

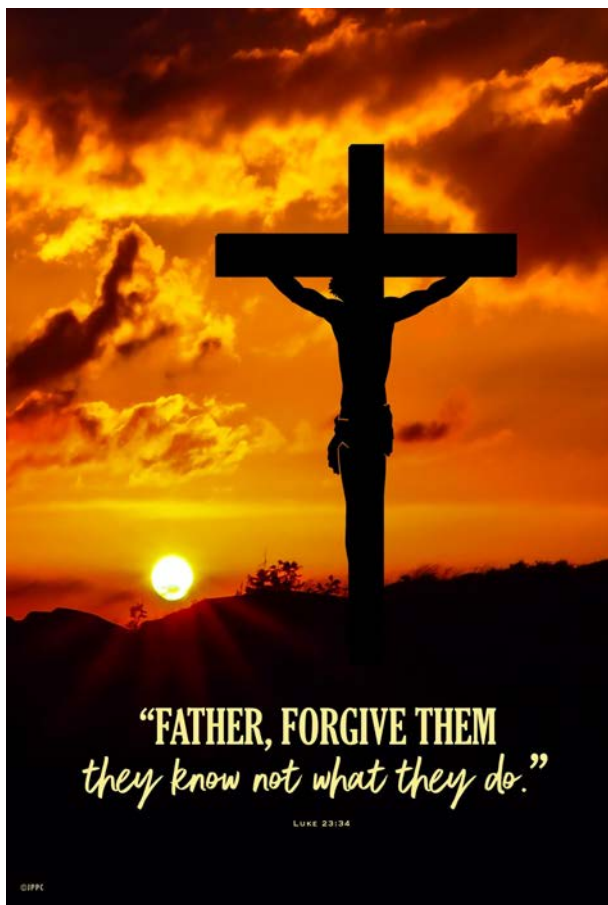
Saint John XXIII Parish

Palm Sunday



...the very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and strewed them on the road...

Matthew 21



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

SJE 7:00 PM
IJ 7:00 PM

Friday

IJ 3:00 PM
IJ 7:00 PM
IJ 8:30 PM

Saturday

SJE 7:30 PM
IJ 9:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

April 9 Anticipated Weekend Mass

Neil Doiron by his family
 Fernande Beaudet by Douglas Dame
 Mass in Portuguese

April 10 Palm Sunday

Timothy Coulter by his family
 Fr. Andy Bedard

April 12

Intentions of the Parishioners

April 13

Sean Coulter by his family

April 14 Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper (English)
 Mass of the Lord's Supper (Portuguese)

April 15 Good Friday

Stations of the Cross
 Good Friday Service (English)
 Good Friday Service (Portuguese)

April 16 Holy Saturday

Easter Vigil (English)
 Easter Vigil (Portuguese)

April 17 Easter Sunday

Hervey & Marie Durocher by their family
 Theresa Duchesne by her family

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

Weekly Readings - April 11– April 17, 2022

Monday: 42:1-7; Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a, 8b-9; Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27; Rv 1:5-8; Lk 4:16-21
 Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 or Gn 1:1, 26-31a; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20, 22;
 b) Gn 22:1-18 or Gn 1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 16:5, 8-, 9-10, 11;
 c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18;
 d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13;
 e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6;
 f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
 g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19;
 h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Lk 24:1-12
Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12
 or (at an afternoon or evening Mass) Lk 24:13-35

Good Friday Collection

Once a year on Good Friday, our parish is called upon to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on this collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. Franciscans and others are housing and feeding the poor, providing religious formation and education, maintaining shrines and parishes, and conducting pastoral ministry. For more information, visit: MyFranciscan.org/good-Friday.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ April 2 & 3, 2022	
Adult Envelopes (61)	\$2,428.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (51)	\$870.00
Loose Cash	\$221.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,519.00
Debt Reduction	499.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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PALM SUNDAY REFLECTION

Statues and paintings have done their part. So too for the movies, which have given us Hollywood's various versions of the Passion of Christ. That last includes Mel Gibson's version of a few years ago. For the sake of transparency, I must admit that when it came to the scene of the scourging of the Lord in that film, I broke down in tears, averted my eyes from the screen for some moments. I also found myself making a spontaneous Act of Contrition. Yes, I was grateful for the darkened theater and the absence of a crowd for the matinee showing. I had time to compose myself before the house lights came on.

