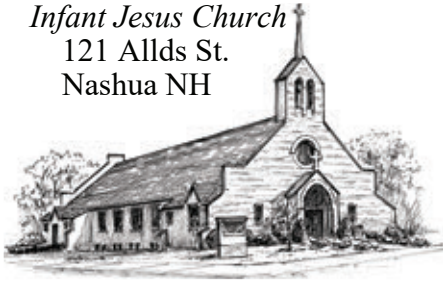
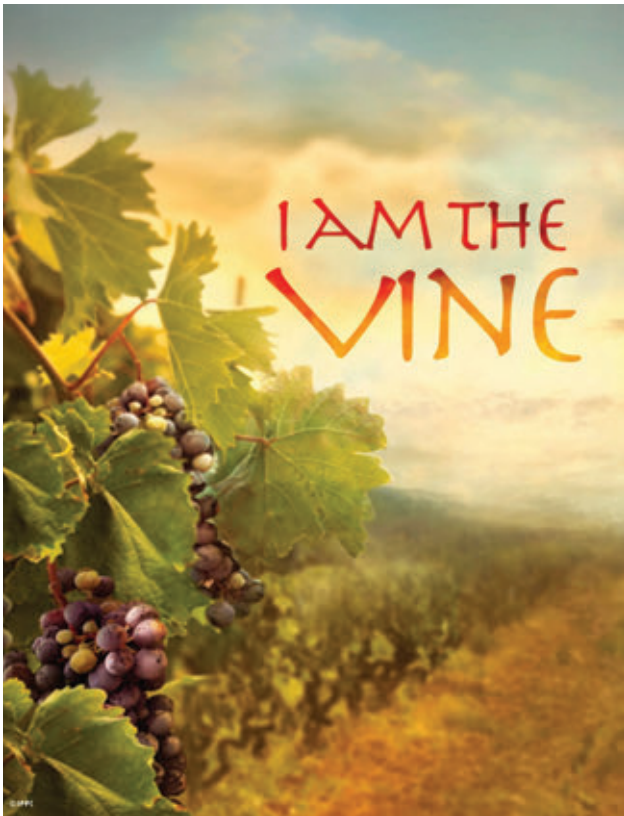
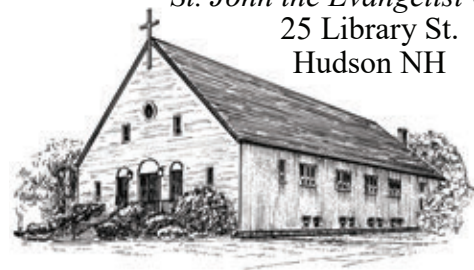


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

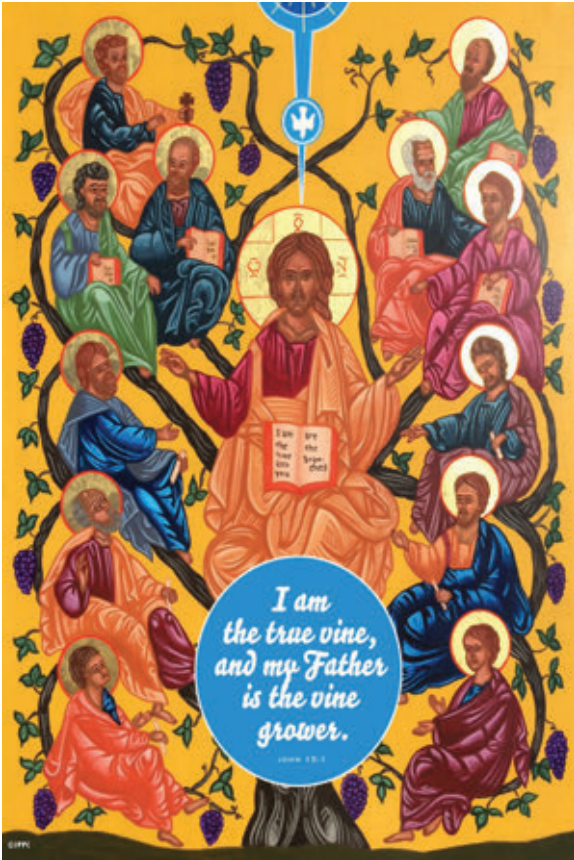
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Sunday	8:00 AM	SJE Church
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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

NO MASS TODAY

Wednesday

NO MASS TODAY

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

May 1 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Robin Magee 6th Ann. by her family
Paul Ravenelle

By Maurice & Margaret Ravenelle

May 2 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Intentions of the parishioners
Theresa Duchesne by her family

May 4

NO MASS TODAY

May 5

NO MASS TODAY

May 6 National Day of Prayer

Paul Charron by his family

May 7

Intentions of the parishioners

May 8 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Daniel Bolton by his family

Intentions of the parishioners

May 9 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Timothy Coulter by his family

Bob & Claire Picard

By Steve & Denise

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

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VIRTUAL 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 are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. 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://wwwmema.org/>.

