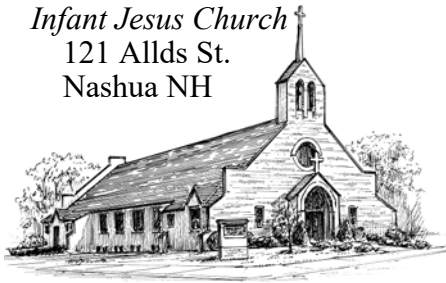
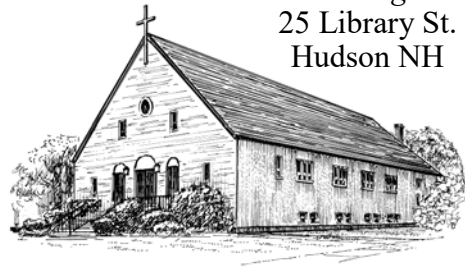


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
25 Library St.  
Hudson NH



## Saint John XXIII Parish

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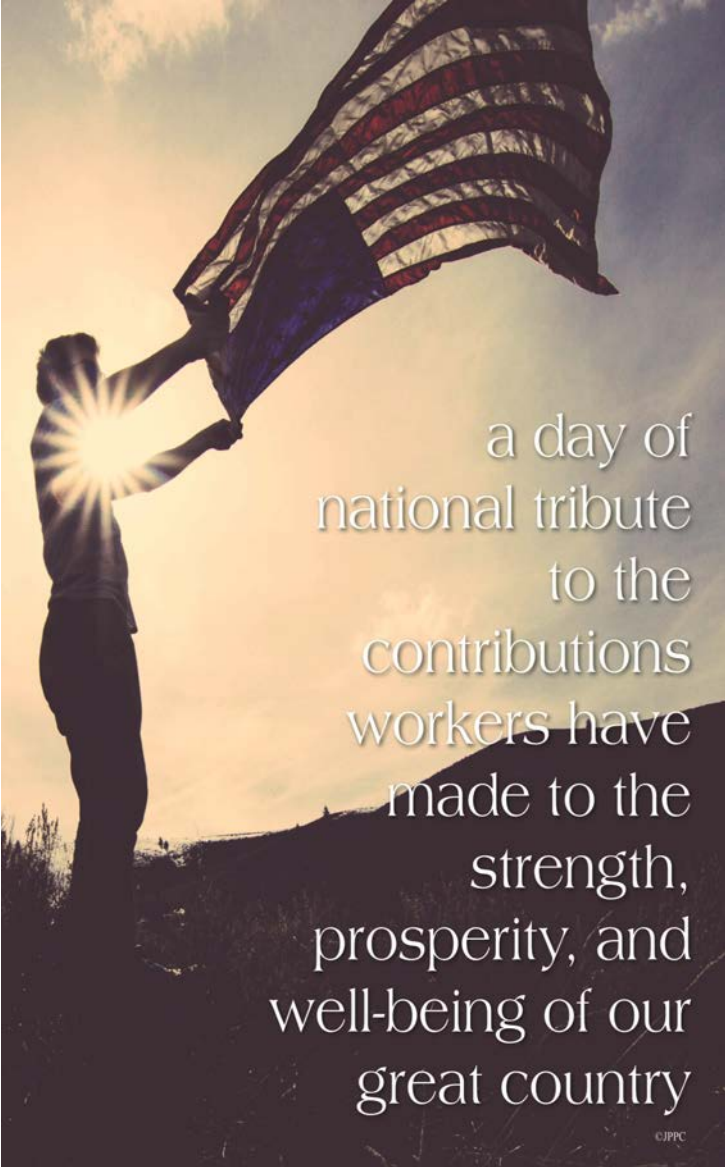
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## WEEKEND MASS TIMES

|          |          |                         |
|----------|----------|-------------------------|
| Saturday | 4:00 PM  | SJE Church              |
|          | 6:00 PM  | IJ Church               |
| Sunday   | 8:00 AM  | SJE Church              |
|          | 9:00 AM  | Portuguese<br>Mass - IJ |
|          | 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               |
|           | 7:00 PM | Portuguese<br>Mass - IJ |
| Friday    | 8:30 AM | SJE Church              |



