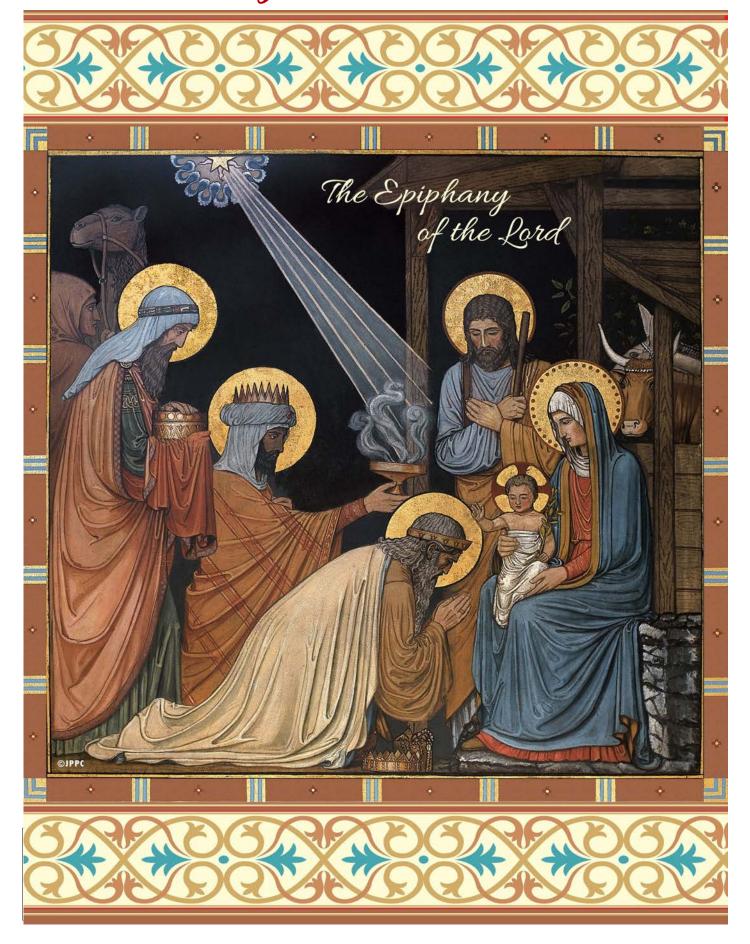
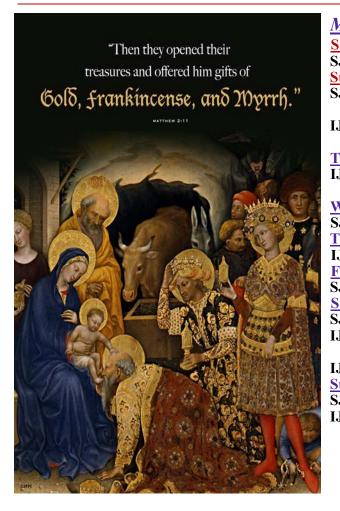
# Saint John XXIII Parish





## **Mass Intentions**

Saturday		January 1 Solemnity of Mary
SJE	8:00 AM	Solemnity of Mary Mass
Sund	<u>ay</u>	January 2 Feast of the Epiphany
SJE	8:00 AM	Deceased Loved Ones
		of Tom & Debbie Gagnon
IJ	10:30 AM	Deceased Members of the
		Hilston & Remillard Families
Tuesday		January 4 Saint Elizabeth Seaton
IJ	8:30 AM	Deceased Loved Ones
		of Jeannine T. Levesque
Wednesday		January 5 Saint John Neumann
SJE	8:30 AM	Anna Pugliiese Fortunato
<b>Thursday</b>		January 6
IJ	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<u>Friday</u>		January 7
SJE	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<b>Saturday</b>		January 8 Anticipated Weekend Mass
	4:00 PM	Ernest Leveille by his family
IJ	6:00 PM	Alfred G. Gaudreau 33rd Ann.
		by his family
IJ	7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<b>Sunday</b>		January 9 Baptism of the Lord
SJE	8:00 AM	Timothy Coulter by his family
IJ	10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family

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

#### **CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS FOR 2021**

**Online Giving...**Parishioners using this stewardship program will have donation statements emailed out directly from WeShare.

**Parish Envelopes...**Parishioners using the envelope system to support our parish are asked to give us a call at the parish office if you wish to receive a summary of your donations for the past year. We will be happy to send statements out to you by the end of January.