Weekly Readings – May 3 - 9

Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Jn 14:6-14
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11
Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21
Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4; 1 Jn 4:7-10; Jn 15:9-17

FACILITATOR COUPLES NEEDED

The Diocese of Manchester is seeking part time Facilitator Couples for our Diocesan Engaged couple Courses, which may occur remotely or in-person. Couples married at least five years are encouraged to apply for these positions; training will be provided. Couples will collaborate to lead positive, formative weekend experiences for engaged couples based on Ascension Press' Joy-Filled Marriage program. Interested parties may visit the following link for more information and the full job description: www.catholicnh.org/employment. Applications should be sent to Giselle North at gnorth@rcbm.org

PLANET AID UPDATE

The parish recently received a check for \$104.50 from Planet Aid for the donations 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 program, committed to reducing waste, saving resources and helping the poor.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ April 24 & 25 2021	
Adult Envelopes (41)	\$1,649.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$882.00
Loose Cash	\$305.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,836.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTIONS FOR THE 5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

A mere ten minutes from my front door in South New Jersey lies a vineyard. Despite the absence of the climate that holds forth in France, Italy and California, it flourishes. When I drive by it, I can catch a glimpse of those long straight lines of bushes. Often enough, I think of those immortal words of Christ that we hear this weekend about the vine and its branches. As the Master of metaphor, Our Lord speaks here of an intimacy between God and ourselves, the likes of which none of the pagan religions popular at the time could match.

Our Lord offers us an easy concept to grasp, even if our only connection to a vineyard is tasty liquid bottled and bound for our table. We know from any shrub how connected the parts are. When a heavy snow bears down on a branch and bends it low, it may snap. When its green growth fades to a baleful brown, we know it's time for pruning.

In a way, we're just the same. At times we have bent to the pressure of temptation and broken away. Maybe we've "changed colors," from a red-blooded loyalty to Christ to the pallid yellow of denying Him. Most often, this last springs from our desire to show others that we Catholics are just like everybody else, which often enough we should not be.

What is consoling at such times is the basic fact that the love energy in this relationship comes from God. He takes the first step. The vine prior exists before any branches. All that we really have to do is respond as best we can, staying fully attuned to His will and ways.

Even if we have little or no connection with a vineyard, we have to admit that they are high maintenance items. That plenty of hard work is involved in their care and production. Just so has the whole enterprise of being a good Christian been from the beginning. The resurrection of Our Lord that certified His teaching and promises spurs us on. We know that if we want to live forever, staying well-connected to the divine Vine, we occasionally have to prune away from ourselves any notion that we're doing just fine as we are, with no need for improvement. The very shape of a cross speaks to this, for it is an "I" with a slash through it. Only then will we be fit to be missionary disciples as Christ calls us to be.

One snowy morning at 5:00 am, a missionary candidate rang the bell at the rectory of the bishop's missionary board member. Ushered into the office, he sat three hours past his appointment time waiting for his interview. At 8:00 am, the priest examiner finally appeared and began his questioning.

"Can you spell?"

Rather mystified, the candidate answered, "Yes, Father."

"All right, spell 'baker'."

"B-A-K-E-R."

"Fine. Now, do you know anything about numbers?" the priest examiner continued.

"Yes, Father, I know something."

"Please add two plus two."

"Four" replied the candidate.

"That's fine," said the priest. "I believe you have passed. I'll tell the board tomorrow."

At the bishop's board meeting, the priest examiner reported on the interview. "He has all the qualifications for a fine missionary. First, I tested him on self-denial, making him arrive at the rectory at five in the morning. He left a warm bed on a snowy morning without any complaint. Second, I tested him on promptness. He arrived on time. Third, I examined him on patience. I made him wait three hours to see me. Fourth, I tested him on temper. He failed to show any anger or aggravation. Fifth, I tried his humility by asking him questions that a seven year old child could answer, and he showed no indignation. So, you see, I believe the candidate meets the requirements. He will make the fine missionary that we need." God love you and give you His peace.. by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY & ASSISTANCE

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is blessed to help people in our community that are struggling to make ends meet. One such family that the Assistance Program helped recently had been boiling water for dishes and bathing, since December. The Assistance Program was able to help this single mother with four children by purchasing and installing a water heater. The family was extremely grateful. Without your support, we could not help people like this family. Thank you!

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES SPEAKER

Your support of Catholic Charities NH brings lasting change to our NH neighbors. Over the past year, more than 2,800 individuals and families struggling to make ends meet –many who were never in a position to ask for help before –received urgent support and assistance around food, transportation, housing and other essential needs through its Community Services program. You helped bring much hope and light into their lives in these challenging times. Leanna Long from Catholic Charities will be speaking at all the Masses this weekend, May 1 & 2. and donation materials will be located at the church doors.



FAMILY PROMISE NOTES

VOLUNTEER NEEDS:

- **Evening meals** (delivered or cooked onsite) Monday thru Thursday
- **Babysitters** – Monday evenings, 7pm-9pm (mainly for toddlers and older children)
- **Onsite volunteers** for flexible **evening hours** between 6 and 9pm. These volunteers are needed to help transition the building from daytime to evening. These volunteers would be available during mealtime, and after to help families with whatever needs they may realize before bedtime.
- **Event volunteers** - we are beginning to plan several outdoor **fundraising events** for this spring/summer. We will need volunteers and event committee members in various capacities.

For more information about our mission, or if you are interested in visiting the new home of Family Promise of Southern New Hampshire, 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.

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. at 603-663-0249 with any questions.

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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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