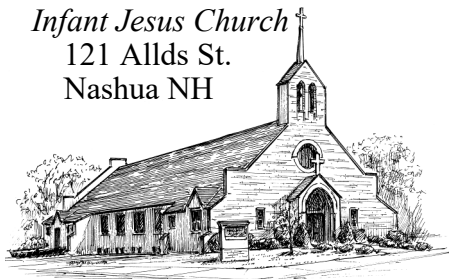
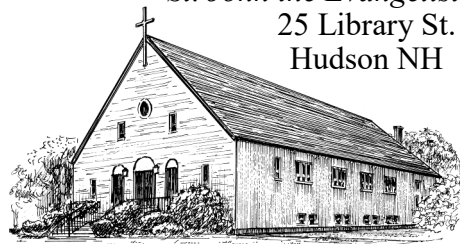


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



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



LENT

"...whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."
John 4: 14

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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

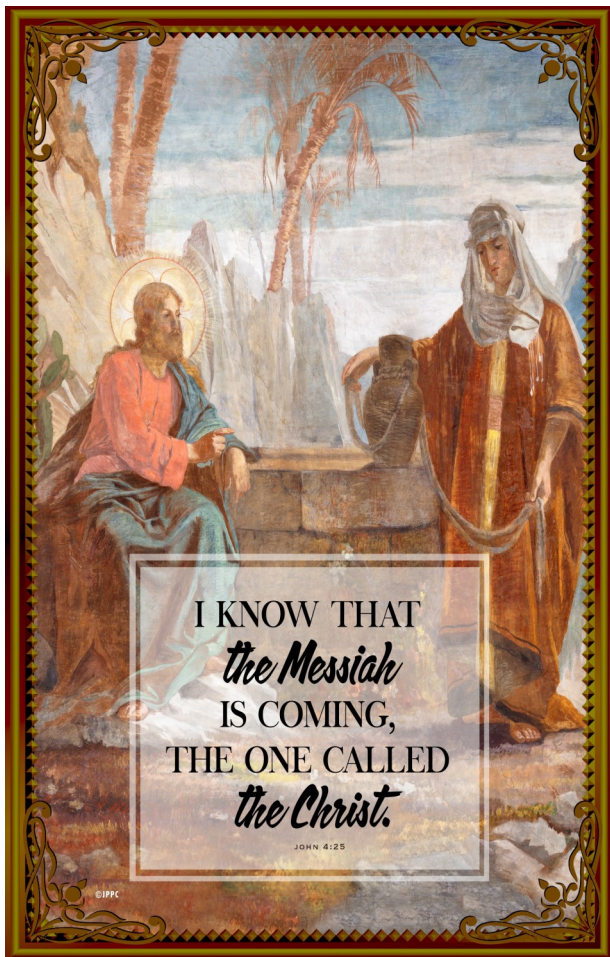
OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:
NH Catholic Charities:

603-883-6048
603-882-6372
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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
at St. John the Evangelist Church.



I KNOW THAT
the Messiah
 IS COMING,
 THE ONE CALLED
the Christ.
JOHN 4:25

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

March 11

Thomas Peta by his family
 Madeline (Charron) Martin
 by Joanne Charron
 Mass in Portuguese

March 12 Third Sunday of Lent

Shanholtz Family
 Lydia Cardinale
 by her family

March 14

All Souls Intentions

March 15

All Souls Intentions

March 16

Paul Charron by his family

March 17

All Souls Intentions

March 18

Walter Doyle by a friend
 Mariette Barowski
 by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
 Mass in Portuguese

March 19 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Timothy Coulter by his family
 Paul Charron 9th Ann.
 by his 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 March 13 – March 19

Monday: Kgs 5:1-15ab; Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4; Lk 4:24-30
Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc, 8-9; Mt 18:21-35
Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20; Mt 5:17-19
Thursday: Jer 7:23-28; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Lk 11:14-23
Friday: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
Saturday: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab; Lk 18:9-14
Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6; Eph 5:8-14; Jn 9:1-41 or Jn 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 4 & 5, 2023	
Adult Envelopes (40)	\$2,693.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$727.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,240.00
Easter Flowers	\$45.00
Debt Reduction	\$170.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Like the petals of a springtime tulip or a summer rose, this story that St. John presents opens up from a simple beginning to a wonderful end. In its long form we are given so many details to unpack that analysis of them would not fit the confines of this space. Allow me to cite just two, and offer what I trust will be helpful reflections.

