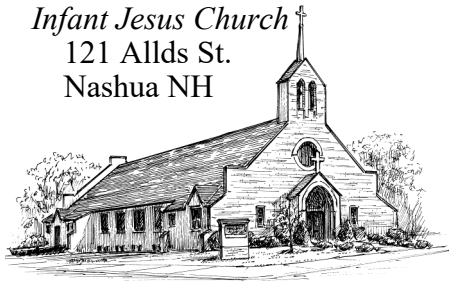
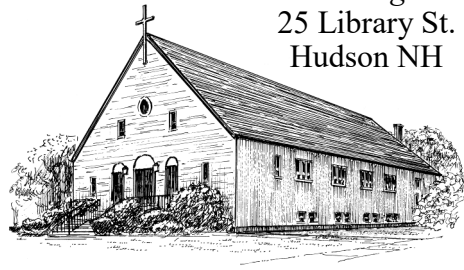


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



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



LENT

*"...One does not live by bread alone
but by every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God."*
Matthew 4: 4

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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

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 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

Tuesday

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Sunday

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IJ 10:30 AM

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

February 28

All Souls Intentions

March 1

All Souls Intentions

March 2

All Souls Intentions

March 3

All Souls Intentions

March 4

Mary Doyle by the family
Fern Lavoie
by the Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

March 5 Second Sunday of Lent

Intentions of the Parishioners
Gilda Balandis
by her family

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

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

DEANERY LENTEN PENANCE SERVICE

Sunday March 19th at 2:00 PM Immaculate Conception Parish 216 E. Dunstable Rd.

Weekly Readings Feb. 27 – March 5

Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15; Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8; Mt 5:43-48

Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a; Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22; 2 Tm 1:8b-10; Mt 17:1-9

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ February 18 & 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes (46)	\$1,765.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$1,010.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,595.00
Snow Removal	\$297.00
Debt Reduction	\$330.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Some early Winter research yielded me the selling price of an original "Superman" comic book in good condition. The figure is in the hundreds of thousands, which in itself is amazing. After all, it is all about a rather dated superhero, considered in the context of modern versions of superheroes featured in the popular Marvel series of films.

Of course, we have to be very careful of making any comparison of Christ to Superman lest we become disrespectful of Our Lord's divine nature. On the other hand, in His human nature, struggling after a prolonged bodily fast in a hostile desert climate with a healthy fallen angel and his wily but powerful intellect, Jesus is indeed super in His triumph.

It is this victory of His that the Church offers us as encouragement to us poor sinners as we enter into the Lenten "desert" to begin our pre-Easter repentance and cleansing. None of us would claim to be super. But all of us can admit that we are weak at best, and have often fallen into Satan's trap of making sin appealing.

We might wish that we could have Jesus' strength of mind and will. But the odd thing is that we can claim some of it if we ask for it. We can reverse course, so to speak, with the direction of our spiritual lives and align ourselves more closely with Him through the traditional triad of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

Naturally this effort is difficult, as I can guess it was even for Our Lord, because the pull of the opposite is so strong. Everything looks so attractive about life on Easy Street. Worries vanish. Sickness vacates the premises. Fun tops the activity schedule.

But something disturbs our hard wiring for God when we insist on thinking that way or acting it out. We can try to deny the short circuit all we want. Drench ourselves in delusion. Fearful of moving over to Reality Road. Ah, but if we put aside that fear and link ourselves more closely to the Lord, what a marvelous peace follows. The saints say that each in their own ways.

So here we are at the First Sunday of Lent, 2023. As I want to encourage you in your decision to make amends with the Almighty, I ask also for your good example to keep my decision for same strong. The next five weeks offer strong medicine. Yet there is the satisfaction of doing something good for God. That's one sure benefit of being part of the Mystical Body which is our Church.

We don't seek to be super, but just a bit more saintly than we have been so that we can meet our Maker someday with confidence. After all, as an anonymous somebody once wrote: "The main object of religion is not to get a person into heaven, but to get heaven into them."

God love you and have a good Lent!

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 SEEKS NEW PANTRY DIRECTOR

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance has an immediate opening for a Food Pantry Director. This is a part-time paid position responsible for the aspects of Food Pantry Operations including: food procurement and delivery scheduling from existing sources, recruiting and scheduling of volunteers, as well as client scheduling and interaction. For more information, please contact our Parish Representative Guy Jean a 603 882-6197.

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.

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.

"BE HEALED!" A LENTEN MISSION

FOR PERSONAL AND COMMUNAL HEALING

Saint Kathryn Parish is hosting a Lenten Mission given by Sr. Briege McKenna, O.S.C. and Fr. Pablo Escrivá de Romani on March 20th-23rd, 2023 in our church at 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH. Sr. Briege entered the Sisters of St. Clare at age fifteen, suffered from chronic pain, and experienced a miraculous healing during the celebration of the Eucharist a few years later. Fr. Pablo speaks at retreats as a missionary to many countries, working with youth and giving spiritual exercises to priests. Sr. Briege and Fr. Pablo will be speaking about reconciliation, prayer, the Holy Spirit, the Eucharist, and the healing power of the Cross. We look forward to welcoming you as we take in the words of these two dynamic speakers. No registration is required. A love offering will be collected at the Mass on Thursday evening. For more information, please visit skathryns.org/briege.

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.