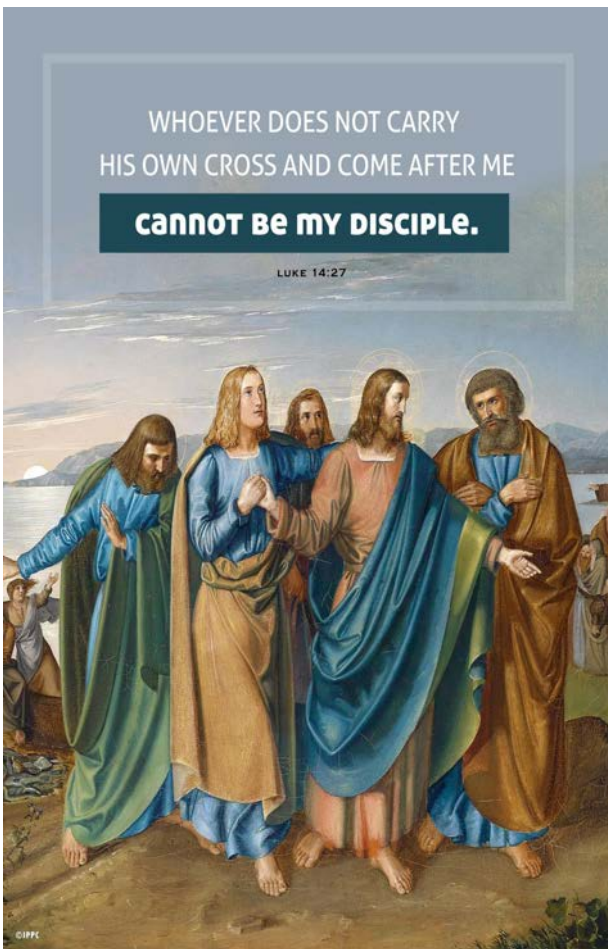
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## OUTREACH

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
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| 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

**Sunday**

**SJE** 8:00 AM  
**IJ** 9:00 AM  
**IJ** 10:30 AM

**Tuesday**

**IJ** 8:30 AM

**Wednesday**

**SJE** 8:30 AM

**Thursday**

**IJ** 8:30 AM  
**IJ** 7:00 PM

**Friday**

**SJE** 8:30 AM

**Saturday**

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

**Sunday**

**SJE** 8:00 AM  
**IJ** 9:00 AM  
**IJ** 10:30 AM

***September 3 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Mary Doyle by her family  
Artilla Dumont  
by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

***September 4 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Fr. Joe Desmond by a parishioner  
Mass in Portuguese  
Antonio Russo

***September 6***

NO MASS

***September 7***

NO MASS

***September 8***

Intentions of the Parishioners  
Mass in Portuguese

***September 9***

The Shanholtz Family

***September 10 Anticipated Weekend Mass***

Adrien Landry  
By Venette Theriault & Family  
Lorraine Dubois  
by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

***September 11 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time***

Fr. Joe Desmond by a parishioner  
Mass in Portuguese  
Antonio Russo

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

**PRAYER INTENTION BOOK**

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

**Weekly Readings - Sept. 5 – Sept. 11, 2022**

**Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12; Lk 6:6-11  
**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b; Lk 6:12-19  
**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17; Lk 6:20-26  
**Thursday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23  
**Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27; Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12; Lk 6:39-42  
**Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13, 17-18; Lk 6:43-49  
**Sunday:** Ex 32:7-11, 13-14; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19; 1 Tm 1:12-17; Lk 15:1-32 or Lk 15:1-10

**DIOCESAN EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

Join us on Saturday, September 24, 2022 for the Diocesan Eucharistic Revival at the Bank of New Hampshire Pavilion, Gilford, NH. The Revival is an opportunity to honor Jesus Christ and His presence with us in the Blessed Sacrament. This free event will include the New Hampshire Catholic college choirs, Mass, Eucharistic Speaker, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, displays of Relics, etc. Registration is required For more information or to Register visit: [www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org](http://www.EucharisticRevivalNH.org)

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ August 27 & 28 , 2022

|                                     |                   |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Adult Envelopes (48)</b>         | <b>\$2,817.00</b> |
| <b>WeShare (Online Giving) (50)</b> | <b>\$845.00</b>   |
| <b>Loose Cash</b>                   | <b>\$420.00</b>   |
| <b>Offertory Total:</b>             | <b>\$4,082.00</b> |
| <b>Debt Reduction</b>               | <b>40.00</b>      |
| <b>Fuel</b>                         | <b>110.00</b>     |

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

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION - 23RD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Kermit the frog was feeling down one day. Most of you know him, through children especially, as the sprightly companion of Miss Piggy. He is usually ready with a quip or two in his conversations with her via the "Sesame Street" program on public TV. Like all of us, Kermit has moods.

So one day he emotes in song titled "It's Not Easy Being Green." He regrets "having to spend each day the color of the leaves, when I think it could be nicer being red, or yellow or gold or something much more colorful... And people tend to pass you over 'cause you're not standing out like flashy sparkles in the water." But before a minute goes by, he reflects further and adds: "But green can be big like an ocean or important like a mountain, or tall like a tree." So he concludes "I'm green and it'll do fine, And I think it's what I want to be." Listen sometime to the complete song. If you do, you'll feel the power of the simple but symbolic lyrics.

Why did I think of this Muppet melody while pondering today's holy Gospel? Well, for one thing, Jesus' demanding conditions for being a disciple have a "both and" quality to them that fits with the dilemma in Kermit's song. Being a Catholic Christian can be challenging sometimes, bringing your mood downward, but exhilarating at others, uplifting you with confidence.