Both details involve the reactions of people to Jesus: first the disciples and then, of course the unnamed woman who comes to the well. The disciples play a minor role in the story, but they provide some matter for meditation. They have just returned to the spot where they left Jesus, because they had gone to buy lunch food. (Note that Jesus in His human nature could get hungry at times just like us.) Meanwhile, He had also gotten thirsty, so He asked the Samaritan woman for a drink from the well.

Meanwhile, the disciples arrive and they are "amazed." Perhaps shocked. The Master is talking with a woman!! At midday in broad daylight! And with a Samaritan woman no less! All of this strictly forbidden by their laws. We might say "They couldn't handle it!"

But notice how, despite the obvious disregard for law, none of them dare ask Jesus: "Why are you talking with her?" I propose that somewhere in their time with Jesus, they learned that He didn't mind ignoring their laws, but always for a good reason, which He would explain. So they had gotten used to it. Their initial shock would dissipate.

Does Jesus sometimes shock you? Upset your complacency with a comfortable Christianity you've gotten used to, rather than the actual one? Lent asks you to think about that. The anti-Christian world of 2023 in present day America can seep into our thinking so easily.

Now we come to the unnamed woman and her dialogue interplay with Jesus. She tries to deflect Jesus from further pursuing her situation as a woman with six men posing as husbands at various times with a little flattery: "Sir, I can see that you are a prophet." From there, Jesus gives her the whole truth about worshiping God as being Spirit unconfined by any locale. And then His "bombshell": "I am he (the Messiah), the one speaking with you."

How would you or I react if Jesus were to appear to us in a familiar location and remind us that He is God? More to the point: have we avoided paying attention to the teachings He gave us that are inconvenient? Like those on matters sexual? Or that gossip can be sinful? Or that racism is never justified?

The Samaritan woman is refreshingly honest and excitedly happy about her sudden discovery of who Jesus is. Perhaps we are not told her name because she represents everything we need to change if we are to be missionary disciples. We too can be her partners in reform. As you go about that task this Lent, remember that "inflation has affected everything except the wages of sin." Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



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.

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteer tutors to work with children in grades K - 12 in math, literacy, or science. Volunteers for this program work with students who need one-on-one help on a particular topic for a short period of time - or for the entire school year. Volunteer tutors may select the age range of students they'd like to work with, the subjects they feel comfortable with, and days and times they'd like to tutor. Volunteers should have some experience with teaching, tutoring, or helping educate others in another way, but do not need professional certification. Tutoring will take place in a monitored situation at a youth-serving organization primarily during after-school hours and may be virtual or in-person depending on the needs of the student. Volunteers will be expected to pass a background check annually. If you would like to become a volunteer tutor, please contact United Way at tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next weekend (March 18-19) is the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services. The collection supports the international relief work of Pope Francis, the Catholic bishop's migration and refugee services and the Catholic legal immigration network. A portion of the collection will support the Catholic Home Missions, places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open.

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 603 882-6198.

A DAY OF LENTEN RENEWAL

Fr. Bill Sheehan OMI will offer "A Day of Lenten Renewal" on Saturday March 25, 9am-3pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 180 Loudon Rd., Concord. Donation: \$10. All welcome! A day of preparation for a deeper participation in the Paschal Mystery. Attend in person or online: www.facebook.com/ihmnh Info: <http://ihmnh.org>

"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 Escriva 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 stkathryns.org/briege.