# Weekly Readings for Jan. 3 – Jan. 9

**Mon.:** 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 **Tuesday**: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44 **Wednesday**: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52 **Thursday**: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72:1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-

22

Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30 Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 40:1-5, 9-11; Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-

10 or Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30;

Acts 10:34-38 or Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7; Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

#### PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022

Parish Offering Envelopes for 2022 are being mailed directly to your house and should arrive sometime during the next 2 weeks. If have not used offertory envelopes in the past and would like an envelope booklet, please call the parish office 882-2462 ext. 4. If you don't receive your envelope booklet please call the office and one will be made available to you. Online Giving is also an option To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ December 18 & 19, 2021			
Adult Envelopes (41)	\$1,980.00		
WeShare (Online Giving) (54)	\$931.00		
Loose Cash	\$290.00		
Offertory Total:	\$3,201.00		
May our loving God bless you			
for your continued generosity!			

#### **EPIPHANY REFLECTION**

"They returned to their country by another way." What a near fairy tale ending to this lovely but significant episode in the Christmas story. Whether they were the traditional three figures (based on the number of gifts) or of an unknown head count; whether they were astrologers, or kings, they represent us, the Gentile world, coming to pay homage to the newborn Messiah. As happened before in those days of wonder, the wise men received a warning in a dream and escaped the clutches of the malignant monarch Herod. Instead they mounted their humped "desert ships" and headed East, never to be seen again.

But here may I interject a question, "home to do what?" Adhere to studying the stars? Perhaps. But we know that no one who comes to Jesus goes away the same.

My imagination supplies one possible answer: In their newfound lives they became evangelizers, eager to tell the world about Him whom they had seen lying in the manger. The same One whom they had gifted with items not found in stables. They now had a new purpose in life.

That leads into the subject of our individual purpose in the grand scheme of things. What is it? What specifically are we called to do for God here below in order to live with Him forever above in heaven? Will we tackle it a bit better now that a brand new year has arrived?

Prayer, for believers at least, is the main component of the search. Allow me now to bring to your attention the most helpful words of St. John Henry Cardinal Newman. He presents his thought with his characteristic eloquence and that pertinent wisdom displayed every time he put pen to paper. I have carried the following with me for years.

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission. I may never know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons.

He has not created me for naught. I shall do good. I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace; a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I but keep His commandments. Therefore I shall trust Him.

Whatever I am, I can never be thrown away. If I am in sickness, my sickness may serve Him. In perplexity, my perplexity may serve Him. If I am in sorrow, my sorrow may serve Him. He does nothing in vain. He knows what He is about. He may take away my friends; He may throw me among strangers. He may make me feel desolate; make my spirits sink; hide my future from me. Still, He knows what He is about."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### BIBLICAL WALK THROUGH THE MASS

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study A Biblical Walk Through the Mass, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist. Join us for A Biblical Walk Through the Mass at St. Patrick Parish in Nashua NH beginning January 7, 2022 from 6:15 p.m. and continuing every Friday for five (5) weeks. For more information or to register call Adam D'Entremont at (603) 233-5855 or via email: Word@DEntremont.org. .

#### **ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**

The Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group meets every Monday 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM at Millette Manor, 72 Vine Street, Nashua. This is an open group there is no fee and no registration required. For more information please call Pam Deres at (603) 598-2424.

### OFFICE VOLUNTEER NEEDED AT CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance is in need of a volunteer to help in the office on Monday and Wednesday mornings from 9 am until noon, answering the phones and making appointments. Please call Maryellen if you are interested: 603-882-6372.

#### WORLD WIDE 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:// wwmema.org/.



For those who are particularly vulnerable, We pray for safety and protection.

For all who experience fear or anxiety, We pray for peace of mind and spirit.

For affected families who are facing difficult decisions between food on the table or public safety We pray for policies that recognize their plight.

For those who do not have adequate health insurance, We pray that no family will face financial burdens alone. For those who are afraid to access care due to immigration status, We pray for recognition of the God-given dignity of all.

For our brothers and sisters around the world, We pray for shared solidarity.

For public officials and decision makers, We pray for wisdom and guidance.

Father, during this time may your Church be a sign of hope, comfort and love to all.

Grant peace. Grant comfort. Grant healing. Be with us, Lord.

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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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