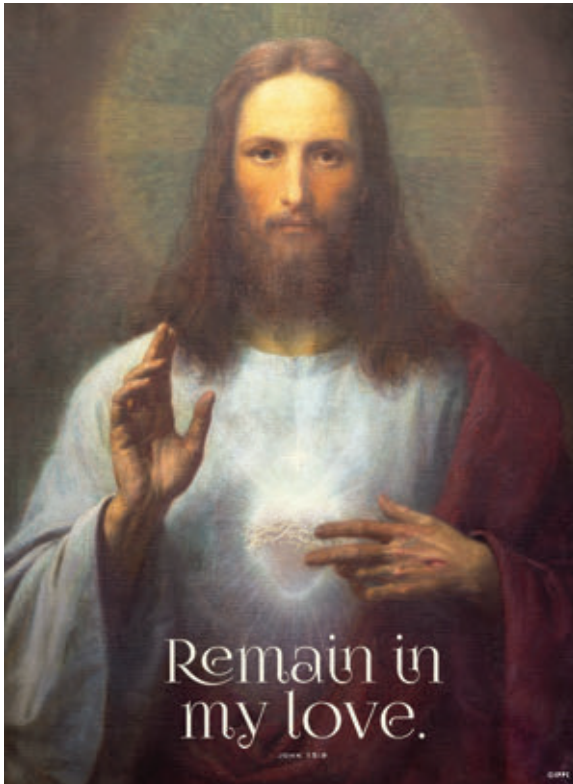


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*Happy Mother's Day*

wishing you time...  
to dream,  
to relax,  
to enjoy!  
with love...



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

IJ 8:30 AM

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

Friday

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

May 11

Intentions of the parishioners

May 12

Intentions of the parishioners

May 13 Ascension

Ascension Day Mass

May 14

**NO MASS TODAY**

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM  
IJ 6:00 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM  
IJ 10:30 AM

May 15 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Marcel Dubord 2nd Ann. by his family  
Albert A. Gerard by Claire Budro

May 16 Seventh Sunday of Easter

Rachel Deschamps 3rd Ann. By her family  
Christopher Hilston by his family

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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION**

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM  
at St. John the Evangelist Church.

**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://www.mema.org/>.

**Weekly Readings – May 10 - 16**

**Monday:** 1 CoActs 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20; or **Ascension,** Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26; Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Jn 15:9-17

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-10; Jn 16:23b-28

**Sunday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20; 1 Jn 4:11-16; Jn 17:11b-19; 4:1-13 or 1-7, 11-13; Mk 16:15-20 r

**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](http://www.catholicnh.org/employment). Applications should be sent to Giselle North at [gnorth@rcbm.org](mailto: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 ~ May 1 & 2, 2021	
<b>Adult Envelopes</b> (51)	<b>\$2,171.00</b>
<b>WeShare</b> (Online Giving) (50)	<b>\$842.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$384.40</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,397.40</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

## *Saint John XXIII Parish*

### **REFLECTIONS FOR THE 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

Let's face facts: the internet has given editorial cartoons a reprieve from extinction, able to withstand the decline of newspapers as a major source of information for most people these days. Depending on the viewpoint the cartoons espouse, many of them are clever enough to draw either a chuckle or a curse. Over the course of history, our beloved Church has been the subject of cartoons, most of them caustic, because Christianity itself is often the opposition to popular opinion. So the Church may appear as a purveyor of guilt or a stickler for rules. Outside observers cannot be blamed for their conclusions if that is all they know. Only contact with an authentic believer can erase their misconceptions.

This weekend's Mass Readings present a truly positive picture. The gospel displays this truth as we read how Jesus Himself, our "Founder," pours out His heart. For good reason, it is a "Sacred Heart", and through the author's presentation, you and I get to "overhear" Him. As Jesus speaks to His intimates, He not only details His love, but also how future followers like us can best respond to it.

