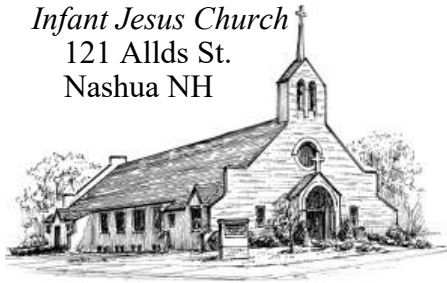
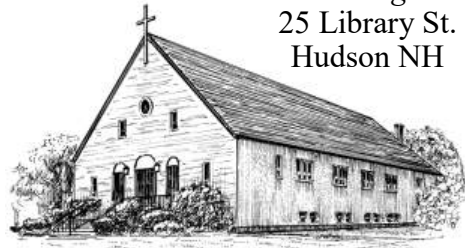


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass - IJ
Sunday	8:30 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

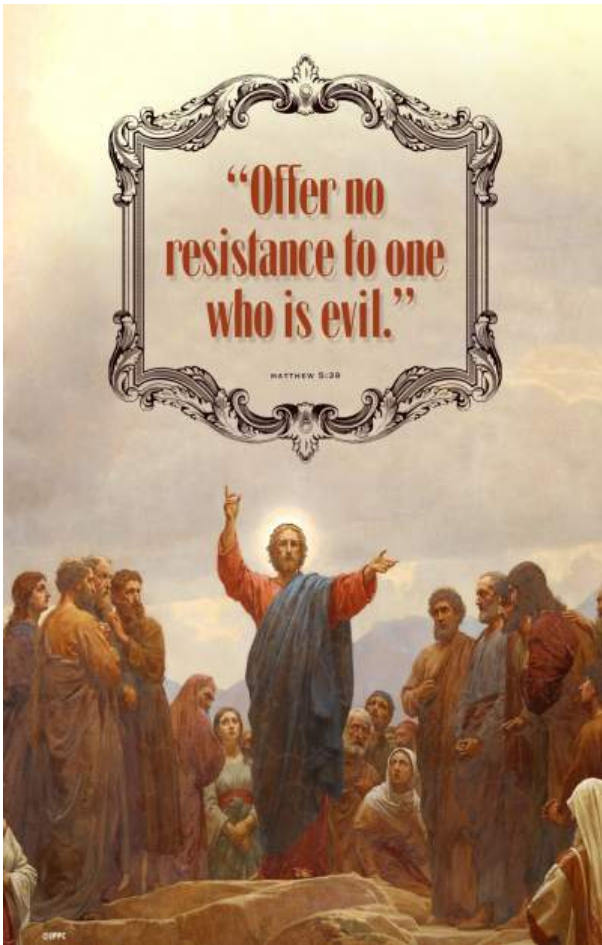
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Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
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OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry	603-883-6048
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:	603-882-6372
NH Catholic Charities:	603-889-9431



Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

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Sunday

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IJ 10:30 AM

February 18

Mary & George Doyle by the family
Jackie Soucy

by the Bereavement Committee
Mass in Portuguese

February 19 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Raymond "Butch" Dumont
by Patti Peters

Intentions of the Parishioners

February 21

All Souls Intentions

February 22 ASH WEDNESDAY

Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashes

Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashes

February 23

All Souls Intentions

February 24

All Souls Intentions

February 25

John Casey by the family

George & Evangeline Nadeau

Mass in Portuguese

February 26 First Sunday of Lent

Intentions of the Parishioners

Lorraine Richard

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

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

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

8:30 AM - Saint John the Evangelist Church

6:30 - PM Infant Jesus Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson.

Weekly Readings Feb. 20 – Feb. 26

Monday: 4Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40; Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19; Mt 4:1-11

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ February 11 & 12, 2023

Adult Envelopes (52)	\$1,537.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$497.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,854.00
Flowers	\$50.00
Debt Reduction	\$78.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Astronomers tell us the universe is expanding. Economists tell us the marketplace is expanding. Often enough, our pants tell us that our waistline is expanding. Expansion seems to be everywhere. What we don't often advert to is the same applies to language, especially our own English tongue.

