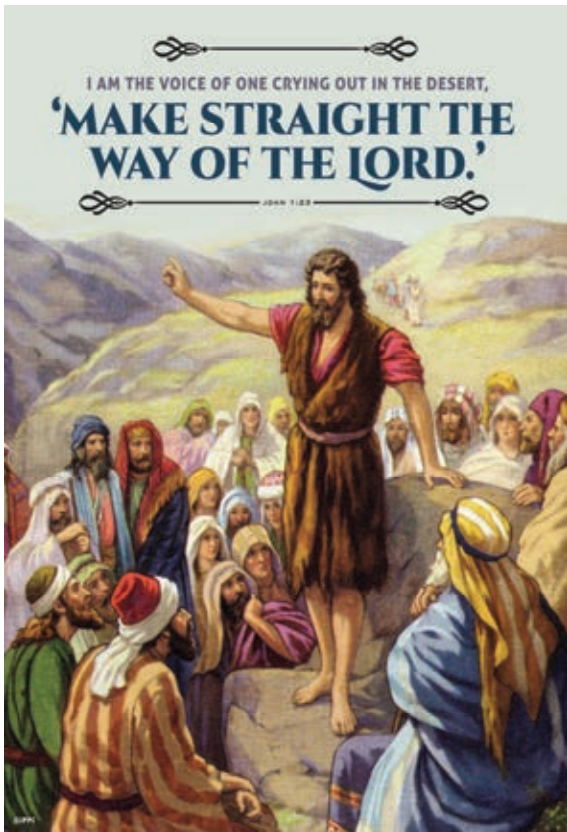
Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
Sunday	8:00 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

## WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3: to 3:30 PM  
at St. John the Evangelist Church.



**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday**  
SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

**Sunday**  
SJE 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 10:30 AM

***December 12 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Gerard & Vivian Dumont  
by Dan & Ginny Dumont  
Deceased loved ones of Joanne Charron

***December 13 Third Sunday of Advent***

Dr. Thomas Petty by the Peters Family  
Romeo Dupont 38th Anniv. &  
Claire Dupont-Picard  
By Steve & Denise Theriault

***December 15 Advent Weekday***

Louise A. Girard by Claire Budro

***December 16 Advent Weekday***

Theresa Duchesne by her family

***December 17 Advent Weekday***

Intentions of the parishioners

***December 18 Advent Weekday***

Deceased loved ones of Douglas Dame

***December 19 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick  
Stella Marcoux by Paulette Rochette

***December 20 Fourth Sunday of Advent***

Planpe Purcopte by family  
Deceased Members of the Hilston  
& Remillard Families

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

**2020 CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES**

**DECEMBER 24**  
4:00 PM SJE CHURCH  
6:00 PM IJ CHURCH

**DECEMBER 25**  
8:00 AM SJE CHURCH  
10:30 AM IJ CHURCH

**MESSY FAMILY PROJECT**

The Messy Family Project in this three-part, interactive webinar series, "Family & Faith in the Home", sponsored by the Diocese of Manchester. Each session will focus on introducing basic concepts of fostering strong marriage and family life, with the following three talks:

- January 13 – Communication in Marriage
- January 20 – Messy Parenting 101
- January 27 – Evangelizing Your Children

Contact Alyse Hlasny, [ahlasny@rcbm.org](mailto:ahlasny@rcbm.org) or (603) 663-0108, with any questions or to register for the webinar and receive the zoom link.

**Readings for the Week – December 14 through December 20, 2020**

**Monday:** Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9; Mt 21:23-27  
**Tuesday:** Zep 3:1-2, 9-13; Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23; Mt 21:28-32  
**Wednesday:** Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25; Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14; Lk 7:18B-23  
**Thursday:** Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17; Mt 1:1-17  
**Friday:** Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19; Mt 1:18-25  
**Saturday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
**Sunday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 16:25-27; Lk 1:26-38



## Saint John XXIII Parish

### STEWARDSHIP REPORTS



### REFLECTIONS FOR THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The worst thief of the year never robbed a bank or a convenience store, but he continues on his crime wave because nobody has yet been able to stop him completely. Actually, this outlaw is neither a him nor a her, but rather an “it,” and has a name. Call it “Covid 19.”

