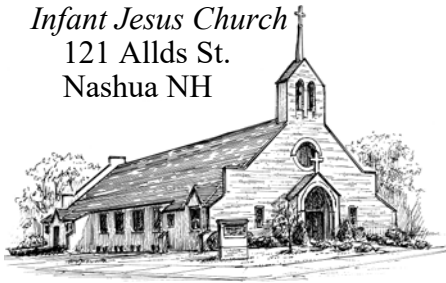
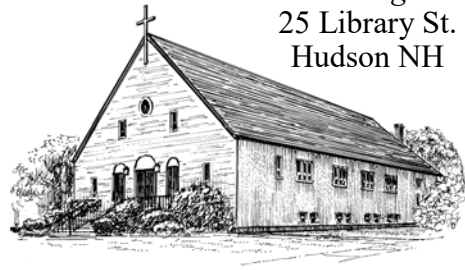


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
25 Library St.  
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## Saint John XXIII Parish

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### *Clergy:*

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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**

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

**SJE** 8:00 AM  
**IJ** 10:30 AM

**Tuesday**

**IJ** 8:30 AM

**Wednesday**

**SJE** 8:30 AM

**Thursday**

**IJ** 8:30 AM  
**IJ** 7:30 PM

**Friday**

**SJE** 8:30 AM

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

**SJE** 8:00 AM  
**IJ** 10:30 AM

***March 26 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Paul Marquis by Doris Foley  
 For a favor received  
 Mass in Portuguese

***March 27 Fourth Sunday of Lent***

Rosario Grenier by the Dubord family  
 Paul Charron by his family

***March 29***

NO MASS

***March 30***

NO MASS

***March 31***

All Souls  
 Mass in Portuguese

***April 1***

Intentions of the Parishioners

***April 2 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Deceased members of the  
 Shanholtz, Casey & Hurd families  
 George & Evangeline Nadeau  
 Mass in Portuguese

***April 3 Fifth Sunday of Lent***

All Souls  
 Robert & Irene Houle  
 By Joanne Charron

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION**

The annual Catholic Relief Services Collection takes place this weekend. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

**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 19 & 20, 2022**

<b>Adult Envelopes (43)</b>	<b>\$2,156.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (53)</b>	<b>\$905.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$373.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,434.00</b>

*May our loving God bless you  
 for your continued generosity!*

**Weekly Readings - Mar. 28 – April 3, 2022**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b; Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11



## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION FOR FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

I doubt they loved the idea. I refer to the hundred and a half sophomore boys in my daily charge as their English and Religion teacher at a thriving (at that time) Catholic high school in the suburbs of Philadelphia. What they probably didn't like was my daunting homework assignment to compose a parable of their own, only loosely connected to one of Our Lord's. Of course, every "t" had to be crossed and every "i" dotted along with flawless spelling. The latter demand blended my two items of specialty, much to their chagrin.

Memory serves me to tell you that none of them grasped the idea of originality, since they offered only papered over biblical originals. Maybe I had asked too much of them for their age to accomplish. But they certainly learned how much genius was behind those parables we know so well. Especially the one we focus on this Fourth Sunday of Lent, "Gaudete" ("Rejoice!") in the ancient Latin rendition.

The creativity and power of those 21 lines have only suffered somewhat because of the popular title given this gem of "The Prodigal Son." The story is mainly about the all-loving mercy of God the Father toward sinners.

Only when we admit our place among such souls do we realize that the parable is directed at us just as much as to the original hearers of it. Depending on which of the two sons most resembles us in behavior, we receive today the gift of clarity as to where our Lenten resolve needs to focus as we go through the remaining weeks of the season.

Have we become the dissolute wandering prodigal or the cynical stay-at-home son who yearns for accolades? The unjust deserter or the self-pitying cynic? Or the dutifully-present-on-Sunday type but who only comes from habit? There are many degrees between the two, but you get the point I'm sure. This parable is definitely the "mirror" type, offering us an opportunity to act on what we see in it. After our decision for the good comes that long-awaited hug from Our Father some day and the heavenly banquet that follows it. This is a guarantee and it is all because we avoid being "sophomoric" about our commitment to the Lord. In humility we can pray this prayer, from the Liturgy of the Hours, Week I:

*You desired, Lord, to keep from us Your indignation and so did not spare Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but confessing our sins we come back to You. Embrace us that we may rejoice in Your mercy together with Christ Your beloved Son. Amen.*

*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.

### ST. KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

St. Kathryn Religious Goods located at St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson is open Monday - Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. The store carries a wide variety of Catholic reading materials, rosaries, statuary, children's items, artwork, gifts, medals, and new items are arriving all the time. St. Kathryn Religious Goods, staffed by volunteers, plays an important part of the parish outreach ministry to spread the Catholic faith in southern NH, northern MA and beyond. Visit [www.stkathryns.org/store](http://www.stkathryns.org/store) or call 595-4463 for more information.

### VISITING ANGELS SEEKING CAREGIVERS

Visiting Angels, a home care provider, is looking for people to join their team. They have part-time, full time, day and weekend positions available. No experience is required and training is provided. For more information call 603-821-0277 or on line at [www.Visitingangels.com/nashua](http://www.Visitingangels.com/nashua)

### 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](http://www.catholicnh.org/walk-with-jesus)

### CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps clients in many different ways. The Assistance Program not only helps clients manage large expenses, but can assist clients with the sometimes smaller, less noticeable expense of transportation. Some clients do not have a vehicle to get to work, food shop or run errands. They depend on the local transit system. The Assistance Program offers bus passes to some of our clients to help them with their transportation expenses. Thank you for your support in helping us provide bus passes.

### FAMILY PROMISE NEWS & NEEDS

Family Promise is celebrating a year in their new home, the previous Infant Jesus School. Currently at full capacity, they are home to 23 families.

#### Family Promise Volunteer Needs:

- Volunteers to provide evening meals (or cook onsite) for our families (Monday - Thursday)
- Volunteers to be onsite, mornings (6:30 - 8:30) - to provide general assistance to our families

#### Items Needed:

Size 5 and 6 diapers Baby wipes Diaper cream Floor cleaner Facial tissues Hair conditioner Toilet paper Paper towels

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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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