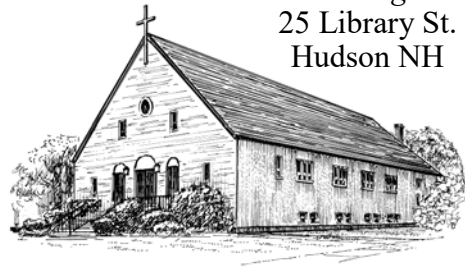


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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
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“This is my CHOSEN SON; listen to him.”

LUKE 9:35

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Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM
IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

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Thursday

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Saturday

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IJ 6:00 PM
IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

March 12 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Raymond Chamberlain by Doris Foley
 Paul Charron 8th Ann. by his family
 Mass in Portuguese

March 13 Second Sunday of Lent

Timothy Coulter by his family
 Theresa Duchesne by her family

March 15

Intentions of the Parishioners

March 16

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March 17 Saint Patrick

Intentions of the Parishioners

March 18

Intentions of the Parishioners

March 19 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Rosario Grenier by the Dubord Family
 Paul Charron by his family
 Mass in Portuguese

March 20 Third Sunday of Lent

Rela Burns by Patricia Peters
 William & Florence Boudreau
 by their family

JOURNEYSONGS HYMNALS

Journeysongs hymnals are still available. . Scripture readings for all three cycle years, hymns, mass settings and rituals are all included in this one book - which means we no longer have to change them every year. . The cost of the hymnal is \$20. See Fr. George to purchase your copy

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

You are invited to a deanery-wide Lenten Penance Service on Sunday, March 27, 2002 at 2 PM. The service will take place at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua. As we prepare for Lent and Easter, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness. Many priests will be available.

Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 5 & 6, 2022

Adult Envelopes (57)	\$2,860.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (53)	\$905.00
Loose Cash	\$267.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,032.00
Church In Eastern Europe	\$497.00
Flowers	\$290.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

Weekly Readings - Mar. 14 – Mar. 20, 2022

Mon.: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103: 1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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REFLECTION FOR SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Those of us who get our news from our tablets and laptops have noticed that at the bottom of the particular outlet's web page are smaller pictures of lesser news items and a grab-bag of features. One of the latter items that caught my eye one day was an invitation to compare photos of celebrities from their youth with their present-day looks. So amid a clutter of pesky ads were page after page of these comparisons.

Some of them were amusing and others shocking. The aging process affects us all in ways that differ so widely. Some of these famous people looked well-preserved, likely aided by cosmetic surgery. Others have not fared so well. The transformation of all that were shown, however, gave proof that the passage of time will win out.

Notice I wrote the word "transformation." The mysterious event in Our Lord's earthly life that we call His "Transfiguration" belongs in its own unique category. For a brief time, as we measure change, the Divine nature of our Savior burst through the bonds of His human nature and shone with a brilliance that dazzled the trio of Peter, James and John much like it would any of us. The fact that two great luminaries of Israel's history, Moses and Elijah, were in dialogue with the Divine reassures us of life beyond the grave. They represented the law and the Prophets respectively, the twin pillars of Israel's life with Yahweh.

I find it so reassuring that all this was not some kind of mirage when our beloved St. Peter blurts out: "Lord it is good to be here!" Of course it is. This is an unexpected glimpse of heaven. This is possibility raised to a higher power than we could imagine on our own.

No matter how much ignorance we have to contend with about what happens after death, the Church's belief and teaching, based largely on St. Paul, that our bodies will be changed, glorified and transfigured, this incident gives the most powerful witness to that belief.

I've often thought that the Church presents us with this account from Luke's gospel in the early part of Lent as a kind of spiritual "pep rally." It gets us charged up for victory over our sins through the voluntary penances we take on in this purple clad season. It is a confident answer to the "Why question" about penance in general and Lenten penance in particular.

Note that the transfiguration did not last so long as to have Peter, James and John forget about the reality of this "valley of tears" we presently inhabit. Down from the mountain came the three, with Jesus, minus visible glory walking down with them. Always the mission. Always the reality of lost souls needing hope and sinful souls needing mercy. That, my friends, is us. But let Luke's story stoke the fire of hope in our souls that when our earthly journey comes to an end, it really will be good to be there with Jesus. *Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

HANNAFORD FIGHT HUNGER BAG PROGRAM

During the month of March 2022, the Hudson Community Food Pantry at St. Johns will receive a \$1 donation from the purchase of the \$2.50 reusable "Fight Hunger Bag" at the Hannaford store located at 77 Derry Road, Hudson, NH.

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.

SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION

Saint Kathryn Parish at 4 Dracut Road in Hudson, NH will be hosting a presentation on the Shroud of Turin on the evening of Friday, March 25th at 6:30 pm in the church. Come and discover the historical and miraculous elements of the ancient shroud that has captivated scientists and biblical scholars for centuries. No registration necessary. All are invited.

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>.

WALK WITH JESUS

The diocesan theme for Lent 2022 is Walk with Jesus. The Psalms of each Lenten Sunday will serve as the signposts that guide us on our Lenten walk. The Psalms will be prayed in English and Spanish by a different person each week and posted on the diocesan website. The visuals and music will be suited to the images and mood of each psalm. The psalm will also be available in an audio format only. Both formats will be available for daily prayer and reflection throughout Lent. Reflection questions and suggested Acts of Mercy will accompany each Psalm. We know that as we Walk with Jesus our prayer and fasting in His company will transform us and recreate us in His image. Visit www.catholicnh.org/walk-with-jesus

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance tries to bring a smile to all of our clients' faces. One client was on a fixed income and could never save enough money to get dentures. Working with other agencies, the Assistance Program was able to get the treatment started for the dentures. The client was helped physically, mentally, and emotionally. Their self-image improved tremendously, and the client is extremely grateful. With your support we are able to offer life changing assistance. Thank you

ST. CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

Saint Christopher Academy will hold an Open House for prospective students at its upper campus location, 6 Bartlett Ave. in Nashua, on March 20 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM. The upper campus serves students in grades 6 to 8 with an emphasis on outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. Students benefit from advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities. The Open House will include tours of the building and the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff. To learn more about Saint Chris, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorraine Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310.

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