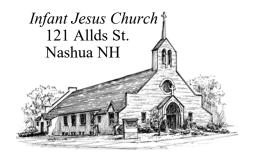
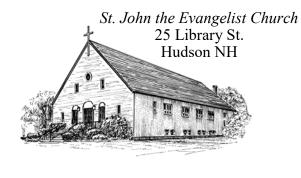
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#### WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

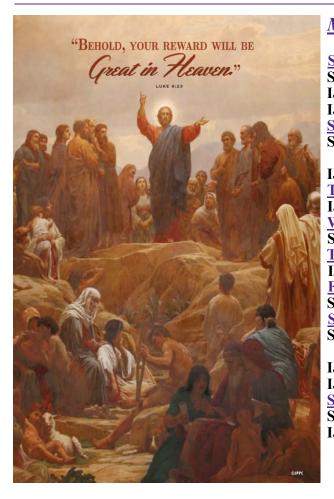
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

#### **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

<u>Saturday</u>	February 12 Anticipated Weekend Mass
SJE 4:00 PM	Frances Gale by Dan & Ginny Dumont
( <b>J</b> 6:00 PM	Edward G. Dame by Douglas Dame
I <b>J</b> 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	February 13 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time
SJE 8:00 AM	Butch Dumont 20th Ann.
	by Patricia Peters
I <b>J</b> 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family
<u> Fuesday</u>	February 15
IJ 8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<u>Wednesday</u>	February 16
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<u> Thursday</u>	February 17
IJ 8:30 AM	Robert & Irene Houle by Joanne Charron
<u>Friday</u>	February 18
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
<u>Saturday</u>	February 19 Anticipated Weekend Mass
SJE 4:00 PM	Deceased members of the
	Shanholtz, Casey & Hurd Families
( <b>J</b> 6:00 PM	Raymond Belanger by his family
I <b>J</b> 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	February 20 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>SJE</b> 8:00 AM	Timothy Coulter by his family.
I <b>J</b> 10:30 AM	Deceased loved ones of
	Steve & Denise Theriault

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

#### **INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS**

In the event of inclement weather: During the week, if Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. On the weekends, Mass cancellations will be posted on WMUR News. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date. The parish office will open once weather conditions improve. However, please call and check before visiting.

# Weekly Readings for Feb. 14 – Feb. 20, 2022

**Mon.:** Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76; Mk 8:11-13 **Tuesday**: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19; Mk 8:14-21

**Wednesday**: Jas 1:19-27; Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5; Mk 8:22-26 **Thursday**: Jas 2:1-9; Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mk 8:27-33 **Friday**: Jas 2:14-24, 26; Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Mk 8:34–9:1 **Saturday**: Jas 3:1-10; Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8; Mk 9:2-13 **Sunday**: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10,

12-13; 1 Cor 15:45-49; Lk 6:27-38

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#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ February 5 & 6, 2022				
Adult Envelopes (46)	\$1,792.00			
WeShare (Online Giving) (53)	\$905.00			
Loose Cash	\$272.00			
Offertory Total:	\$2,969.00			
Catholic Education	\$130.00			
Debt Reduction	\$250.00			
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!				

#### REFLECTION FOR 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Whether we're discussing any of our possessions, from a house to a houseboat and everything in between, we are often involved in a lament over the cost of maintenance and repair of same. It's the downside of ownership. In the case of certain specific objects, for instance a backyard in-ground pool or a condo in Florida, there arises the added responsibility of managing visits from lots of "new friends."

So it is in our supernatural lives. There are blessings to enjoy and woes to avoid in our relationship with God. There is maintenance to keep up and managing efforts to turn down the many temptations sent our way from Satan.

The whole process is particularly strenuous on members of an affluent society like ours because so often we mistake what we own with what we're worth in God's eyes. Note how our Holy Founder Jesus maintained "a preferential option for the poor" long before His Church coined the phrase. His prophet Jeremiah urges us today to put our trust in God and not goods. That is doubly difficult when the goods are abundant and the poor are seemingly invisible. Today is "World Marriage Day" for the Church. It is a much needed recognition of all those who live this vocation, and the celebration of all that God does for couples. Of course, they are the other experts on marital blessings and woes. Others stand by as helpers, like parish priests, counselors and the like. Over the years, having met a good number of married people either across my desk or across my confessional, I know what hurts or hinders successful married harmony. The Church wants to lift up all their hearts, and underline the importance of what they do in fidelity to their vows. She believes they grace the world in a unique way. If children are part of the picture, all the more so. They are the Church's great treasure and God's delight, despite the inevitable woes that come along. They should never be "canceled" in the present strange understanding of that word. Nor should marriage ever be considered "Woke" by anybody at any time. This hope, as St. Paul tells us in his letter to the Corinthians, is solidly based on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We know that He was a guest at a wedding reception at a tiny town named Cana, in Galilee, and created a sacrament there along with wine made from water.

Call this story "The Whistling Husband." A man tells of the day he was driving quietly along a country road and suddenly realized that he was lost. "I stopped at a small farmhouse to ask for directions, and I saw an elderly woman sitting on the porch. An elderly man was working around the front yard, whistling nonstop. The whistling was loud and clear, but it seemed to be aimless and purposeless. There was no recognizable tune, just whistling.

When I walked up to the man, I couldn't resist saying 'I see you're fond of whistling.' 'Oh' he said, 'it's second nature to me now.' Then, pointing to the woman on the porch, he explained that she was his wife, and that they had been happily married for forty years when she became blind. Coming as it did so late in life, the blindness had been a very frightening experience for her, and she was still feeling a deep-seated insecurity.

The husband then added, 'I figured if I just keep whistling while I'm outside the house, she'll have the security of knowing I'm still with her.'"

God love all our married sisters and brothers. May He give you His peace.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### **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.

#### LENTEN BAGGAGE

Join the NH Diocesan Council of Catholic Women on March 24th to hear Sr. Helene Higgins, CSJ talk about her ministry and efforts to end human trafficking. She will also explain the "Bags of Love" project for women being rescued from human trafficking. There will be time for questions and answers with Sr. Helene. Registration is free, but required to receive the Zoom link. Register at https://lentenbaggage.eventbrite.com.

#### CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps families on their journey to self-sufficiency. A small emergency can create a financial crisis. One such example is when one of our client's children had a medical emergency. The medical bills could have turned into a financial crisis but the Assistance Program was able to work with the client to create a budget for the client to pay off the unexpected medical bill. With your support, these small blessings are possible for our clients. Thank you.

# DIOCESAN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites all couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022, and those recently unable to participate due to COVID-19, to attend a Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 1, 2022 at 2:00 p.m., at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, please contact the parish office by April 8, 2022.

# SAINT CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR FALL 2022

Families looking for an outstanding prekindergarten through grade 8 Catholic education are invited to apply to Saint Christopher Academy for the Fall of 2022. At Saint Chris, we value academic excellence and spiritual development within a caring, joy-filled community. Our dual Nashua campuses serve grades pre-k to grade 5 at our lower campus and grades 6 to 8 at our nearby upper campus. Students benefit from the distinctly age appropriate experiences at each location and have access to more advanced academic programs and a broader range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities. To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310.

#### NH Mobile Vaccination Clinic February 26

The State of New Hampshire will offer a free Covid vaccination clinic on Saturday, February 26, from 6:30 PM. - 8:00 PM. in the St. Aloysius Church parking lot, 48 West Hollis Street, Nashua. The vaccination clinic will be open to all members of the public who are eligible, including children. No appointment is necessary

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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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