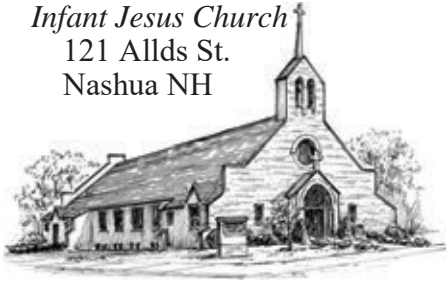


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
25 Library St.  
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## **Outreach:**

Saint John XXIII Food Pantry: 603-883-6048  
Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372  
NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

## **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**

### **Office/Mailing Address:**

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### **Parish Website:**

[www.stjohnxxiiinh.org](http://www.stjohnxxiiinh.org)

### **Clergy:**

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastorext. 5

Deacon Randy O'Neill

Rev. Ethelbert Orabucho (hospital chaplain in residence)

### **Religious Education:**

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## **WEEKEND MASS TIMES**

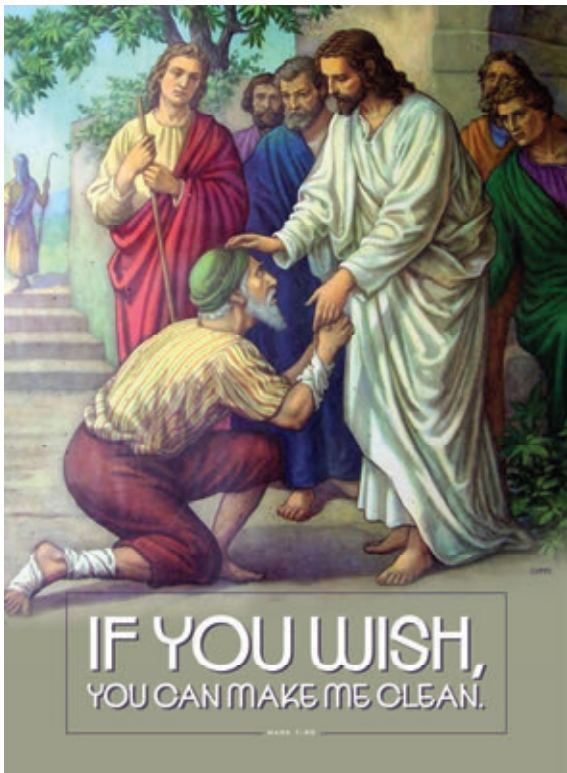
Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
Sunday	8:00 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

## **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 3:00 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  
IJ 6:30 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

**February 13 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Intentions of the parishioners  
Deceased loved ones of Douglas Dame  
**February 14 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Intentions of the parishioners  
Sr. Germaine Hilston, CSJ by her family

**February 16**

In Memory of  
George & Evangeline Nadeau  
**February 17 ASH WEDNESDAY**

Mass & Distribution of Ashes  
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**February 18**

Intentions of the parishioners

**February 19**

Intentions of the parishioners  
**February 20 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick  
Stella Marcoux by Jeannette Chevalier

**February 21 1st Sunday of Lent**

Fr. Roger P Bilodeau by parishioners  
William & Mary Brooks by Rita Clark

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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORTS**

Week Ending ~ February 6 & 7, 2021

<b>Adult Envelopes (57)</b>	<b>\$2,596.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (50)</b>	<b>\$865.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$313.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,774.00</b>
<b>Catholic Education Collection</b>	<b>\$545.00</b>

*May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!*

**Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence**

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

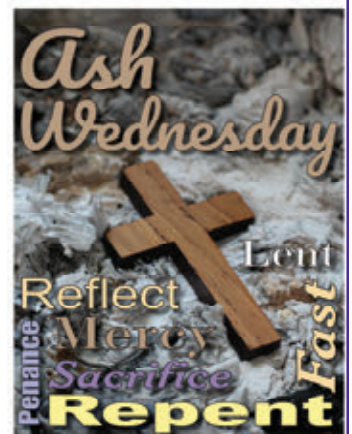
Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES**  
8:30 AM - Saint John the Evangelist Church  
6:30 - PM Infant Jesus Church

**ASHES DURING COVID**

This year because of Covid, ashes will be distributed by sprinkling them on the heads of people as they come forward. Some people may not want to receive ashes in this manner. In such cases, people may attend Mass and receive Holy Communion without the imposition of ashes. The sprinkling of ashes is the more traditional form, though many people have never seen the practice.



**Weekly Readings – February 15-21**

**Mon.:** Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8, 16bc-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
**Tues.:** Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29:1a, 2, 3ac-4, 3b, 9c-10; Mk 8:14-21  
**Wed.:** Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thurs.:** Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
**Fri.:** Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
**Sat.:** Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32  
**Sun.:** Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-4, 6-7, 8-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTIONS FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

You are in the doctor's exam room, perched on the side of the examination table, awaiting the doctor's return. When he does so, the doctor brings another one with him. Their combined verdict is clear: "You have a strong case of cancer."