Among other thefts it has for the most part robbed us all of much of our customary way of life and made us near prisoners in our own homes. Were it not for all the electronic gizmos and gadgets, we might have all gone a lot more stir crazy than we have.

On the most serious level, it has taken a world wide death toll in the millions, AND thereby effected tens of millions more who loved their departed ones. It has ushered in a wave of fear on an unprecedented scale, and even turned the education of our young into a process involving screens on machines. It has made the fun of birthday and anniversary parties partial; graduations virtual; weddings less joyful and funerals more hurtful. Last but not least it has made our public prayer constricted with rules and regulations and even closed many of our churches. When the story of 2020 is documented, it will likely include that now familiar image of a spiked ball that will loom large in the memories of a generation.

Despite all this, it is the hope of our Church that with trust in Jesus we will maintain our hope and experience true joy. “Joy?” you ask in the midst of this and more. “Have you lost your mind, Church?” “But wait!” the Church replies, “you may be confusing joy with happiness. They are quite different. ‘Happiness’ is rooted in the ancient word ‘hap’ which means ‘luck’ or ‘good fortune.’ It is transitory while joy is abiding. Happiness is a passing thing, quite contingent on present circumstances, able to vanish with a phone call you receive.” The Church continues: “Joy is completely different from happiness. It is a deeper reality, reaching down inside our souls to that place at our spiritual core where decisions are made. Where God’s holy Spirit dwells, independent of externals.” To this I add that our Scriptures tell us we are made by God for God. That we are loved by Him and destined for heaven.

In the context of the Advent season now upon us, when we are supposed to be preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus, it is time to stoke the flames of joy within us that may be lying dormant. Recall the love that is behind God’s decision to take on our nature and demonstrate how to live in response to that love.

This third Sunday of Advent is traditionally known as “Gaudete” or “Rejoice” Sunday. The Mass celebrant’s vestment take on that rare rose color, as the purple of penance gets mixed in with the white of joy because Christmas is near. One way to feel that joy is to imitate the moving humility of John the Baptist while surrounded by his adoring followers. He forthrightly tells them he is definitely not the expected Messiah. Instead he points to his cousin Jesus and says “There He is! The Lamb of God.!”

The thief of the year we hope will soon be a memory. But may your joy remain, because, according to Teilhard deChardin, the priest archaeologist: “joy is the infallible sign of God’s presence.”

*Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

*Due to early bulletin deadlines stewardship reports will be published at a later date.  
May our loving God bless you  
for your continued generosity!*

### RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. This collection this weekend, taken up through your online giving (WeShare), use of your parish envelopes or special envelopes available at all church entrances helps hundreds of religious communities care for their aging members.

### PLANET AID UPDATE

This quarter, our parish received a small stipend of **\$160.45** for the many pounds of gently used clothing, coats and shoes gathered in our two bins at St. John the Evangelist and Infant Jesus. Thank you for your ongoing support of this organization, committed to reducing waste, saving resources and helping the poorest of the poor through sustainable development projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as educating our young people on the importance of protecting the environment.

Please place **ONLY gently used clothing, coats and shoes** in the Planet Aid receptacle bins.

### CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY VAN DRIVER NEEDED

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is in need of a volunteer to drive the pantry van. Someone to make “food pick-ups” at the food bank in Manchester and at local grocery stores in Nashua. This position requires some “muscle” and good driving record. If you can help, please call Maryellen at 882-6372 or email [corpuschristifp@outlook.com](mailto:corpuschristifp@outlook.com)

### SAINT JOHN HUDSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY GROCERY COUPONS

St. John Hudson Community 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 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.



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