Most of us know from lived experience how much suffering is involved when the loved one does not respond in kind, but instead offers nothing more than a cold response. It stings. It stabs our hearts more roughly than a spear.

Jesus knew from His entry to our nature that this happens, because it happened to Him. Yet He was able to muster from His depths the piercing cry from His cross: "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." In this section of Scripture, note how Jesus says to His disciples, and to us, that He has chosen us. No other qualifications given for the choice, the least of which would be our worthiness.

In a culture rife with anti-Christian postures and policies, where even the name of Jesus is "cancelled," to use the current language, I believe each of us knows in our heart what to do about it. Yes we can march in protest; write letters or post a note on "Facebook" or tweet on "Twitter", all of which can be good in themselves. But those are not everybody's "cup of tea."

There is another way, a quietly offered counterbalance to the chaos and craziness around us, which anybody can do. It's our good example. Consider this:

In 1871, Sir Henry Stanley journeyed to Africa, where he encountered the missionary Dr. David Livingstone (d.1873) and subsequently spent a few months in his company. Livingstone never spoke to Stanley about spiritual things, but throughout those months Stanley observed the old man.

Livingstone's habits were beyond his comprehension, and so was his patience. He could not understand Livingstone's love for the African people. For the sake of Christ and His gospel, the missionary doctor was patient, untiring, and eager. Stanley wrote, "When I saw the unwearied patience, the unflagging zeal, those enlightened sons of Africa, I became a Christian at his side, though he never spoke to me about it."

by Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### **FAMILY PROMISE UPDATE**

We have 15 families (48 people) "in house" at this point - with children ranging in age from 3 months to 15 years old. Three more families are scheduled to move in next week.

Items we currently need are laundry detergent, dryer sheets and cleaning supplies.

For 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](http://www.familypromisesnh.org).

### **CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY**

#### **CINCO DE MAYO BAGS**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance continues to help people in our community in many positive ways. One positive way we were able to lift our client's spirit and bring a smile to their face this week was to give them a bonus bag of food. This "Cinco de Mayo Bag" contained nachos, salsa, taco seasoning, ground beef, shredded cheese and sour cream. Festive food to help celebrate Cinco de Mayo. Our clients were very happy and surprised to receive these bags. The pantry could not offer bonus items without your generosity. Thank you once again.

### **NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES**

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. Catholic Charities envelopes are located at the church doors.

### **CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS CAMPAIGN**

Next weekend, May 15 & 16 is the annual collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign. This campaign connects people with Christ and builds Catholic communities in the United States and developing countries using the internet, television, radio, and print media. 50% of the money collected remains here in the Diocese of Manchester to fund local communications efforts such as the diocesan website [catholicNH.org](http://catholicNH.org); electronic newsletters eNews, Catholic Citizenship News, and The Call; social media including Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, and Instagram; videos on our YouTube Channel; and Parable magazine. Your support helps spread the Gospel message! Visit [catholicNH.org/ccc](http://catholicNH.org/ccc).

### **NH Food Bank Mobile Food Pantry**

#### **May 25th**

On Tuesday May 25th from 12-2 PM at Holman Stadium parking lot, 67 Amherst St., Nashua. The NH Food Bank will bring a truckload of fresh food to distribute to families and individuals of Southern NH. This event is free and open to all. Proof of residency or income **is not** needed. This is a drive through event -items will be distributed to you in your vehicles.

### **ST. GIANNA'S PLACE HELP WANTED**

We currently have two part-time positions available for devout Catholic women. The first is for an administrative assistant on Mondays and Fridays. The second is for overnight staff on Saturday nights, 5pm – 6am, with occasional other nights as needed. We would also gladly welcome volunteers to help with various jobs around our home. If you are interested or have questions, please call 603-521-8440 during office hours. For more information about us please visit our website at [www.StGiannasPlace.org](http://www.StGiannasPlace.org).

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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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