As I reflected on that powerful experience, I know it sprang from my belief in the fact that my sins ultimately caused that brutal horror. Ever since, I know that I cannot hide, nor can any of us hide behind a glib recitation of the second Sorrowful Mystery. The realistic sights and sounds of it offered by that movie, depicting the devastation wrought upon the Savior's sacred Body, endured for our sake, is enough to thaw the coldest of hearts.

Of course, we believers know that besides redeeming us from our sins, Jesus underwent this cruelty out of His loving obedience to His Father coupled with His unfathomable love for all of us.

I'm not particularly fond of that word "wretch" that appears in the hymn "Amazing Grace." It seems to me despairing. But I have to admit that when the focus is on the Lord's Passion, that's exactly what we all are: wretches. But praise God we don't remain such in His eyes. We have the everlasting comfort of knowing that the story doesn't end with Good Friday.

Such thoughts easily come to my mind on reading or hearing St. Luke's version of the Jesus story, from Christmas to Calvary and beyond. Luke's boyhood studies, combined with his medical training and his eye for detail as he recounts what he was told, together cause me to rank his gospel as my favorite. His gospel has been labeled the "Gospel of Mercy." Who among us doesn't need that?

Here is a telling opinion about Luke's gospel from author Elizabeth Scalia, the Editor-at-Large for Word on Fire Catholic Ministries:

The great strength of Luke's Gospel, as with Acts, is how accessibly, rationally, and convincingly he presents a narrative that must necessarily challenge, even defy, reason. In comparison with the other Gospel writers, Luke is the one who gives us a distinct, richly detailed account of the ongoing interplay between God and humanity, heaven and earth—one that we can and do believe because for this Gospel in particular, belief is grounded in plausible and subtle human reactions and responses."

God love you and have a beneficial Holy Week.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance continues to help our clients who come from all walks of life. A new client recently lost her job and did not know where to turn to put food on the table for her three young children. She needed help to bridge the gap while she was unemployed. She heard about our services and was incredibly grateful for the food that she was able to get for her family. With your support, we can provide food for families struggling to get by. Thank you for your support.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others

HOPE CONFERENCE FEARLESS - APRIL 30, 2022

Hope Conferences, Inc. brings the FEARLESS Conference to the Cathedral of the Holy Cross on April 30th (8:30 am-6:00 pm). This full day event of on-fire speakers invites us to leave the spirit of the world behind, calling upon the Holy Spirit to re-ignite our identity as Spiritual Warriors. Feeling anxious and defeated by the social and personal upheaval all around you in these days? There is a courageous response to this current mayhem, but it involves our direct participation. Join us at this year's powerful Hope Conference to learn about the freedom of being FEARLESS in this present turmoil. Come and soak in the profound witness of on-fire speakers, fellowship in a community of Spirit-filled prayer warriors, and bask in the glory of praise and worship. Tickets are on sale now! Learn more at: <https://hopeconferences.com/>.

SAINT CHRIS PRE-KINDERGARTEN PROGRAM

Saint Christopher Academy, 20 Cushing Ave, Nashua, invites parents of young children to learn more about the school's Pre-kindergarten program for the Fall of 2022. Students who will be 4 by September 30 are eligible for the program and may enroll in either a full or half day (morning) program for five days per week. The Academy's Pre-k program blends educational and social experiences to encourage students to participate, share, and learn about themselves and others while taking the first steps in their academic career. Strong Catholic moral and spiritual teaching are the foundation to the program. To learn more about Saint Chris and its Pre-kindergarten program, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310

JOB OPPORTUNITY AT ST. GIANNA'S PLACE

We are looking for an organized Catholic woman to manage household responsibilities and ensure the safety of residents. Hours are Tuesday through Saturday. For a more complete job description visit our website: www.stgiannasplace.org. Interested parties please send your resume to Director@StGiannasPlace.

CMC HEART & HANDS SCHOLARSHIP

The CMC Heart & Hands Scholarship is presented to two students entering grades 7-12 who have made a significant contribution or impact in their community. Learn more about the eligibility requirements and how to apply at www.catholicnh.org/scholarships.

2022 NH CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The 2022 edition of the NH Catholic Directory is available to order for \$20 for an expected mid-March delivery. The new edition contains up-to-date parish information, priest assignments, and other useful data. Place your order at: www.catholicnh.org/parishes/directory.

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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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