Obviously as true Christians we must never blend in so well with our society that there is no observable difference in either our lifestyle or our outlook on life in general. If we ever do become desperate to blend in, there is something wrong. Either with our self-understanding, or our understanding of the real Christ. And finally, with our prayer life.

This nearly atheistic culture we live in these days demands an alternative. Yet few people, Christian, Jew, Muslim, etc. realize their capacity to supply it. If you will, the "color" of their daily lives is neither attractive nor compelling. Non-believers in Christ ought to be able to observe the difference in us. Unknowingly, we forfeit our role as evangelizers, spreaders of the Gospel. They will simply pass over us without a second glance.

Does that matter? Well, for one thing we as Catholics who know, or should know, that's our role as members of the Church. Spreading the Gospel is our mission. It "colors" us "Christian."

As we think about it, we begin to see that our discipleship is not all that burdensome. In fact, it brings us a quiet but deep peace. That happens, for example, right after we have made a phone call of support to a sick friend. Or prayed for a person in pain who asked us to do so.

Just as Kermit rethinks the matter of being green makes him "like a mountain or tall tree," being active friends of God uplifts us. After all, the Bible tells us that we are actually the sons and daughters of a loving Divine Father. Therefore, we are the friends of His only Son Our Lord Jesus Christ. We are endowed with the enlightenment of the Holy Spirit.

No negative attitude of our culture ever has a lock on our thinking because we are free to believe in the most free Person who ever walked on this planet. That means we can and will resist temptation to sin as best we can, with a trademark smile on our faces while doing it.

The Book of Wisdom reminds us today that even though our Baptism has made us part of God's family, we must never overlook our weaknesses in this matter of being Christ's disciples. No matter what walk of life we take, there are always alluring detours along the way. But we can make it. We have the good example of many saints who were just as human as we are; just as tempted; just as prone to default. They tell us "it's not easy being holy", something like Kermit's problem being green.

You are certainly correct in thinking we are not called to live on Sesame Street in the sense of being disconnected from the real world. We face our adult reality, ever striving but always hopeful of reaching that place which St. Paul described as something "no eye has seen, no ear has heard." (I Cor. 2:9)

Here is a borrowed thought about heaven: "Some people talk about heaven as being so far away. Actually, it is within speaking distance of those who belong there." Think about it. *Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

### ONLINE BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP

Catholic Charities NH will be hosting another online support group for those who are struggling with the recent loss of a spouse, family member or loved one. "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" is a weekly online (Zoom) program held Wednesdays between September 14 and October 19. Participants will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, visit [www.cc-nh.org/beravement](http://www.cc-nh.org/beravement) or call Elaine Frenette at 603-752-1325. There is no cost to attend

### HUDSON COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY AT ST. JOHN'S

You have probably read the recent article about St John the XXIII Food Pantry. We have been approached by several people seeking clarity on where the pantry stands with regards to the parish. To be sure the pantry is able to continue helping the food insecure in Hudson for many years to come, with the encouragement and blessing of the parish, the Hudson Community Food Pantry was formed. The Hudson Community Food Pantry functions on its own, with its own Board of Directors, 501C3, fundraising mechanisms, etc.. We are blessed to still have the pantry's presence here at St. John's and are hoping that this will also encourage more participation from other denominations and organizations in the Town of Hudson.

### NH CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Diocese of Manchester has created a new annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) to enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, retired clergy, seminarians, Catholic schools and much more. Due to this change we will NOT be collecting for the following funds since they will be part of the NHCA. If you are using envelopes, please do not use the following - Catholic University & USCCB (September 4th) NH Diocesan Priest Retirement Fund (September 25th) If you have already made a gift, we thank you for your generosity! Read more about the NHCA here <https://www.catholicnh.org/about/get-involved/giving/nhca/> Our parish will begin participating in the NHCA in May 2023. Additional information will be made available in the future

### CORPUS CHRISTI "BACK TO SCHOOL"

#### SOCKS & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Can you help us with New Socks and Underwear again this year? Last year our drive was such a success, we were able to offer to all Children ages 5-18. We will distribute these items when our Families come into the Food Pantry throughout the month of September. Please drop off at parish areas designated for food collection or at the Food Pantry, 3 Crown St. Mon/Wed 10-12, Tuesday/Thursday 2-4. Thank you in advance for your continued support and generosity! Please call us at 598-1641 with any questions.

### PARENTING AND GRANDPARENTING IN 2022

Join nationally acclaimed speaker and author Danielle Bean for an evening of inspiration, encouragement, humor, and advice for raising authentically Catholic kids of all ages in 2022. The presentation takes place Saturday, September 24, 6:30 pm-8pm at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua, NH.

To learn more about Danielle, please visit [daniellebean.com](http://daniellebean.com)

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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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