One area of language where expansion is obvious is found in our slang. Slang adds to the dictionary quite often. Here we see words take on an expanded meaning that eventually becomes a complete alteration of the original. Remember how years ago "bread" became money? Or "lame" became weak, as in a "lame" joke? Or how "solid" lost its connection with density, and became the measure of a favor or good deed? These confusing days we note how "woke" has little to do with being awakened, but is used rather to denigrate verities of the recent past.

One slang word with a longer history of expansion that breaks the mold is the word "cool." Even so-called educated people will pronounce a happening, or a brand of car, or a pair of sunglasses as being "cool" and when they do so they are not thinking of the air temperature. All of these references are meant to make you think about "expansion" as either a good or bad thing in dictionary terms.

Jesus, we know and believe is the Word of God. The final statement of the Father and Holy Spirit about what is really the Truth and the Life. We certainly relearn this weekend about the expanded meaning Jesus gave to the word "love." He certainly ought to know it. St. John wrote centuries ago that GOD IS LOVE. (underlined and in upper case). So when He orders us to "love our neighbor as ourselves," He is certainly speaking about something beyond affection for vacation days, or favorite foods, or romantic love or patriotic love or other meanings of the word.

Unfortunately, our beloved English language only offers one little word to express a veritable truckload of meanings. Here Our Lord is actually saying love is an act of the will in which we will the good for our neighbor. At the same time He expanded the meaning of "neighbor." Such means I harbor no grievances against him or her. Certainly no rash judgment of his or her, generating gossip. In short, doing nothing that we would not like directed our way.

I daresay the disregard of this particular command is a popular cause of our disobedience to the Lord, as evidenced by sins heard in the confessional. So, this early in 2023, and a few days before Lent begins, the Gospel today provides advice about a possible resolution most of us could make for the upcoming season. We have the power to bring expansion to the list of the saints. By the way, be encouraged by this, one of the clearest definitions of a saint that I have seen: "A saint is a dead sinner, revised and edited."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH

"HOW TO DEAL WITH DEMENTIA" SUPPORT GROUP

Is your family member or friend struggling with memory loss? You are not alone, and Catholic Charities NH is here to support you. "How to Deal with Dementia" is a five-week online support group, starting Wednesday, March 8, providing an understanding of dementia, its impact on those affected and resources you can use to best support your loved one. To register, visit www.cc-nh.org/dementia. You may also call (603) 357-3093 or email mhyzer@nh-cc.org. There is no cost to participate

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.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Bishop Libasci is inviting men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at Saint Joseph Cathedral to celebrate the Feast of Saint Joseph, Patron Saint of our diocese, on March 18th. You can register for the breakfast at: mensbreakfast2023.eventbrite.com.

2023 NH CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The 2023 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. Orders can be placed at: www.catholicnh.org/parishes/directory

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

AT THE DAY CAFÉ AT ST. PATRICK'S

St. Patrick's Parish in downtown Nashua is looking for volunteers for its community outreach called The Day Café. The Day Café operates Monday through Friday, from 7:00-9:30AM. The Parish Center opens its doors to all members of our community for fellowship, friendship, networking as well as coffee, beverages, and snacks. Some of our visitors are unhoused, struggling, and adjusting to Nashua. By volunteering you will have an opportunity to be present to good people and live out the gospel message. The opportunities include greeting, listening, pouring coffee, serving snacks, and cleaning up. We also need people who will enjoy playing cards with our friends. Even one 2.5 hour shift can make a difference. Contact Vince Aquino at 603-548-9149, vinaquino@aol.com, for more information on this opportunity.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

Do you want to make a significant difference in another person's life? The Nashua Adult Learning Center is seeking Volunteer 1-on-1 Tutors for students in our ESL (English as a Second Language) and ABE (Adult Basic Education) programs. We can match you with a student who will fit your strengths, interests, and schedule. Tutoring can be done in-person or via Zoom. We provide training and materials. Are you a patient, kind individual, who can make a 9-month commitment to tutoring at least once per week? Contact MT Huard at (603) 716-7017, or email mhuard@nashuaalc.org. We'd love to connect you with a student who can benefit from your gifts!



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.

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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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