Since you've been a patient of this man for many years, you know of his special concern for you. You inherently know how much the doctor would rather be saying something else. That's how it could be for any one of us since the arrival of cancer and its varied forms. You dread the sudden imposition of isolation this may bring. Most family and friends take on this serious air around you. You are grateful for those who can still share a laugh with you, no matter the subject. And when you are alone, you try to remember that instead of holding a "pity party" for yourself.

All of that was part of the plight of the unnamed leper who met Jesus on that long ago day. He knew the pain of his condition, but the social strictures Leviticus demanded in those days that he live apart from family and friends and shout out to everybody "Unclean! Unclean!" Jesus will thus make all the difference.

Mark's description that Jesus was "moved with pity," is a bit tepid rendition of the original Greek word used here which is "embrimesamenos." The word means rather "strong emotions that boil over and find expression in groaning." That was the depth of the healing love in Our Lord's great heart that day. This weekend finds us in "the vestibule," so to speak, of Lent. We can easily acknowledge our need of repentance at any time, but Lent is a special season for this. Think of it as a retreat. At least as a time to zero in on the "leprosy" of sin that infects our souls regularly. How supportive, consoling, and hopeful it is to know that God sent us His son as an emissary who could be so concerned for our healing as to groan over us! I believe that prompted Jesus to say on another occasion "Come to Me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will refresh you."

Bishop Robert Barron offers this complementary pre-Lenten observation: "It is a biblical commonplace that we are unable to save ourselves from sin, since the very powers that we would muster to do so—the mind, the will, and the passions—are precisely what sin has compromised. Our only hope, therefore, is in the divine salvation offered as a gift."

In Lent, we're all, figuratively speaking, in "the office" of the Divine Physician, the Healer of souls. Tell him your condition, and then listen attentively. And don't be like this man who consulted with his doctor. "I have a terrible problem," he confided. "I've been carousing and misbehaving. It's been happening more and more frequently, and my conscience is beginning to trouble me very deeply. Can you give me something that will help?"

The doctor replied "Oh, I see, you want me to give you something to strengthen your willpower?" "No" the patient protested. "That's not it. I don't want to strengthen my willpower. I want you to give me something to weaken my conscience." Have a good Lent. *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### UNITED WAY TUTORS NEEDED

United Way of Greater Nashua is matching volunteer tutors with students in grades 1 through 11 who need help with Math, Science, Literacy and other subjects. Tutors are needed for IN PERSON tutoring at youth service organizations. For more information contact Sara Ceasar at 603-864-201 or [sceasar@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceasar@unitedwaynashua.org).

### ST. JOHN'S HUDSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Alvirne High school as part of the WMUR 2020 New Hampshire Tackles Hunger Food Drive, contributed over \$2400 to the New Hampshire Food Bank for the St. John's /Hudson community Food Bank. This year program was held virtually collecting donation of Money only. In prior years food product were accepted.

The New Hampshire total collected was \$81,000 from 78 high schools across the state with wonderful donation from the Lois Roy Dickerman Fund and the Dead River Company.

These funds were used by the your food pantry at St John for Thanksgiving and Christmas supplies, the food pantry prior food and gifts to over 183 family with distribution sites at St Johns and St Kathrine churches.

### Corpus Christi Food Pantry News

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance has been blessed with extremely generous donors. In addition to the non-perishable food that the client can select on their grocery list, they can also personally select from a wide range of perishable foods. The perishable food is donated from Shaw's and Hannaford. Some of the perishable food that the client can pick from includes bread and bakery items, fresh fruits and vegetables, frozen meats and eggs. The perishable food helps the client to round out a healthy, nutritious meal for their family. Thank you once again for your support and helping our clients on their road to self-sufficiency.



### FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE

With the hard work of Harvey Construction and their subcontractors, the support of Saint John XXIII Parish, and the effort of our amazing volunteers, Family Promise has made great strides the past couple of months. After watching construction progress for some time, we are ready for families to move in as of February 15th! Ten family suites are ready to greet new residents, and our industrial kitchen is ready to prepare meals. The pantry is full of donated food items, freezers, refrigerators, and food storage areas in place and available for stock. And to ensure security and 24-hour support to our families, we have recently hired two Resident Staff Assistants.

The additional floors are slated for completion by March 15th. Once fully renovated and cleaned, we will be able to house approximately 25 families. Never have we been able to support so many families in transition at one time. We will be able to continue our good work in providing long-term housing opportunities, where families do not have to move to a variety of locations to receive the support that they need. They can call Family Promise of Nashua home for the duration of their program.

We are incredibly grateful and find it hard to express our gratitude for all that has been afforded to us through this project. We are eager to dive in and start giving back. We are eager to see our families move in and thrive in the security of safe housing, hot meals, and the warm family atmosphere that we can now offer.

For more information about our mission, or if you are interested in visiting our new home, please contact Pam Wellman, Executive Director at 603-883-7338, ext.1. For volunteer opportunities, please contact Matthew Hodgkiss, 603-883-7338, ext. 3. Please visit our website at [www.familypromisesnh.org](http://www.familypromisesnh.org).

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For further information, please call the Parish Office.  
Thank you.

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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 x233.

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