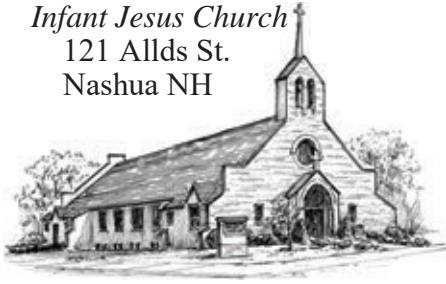


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
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Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
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## Saint John XXIII Parish

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Deacon Randy O'Neill

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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.



### **Outreach:**

Saint John XXIII Food Pantry: 603-883-6048

Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372

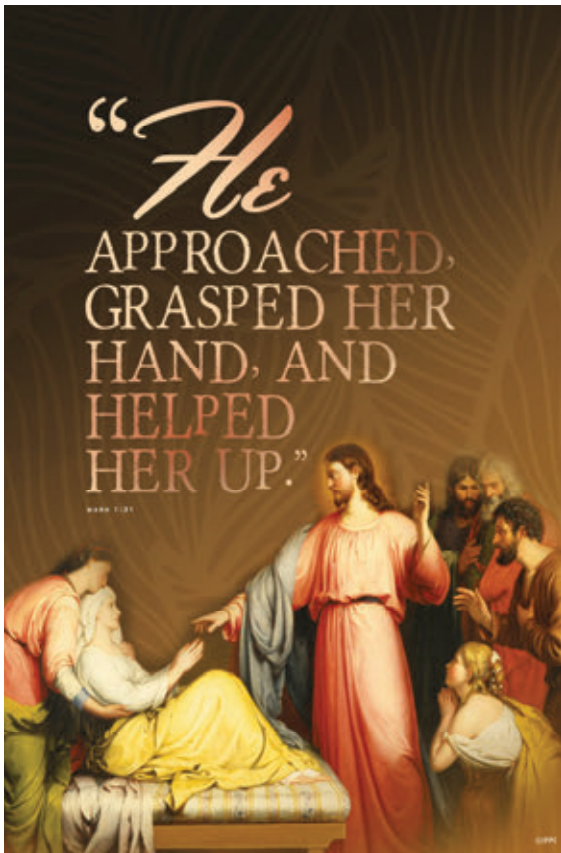
NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

### **MISSION STATEMENT**

*Strengthened by the Holy Spirit,  
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lives the gospel of Jesus Christ, celebrates  
the sacraments and offers a community of  
worship where all are welcomed.*

February 7, 2021

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**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

**February 6 Anticipated Weekend Mass**

Deceased members of the Parker Family

Deceased loved ones of Joanne Charron

**February 7 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Deceased loved ones of Kevin Natwick

Theresa Duchesne by her family

**February 9**

Intentions of the parishioners

**February 10 Saint Scholastica**

Intentions of the parishioners

**February 11 Our Lady of Lourdes**

Intentions of the parishioners

**February 12**

Joseph Zagarella by Rita Clark

**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

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

**NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK**

This February 7-14, 2021, we will celebrate National Marriage Week! This annual observance is a great prompt for everyone to reflect on the gift marriage is to our Church and our country, as well as an opportunity for couples to build up their own marriages. This year the theme is: To Have, To Hold, To Honor. For information and resources visit <https://www.foryourmarriage.org/celebrate-national-marriage-week/>.

**REV. ROGER P. BILODEAU**

On Saturday, January 30, 2021, the Reverend Roger P. Bilodeau was called to his rest and to the glory of the Resurrection promised by the Lord, having received the prayerful support of the Faithful and the consolation of the Sacraments. He was 85 years old. Father Bilodeau served as Pastor of St. John the Evangelist for a number of years. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

**Weekly Readings – February 8-14**

**Mon.:** HeGn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

**Tues.:** Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

**Wed.:** Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

**Thurs.:** Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

**Fri.:** Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

**Sat.:** Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

**Sun.:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11; 1 Cor 10:31 - 11:1; Mk 1:40-45 b

**DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COLLECTION**

The annual Diocesan Catholic School Fund Collection takes place this weekend, February 6 & 7. The money raised in this collection remains in the parish to assist with funding our financial support for the Catholic elementary and junior high schools.

