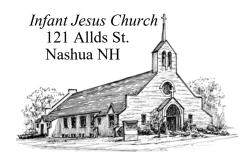
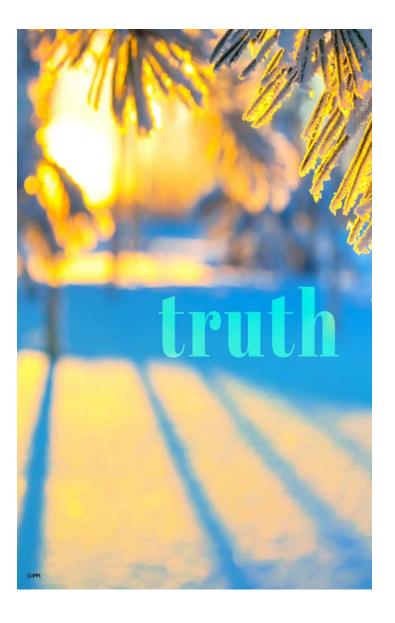
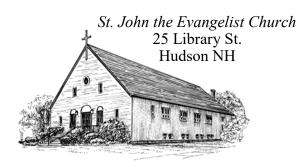
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
·	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese
		Mass IJ
Sunday	8:00 AM	SJE Church
•	10:30 AM	IJ Church

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

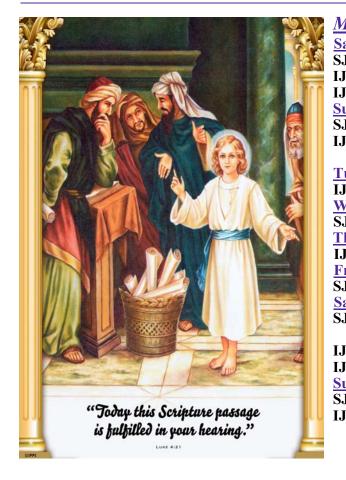
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

OUTREACH

Hudson Food Pantry at St. Johns: 603-883-6048 Corpus Christi Food Pantry: 603-882-6372 NH Catholic Charities: 603-889-9431

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Mass Intentions

atu	<u>rday</u>	January 22Anticipated Weekend Mass
JΕ	4:00 PM	Christine Reisbek
J	6:00 PM	Deceased loved ones of Claire Pelletier
J	7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
und	lay	January 23 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
JЕ	<u>lay</u> 8:00 AM	Fr. Roger Bilodeau
J	10:30 AM	Mr. & Mrs. Albert Poliquin Sr.
		by Mr. & Mrs. Albert N. Poliquin
ues	<u>day</u>	January 25
J	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
Ved	<u>nesday</u>	January 26
JE	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
'hui	<u>rsday</u>	January 27
J	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<u>'rid</u>	<u>ay</u>	January 28
JΕ	8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
	<u>rday</u>	January 29Anticipated Weekend Mass
JΕ	4:00 PM	Deceased members of the
		Shanholtz, Casey & Hurd Families
J	6:00 PM	Raymond Belanger by his family
J	7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
und	<u>lay</u> 8:00 AM	January 30 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
JΕ	8:00 AM	Christine Reisbek
J	10:30 AM	John Charles Collins
		by his 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. 24 – Jan .30

Mon.: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10; Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26; Mk 3:22-30 **Tuesday**: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or 1:1-5; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10;

Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29; Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-

14; Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7,

10-11; Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17; Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17;

Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17; 1 Cor

12:31 — 13:13 or 1 Cor 13:4-13; Lk 4:21-30

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STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ January 15 & 16, 2022				
Adult Envelopes (41)	\$1,501.00			
WeShare (Online Giving) (53)	\$905.00			
Loose Cash	\$152.00			
Offertory Total:	\$2,558.00			
Seminarians	325.00			
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!				

REFLECTION FOR 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A well-known stage actor commenting on the cast jitters present on the opening night of a new Broadway show would say: "You can cut the tension with a knife." Well, Jesus Our Lord certainly had no such problem as He took His turn at the lectern of the tiny synagogue in Nazareth. The audience at least at the beginning had to have a special enthusiasm for what this "hometown boy who had made good" would say. He read in a confident voice words from great Isaiah. Centuries later we can note that here the very Word of God in person was reading the Word of God in writing.

Luke wants us, his readers, to recognize that this was the opening Day of one very special Man's ministry. Jesus, reverently rolled up the scroll and speaks boldly but calmly, being both resolute and self-assured. Then He drops what I might call a verbal bomb: "Today this Scripture is fulfilled in your hearing."

Our reading ends there. Unless you go to your bible when you get home to discover for yourself, you'll have to wait until next weekend to learn what followed. Spoiler alert: it wasn't pretty. That is because Our Lord cited the fact that Yahweh did not always hold Israel in such high esteem as to neglect other nations. He illustrated for them how good things often came from God to the so-called "lowly ones" instead of the elect.

That brings forth some ways of reacting to truth. Most of the time we find truth enlightening, attractive and beautiful. But every now and then the truth can be inconvenient, especially when it contradicts a common conviction of ours. It then quickly deteriorates into something ugly, unwelcome and enraging. The alcoholic at first denies he or she has a problem with drink. The fashion plate denies that a certain clothing ensemble is unflattering. The professor resents a student's correction. The bishop turns vindictive at a pastor's suggestion that a diocesan policy is flawed.

The townspeople of Nazareth resented what Jesus told them. That will happen frequently in other groups Jesus would have to chide. We well know what the power brokers of their day eventually did to silence Him.

All of us at various times can be quite uncomfortable around the truth. Under pressure we reach into our imaginary bag of euphemisms to disguise the matter, or soften its impact. Look how the cancel culture handles matters. In the end, holding back on the truth is a real disservice to others as well as ourselves. Jesus came to serve others, and not Himself. Sometimes it's good to have a wag around when the discussion gets too heavy-handed. His humor lowers the temperature. One such person opined thus: "The first thing you'll notice in the glove compartment of your new car is a little booklet telling you how to lie about your gas mileage."

God love you and give you His peace!

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

PILGRIMS FOR LIFE

While there will be no diocesan pilgrimage to the national March for Life this year (2022), other related works of mercy must continue. We've created "Pilgrims for Life" to help the faithful of New Hampshire build up the culture of life and help moms in need in the Diocese of Manchester. Visit www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife for more information.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH:

"How to Deal with Dementia" Support Group

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. Its newest online support group, "How to Deal with Dementia," is a five-week program starting on February 24, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call 603-752-1325 or email efrenette@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY

Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is looking for two new volunteers. This is a unique opportunity for you to provide essential and well needed service to people in our community. We are in search of a treasurer and a bookkeeper to oversee dayto-day, monetary transactions of the pantry.

The treasurer would be a member of our Board of Directors, would prepare the annual fiscal budget, file all tax returns, etc. The bookkeeper would be responsible for general bookkeeping and day to day clerical responsibilities.

Please contact Diana Lavash at 603-424-2491, if you are interested in either of these positions .

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance continues to help our clients by offering perishable food. Our clients can select from fresh produce, bakery items, deli items and frozen meat. These items are donated from Hannaford and Shaw's. These fresh products help provide healthy options for our clients. We appreciate all the support we get from our generous sponsors and donors. Thank you

PROJECT RACHEL

If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, confidential, non-judgmental help is available from Project Rachel Ministry. Call or email - Phone: 603-663-0192; email: ProjectRachel@rcbm.org - for Project Rachel in New Hampshire. Spanish speakers may visit EsperanzaPosAborto.org.

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