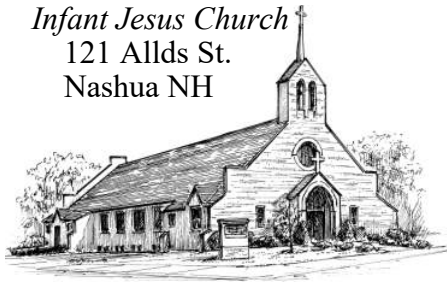
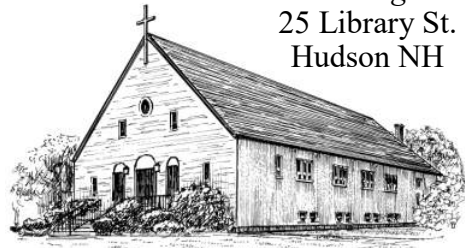


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



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



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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

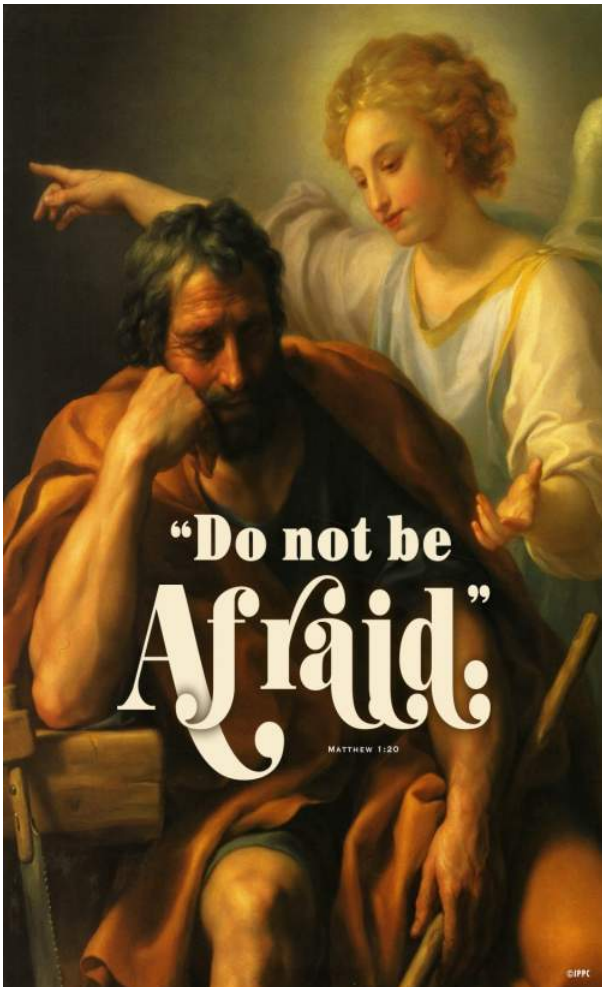
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

## OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry 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

Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM  
IJ 5:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:00 AM  
IJ 10:30 AM

*December 17 Anticipated Weekend Mass*

Vivian Dumont by Dan & Ginny Dumont  
Robert & Irene Houle by Joanne Charron  
Mass in Portuguese

*December 18 Fourth Sunday of Advent*

Dr. Thomas Petty 10th Ann.  
by Patricia Peters  
William & Florence Boudreau  
by their family

*December 20*

All Souls Intentions

*December 21*

All Souls Intentions

*December 22*

All Souls Intentions

*December 23*

All Souls Intentions

*December 24 Christmas Eve*

Christmas Eve Mass (English)  
Christmas Eve Mass (Portuguese)

*December 25 Christmas Day*

Intentions of the Parishioners  
Domenic Cardinale by his family

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

**Weekly Readings Dec. 19 – Dec. 25**

**Monday:** Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a; Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28; 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd; Lk 1:46-56

**Friday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14; Lk 1:57-66

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29; Lk 1:67-79

**Sunday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14

Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20

Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14

**8:00 AM SUNDAY MASS TIME**

**CHANGING TO 8:30 AM - JANUARY 1ST**

**Beginning Sunday, January 1, 2023** the Sunday morning 8:00 AM Mass time is changing to **Sunday Morning at 8:30 AM..** The Sunday Morning Mass time will remain at 8:30 AM until further notice.

**INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS**

In the even 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.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Due to an early bulletin deadline the Stewardship Report for the weekend of December 10 & 11 will be published in the next edition of the bulletin.

# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTION - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT 2022

The fourth candle on the Advent wreath is often not lit for long. In fact, it habitually sets itself for display on next year's wreath. But this year it burns a little longer because the calendar lets us have a full week before Christmas. To me, that's a gift of time to ponder God's wondrous love for us poor sinners. He knows we are always in need of saving. Time is no obstacle to His will for us, and His love, 21 centuries after the fact of the First Christmas.

His gift to our human race then is hopefully our prime motive for the gifts we give others at this time of the year. But do we ever really give much thought to our gift to God? Of course, God does not need a gift, strictly speaking. In fact, Common Mass Preface IV puts it quite bluntly: "Although You have no need of our praise, yet our thanksgiving is itself Your gift, since our praises add nothing to Your greatness but profit us for salvation, through Christ our Lord."

Instead of our praise, may I suggest a revitalization of our obedience to God? I'm inspired to do so by the actions of our great St. Joseph, as recounted today from St. Matthew's gospel. We know Joseph is a man of action rather than of words, because we don't have one word from him in the Bible. When we watch him, and consider his situation, we see the stuff from which saints are made.

First of all, St. Joseph was not an old man, as many paintings and statues depict him. He was the Blessed Mother's contemporary, and she was young, perhaps even in her late teens.

So here is young Joseph, forced to deal with the fact that Mary, the love of his life, was "found with child through the Holy Spirit." Can you blame him for being heartbroken at first? So he prepares for divorce with a loving motive to do so quietly. Remember, in that bygone time, engagement was practically equivalent to marriage. So when an angel appeared in a dream and told him the complete story of the Holy Spirit's involvement, does Joseph balk? Get out of bed and rage against God? Act petulantly? No! As Matthew tells us in the last line of today's Gospel: "He did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Raw obedience with no frills or conditions attached. What a man! What a saint!

As I contemplate this, I feel a personal examination of conscience coming on. All about my own obedience to God's will. When I check back on my own past reactions to unexpected developments in my life, what was I like? After all, I'm a priest! I should know how to react. Then I turn to St. Joseph. Not as holder of glorious titles like "Foster father of Jesus." Or "Patron of the Universal Church." But just as a fellow man. Obedient to the point of being a leading role in the Christmas story we know. A candle in the darkness of a selfish, disobedient world. What more to say, but "St. Joseph, pray for us."

*Rev. Leonard N. Peterson*

## MARIE LINE MORIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Marie Line Morin will present a Christmas Concert on January 1, 2023, 2 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. Come experience the meaning of Christmas at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating is presented from a new angle. Free admission—donations will be welcomed. Benefits go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on [Facebook.com @morin.marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline).

## PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023

Parish Offering Envelopes for 2023 are **being mailed directly to your house** and should arrive sometime during the next week. If have not used offertory envelopes in the past and would like an envelope booklet, please call the parish office 882-2462 ext. 4. If you don't receive your envelope booklet please call the office and one will be made available to you. **Online Giving is also an option** To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: [www.stjohnxxiiinh.org](http://www.stjohnxxiiinh.org), then click "Online Giving."

## PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed shawls available for those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggles or challenges. To receive a shawl, contact Dotti Reed at 603-275-7345 or the parish office.

## CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

A client returned to Corpus Christi Food Pantry after not needing us for many years. Although "new" to our current location and how we provide our services. She was very thankful that "some things never change." She was warmed by the welcome she received, impressed by the amount of food items available and overwhelmed by the fact that she was also able to meet with the Director of the Assistance Program. They were able to talk through some financial issues that were looming over her and they were able to obtain a solution for one of the problems. They were also able to schedule a follow up meeting.



### 2022 CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES

**DECEMBER 24**

**4:00 PM SJE CHURCH**

**5:30 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)**

**DECEMBER 25**

**8:00 AM SJE CHURCH**

**10:30 AM IJ CHURCH**

### NEW YEARS EVE / DAY MASSES

**DECEMBER 31**

**4:00 PM SJE CHURCH**

**7:00 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)**

**JANUARY 1, 2023**

**8:30 AM SJE CHURCH**

**10:30 AM IJ CHURCH**

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