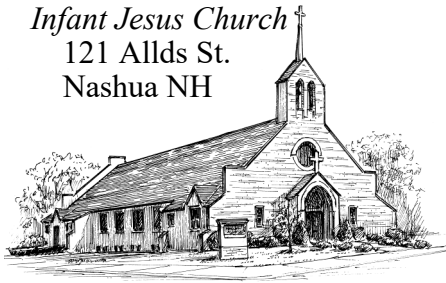
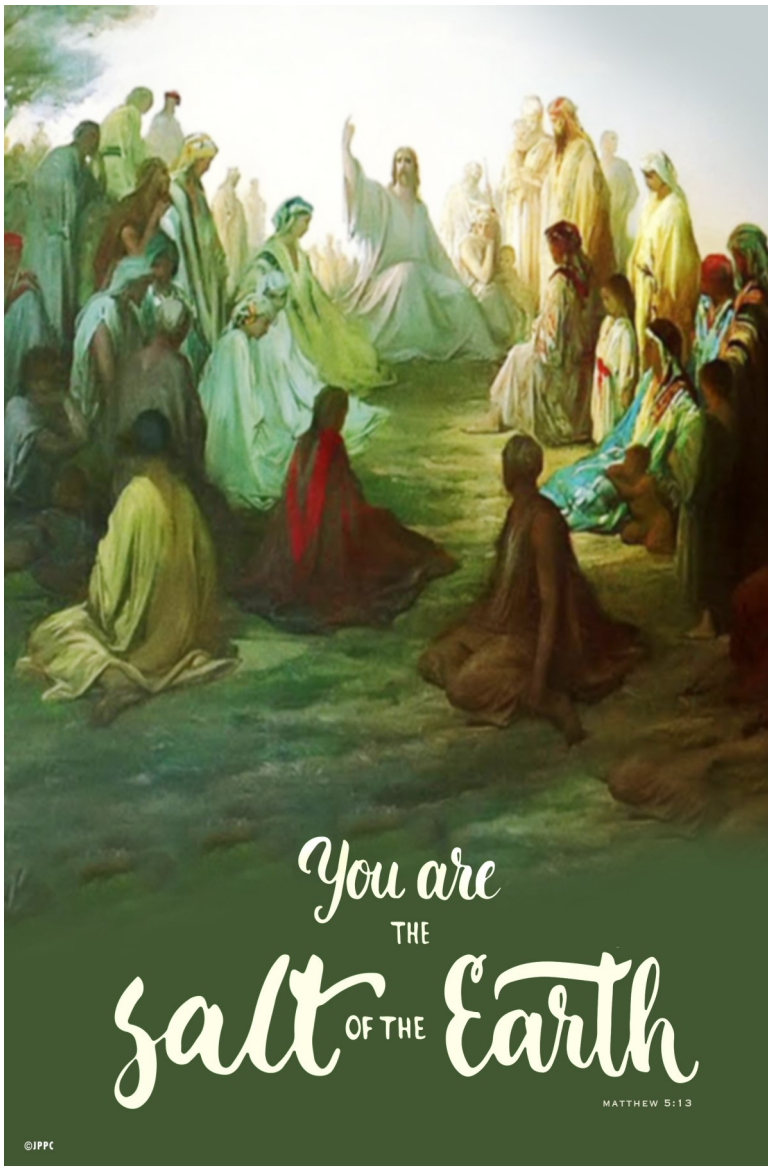


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

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 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

February 4

Helen Engelbach

George & Evangeline Nadeau

Mass in Portuguese

February 5 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

The Shanholtz Family

Jeannette (Belanger) Ruest

by Joanne Charron

February 7

All Souls Intentions

February 8

All Souls Intentions

February 9

All Souls Intentions

February 10

All Souls Intentions

February 11

Richard Shanholtz by the family

Fernande Lang by Joanne Charron

Mass in Portuguese

February 12 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Intentions of the Parishioners

Raymond Belanger

by Leona Belanger & family

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

PILGRIMS FOR LIFE

The journey of faith is lifelong, and there is much work to be done as we seek to ensure that all human life is valued and protected. Learn about local prayer and advocacy opportunities for the cause of life. Visit www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife

INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event 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

Week Ending ~ January 28 & 29, 2023

Adult Envelopes (50)	\$2,574.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$421.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,815.00
Debt Reduction	\$210.00
Fuel	\$160.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

Weekly Readings Feb. 6 – Feb. 12

Monday: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c; Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: Gn 1:20 — 2:4a; Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9; Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5; Mk 7:24-30

Friday: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7; Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

Sunday: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 or Mt 5:20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37

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REFLECTION - FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

May I ask you: "How do you take a compliment? I specify one delivered to you in person, and not electronically via email or text. It may take a minute to fashion a reply because, at least for the majority of us, compliments received are rare.