**COPING WITH COVID ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP**

For those still struggling to manage daily life with the COVID-19 crisis, Catholic Charities NH is hosting another “Coping with COVID” online support group for parishioners across the Diocese. The (free) five-session program, held on Zoom, provides key information and coping strategies to help you navigate these challenging and uncertain times. You’ll connect with members of the medical and mental health communities and gain valuable relaxation techniques, among other forms of support. Sessions will be held Wednesdays (2-3 p.m.) starting February 3 through March 3. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/coping](http://www.cc-nh.org/coping). You may also call 603-752-1325 or email [efrenette@nh-cc.org](mailto:efrenette@nh-cc.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and some span multiple weeks on a given weekday. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God’s plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://wwmema.org>.

# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTIONS FOR THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Poor little February! Even in its better leap years, it still has fewer days than its calendar mates. Besides that, at least in the Northern hemisphere, it comes at that time of year when the weather offers a tiresome repeat of its neighbor January. Gone is the charm of that first snowfall when others arrive.

There is no significant holiday to prepare for as the previous three months offered. That is, unless one gives an extraordinary rating to Valentine's Day right in February's middle. Consequently, nobody rushes around the mall for gifts to live in its days. Speaking of gifts, it's now the bills for same arrive. No special decorating for most houses. There is no list of favorite songs for February. And, unless you or a loved one celebrates a birthday or an anniversary this month, there are no large gatherings for a special meal. Add to all this the somewhat unwelcome news that Lent soon arrives, with all its purple weeks of fasting and other penances.

But wait! Isn't a convinced Christian an automatic optimist, no matter the season? Theologically, yes. Psychologically, I am not so sure. Whatever problem Life doles out, it just seems that we're less likely to handle it well in February. This Sunday's First Reading from the Book of Job makes explicit what we might be thinking about in February. We get little comfort. Along comes the timeless "Good News" in today's Gospel passage. It can lift us up from any "downer" we may experience this month. The Holy Word offers not just a palliative but a pain killer. That's because it highlights how a certain Jesus, the same we met as a mere babe two short months ago comes to us with the very reason for our optimism. We re-learn that He is the cure for all our ills.

The demons at this point have a temporary advantage over the good people around Jesus who are seeking cures from various maladies. But Jesus orders their silence. He prefers a gradual realization among His newfound followers.

As a result, "little February" is not as forlorn as it may have seemed at first. For here, only seven days in, she presents a Gospel passage that gives us the whole reason for our main Christian claim. Bishop Robert Barron explains it this way: Christianity is, first and foremost, a religion of the concrete and not the abstract. It takes its power not from a general religious consciousness, not from an ethical conviction, not from a comfortable abstraction, but from the person Jesus Christ. It is Christ...that moves the believer to change of life and gift of self."

Of course, pessimists are always to be found. Usually they have a hard time believing in anything, much less Jesus. When someone is convinced that things can't be done, he will cling to that conviction in the face of the most obvious contradiction. The story is told of the time when Robert Fulton gave the first public demonstration of his steamboat. One of those "can't be done" fellows stood in the crowd along the shore repeating, "He can't start it."

Suddenly, there was a belch of steam and the big boat began to move. Startled, the man stared for a moment and then began to chant, "He can't stop it!" *Reflection by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

## Phone Friends & Pen Pal for Seniors

Do you have a senior friend or loved one who is feeling isolated? Maybe they live alone or are staying in their home due to health concerns. United Way of Greater Nashua is connecting isolated seniors with volunteers who can offer weekly calls or want to exchange letters with them. Seniors who would like calls or letters should contact us at (603)438-2173 or [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org). at 603-663-0249 with any questions.

## STEWARDSHIP REPORTS

Week Ending ~ January 30 & 31, 2021	
Adult Envelopes (51)	\$1,505.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$885.00
Loose Cash	\$278.00
<b>Offerory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,668.00</b>
<b>Fuel Collection</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## 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.

## 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 [sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:sceaser@unitedwaynashua.org).

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For further information, please call the Parish Office.  
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 x233.

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