I remember a conversation I had with a good Church worker back around Christmastime. After recalling an episode or two from his unwritten record, he said, "know Father, people are always ready to complain about something, but never to praise or even thank you for your work." Enough said.

An old-fashioned reaction to praise comes right out of the script of an old Western movie, when a pretty lady compliments the hero. It went something like this: "Aw shucks, ma'am, tweren't nuthin." In other words, denying that whatever we did or said was good and deeply appreciated. It's false humility to deny the truth. A simple but humble "thank you" is always best to respond, unless one wants to add praise to God.

In today's Gospel passage, coming early in St. Matthew's account of the Sermon on the Mount, we find Jesus complimenting His hearers. Using references to two well-known entities of the time, He told them they were both "salt and light." An explanation of terms is needed here.

First, regarding salt. In those ancient days, long before refrigeration was even an idea, salt was a principal preservative for foods. It still is these days. Note the sodium percentage on the labels. Foods are often designated "low salt" for the sake of people with health issues. Certain foods are prized for having "no preservatives." But back in biblical times, salt was precious. So prized that a Roman soldier would receive a portion of his pay in salt. Hence the Latin derivative turned into our modern English word "salary."

In considering "light" as a compliment, think of an ordinary one room Palestinian home in those days. It existed in a world "lit only by fire." A burning oil lamp made ordinary life possible after dark. So, to be called a "light" in such a world was indeed a high compliment. Of course, Our Lord was referring to spiritual darkness above all. How to shed that kind of light is clearly offered in today's passage from Isaiah, which Matthew knew so well. He provides half a dozen ways to do so.

These often dull and dreary February days lend themselves to some healthy introspection. How consistent has our fidelity to Jesus and His Way been? Stripped of excuses, we can honestly take inventory. We can measure our progress on the path to Heaven.

In the end, I think the greatest compliment we can hope for will hopefully be given us by a smiling Jesus standing at Heaven's Gate. He will call us by name and say "Welcome home!" Meanwhile, here below, it is helpful to believe this closing thought about where else God dwells. God has two dwelling places: one in heaven and the other in a meek and thankful heart." Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST. KATHRYN'S PARISH

What better way to prepare for Lent than by attending a presentation on getting closer to God? Mark your calendars for this retreat to be held in Saint Kathryn's Parish Hall on February 19th from 2-4:00 pm, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH. Franks and beans will be served free of charge. To register call Mike Todisco at 603-883-7679 by Sunday February 12th. Ideas will be presented on making your Lenten season easier and more productive

PLANET AID UPDATE

This month our parish received a stipend of **\$207.40** for the many pounds of gently used clothing, coats and shoes gathered in our two bins at St. John the Evangelist and Infant Jesus. Thank you for your ongoing support .

Corpus Christi Food Pantry Birthday Bags

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps families that are struggling to make ends meet. One very gratifying way CCFPA helps families through tough times is to offer a birthday bag, (which contains cake mix, frosting, candles, plates and napkins,) and a gift for the child that will be celebrating a birthday within a few weeks of when the parent comes to the pantry. It is very rewarding to see the overwhelming gratitude in the parent's eyes when they can select an age-appropriate gift for their child and celebrate the child's special day.

STE. MARIE CHILD CARE HELP WANTED

Ste. Marie's Child Care Center, Manchester, NH is hiring for Full and Part time positions. For more information please call 603-668-2356

VOLUNTEER DRIVER NEEDED

St. Joseph Residence in Manchester is seeking a volunteer driver for their 10 passenger bus to take the sisters to their appointments. A CDL license is not required to drive this bus. Anyone interested would have to be fully vaccinated. A criminal background check, a drug test, as well as a DMV check for their driving record is also required. If interested, please contact Marlene Makowski, St Joseph Residence Administrator at 603-668-6011.

NEW SOUHEGAN DEANERY APPOINTMENT

Bishop Peter A. Libasci is pleased to announce that he has appointed eight new Deans to lead the regions of the Catholic Church of New Hampshire. The Deans, also known as Vicars Forane, assist Bishop Libasci with promoting and coordinating apostolic and pastoral activity and have supervisory responsibility over their deaneries. Very Reverend Robert Glasgow, Pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in Merrimack, has been appointed Dean of the Souhegan Deanery, which includes our parish. Visit www.catholicnh.org for more information. Please join us in congratulating Father Glasgow!

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!

NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK

The observances of National Marriage Week (Feb. 7-14) and World Marriage Day (Sunday, Feb. 12) are an opportunity to focus on building a culture of life and love that begins with supporting and promoting marriage and the family. For resources, visit www.catholicnh.org/national-marriage-week.