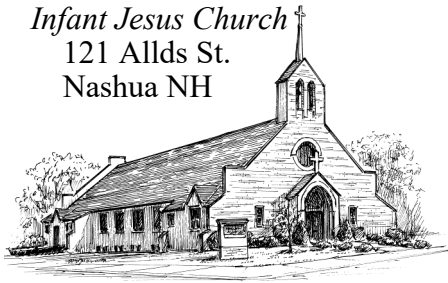
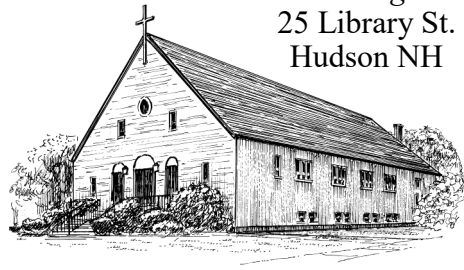


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



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



## LENT

*"...I do believe Lord,  
and he worshiped him."*

*John 9: 38*

### Saint John XXIII Parish

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#### Clergy:

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5

Deacon Carl Hilston (retired)

Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

#### Religious Education:

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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

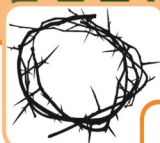
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

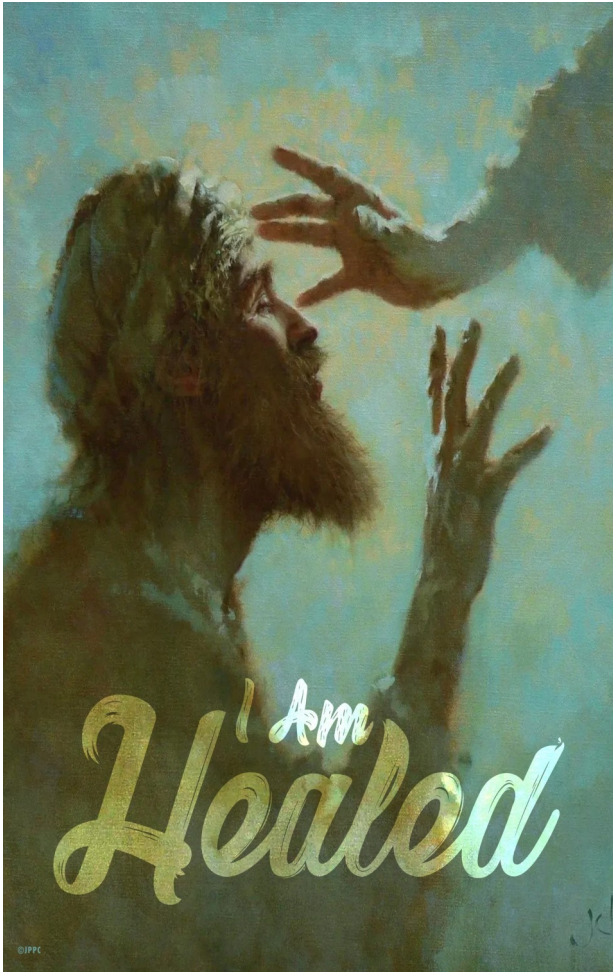
### OUTREACH

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

*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

*March 21*

All Souls Intentions

*March 22*

All Souls Intentions

*March 23*

All Souls Intentions

*March 24*

All Souls Intentions

*March 25*

Richard Shanholtz by the family  
Mariette Barowski  
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne  
Mass in Portuguese

*March 26 Fifth Sunday of Lent*

Intentions of Rela Burns  
Paul Charron  
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 20 – March 26

**Monday:** Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23; Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Is 7:10-14, 8:10; Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11; Heb 10:4-10; Lk 1:26-38

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 or Jn 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 11 & 12, 2023

<b>Adult Envelopes (51)</b>	<b>\$2,186.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (49)</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$331.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,337.00</b>
<b>Easter Flowers</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>

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



## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION - FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Last Christmas I watched part of a holiday concert held in New York City by Andrea Bocelli accompanied by his talented son and daughter. They joined the New York Singing City choir for several carols of the season. Naturally the power and beauty of the renowned tenor's voice dominated the performances. As we know, Bocelli is blind. But that has no effect on his singing and his mastery of several musical instruments. He brings joy to audiences all over the world. I could say he is a point of light in the darkness of the world. We are not told of any special talent held by the blind man in our gospel story from John chosen for this Lenten Sunday. We know that he was deprived of sight from his birth, unable to enjoy the world that we so easily do. But because of Jesus' compassionate healing, he is suddenly brought into the ranks of the "children of light."

But like what frequently happens when Jesus works a miracle, so here too the Pharisee onlookers, representing the usual cynics among us, begin a series of hair-splitting maneuvers involving the Law. They devise calculated threats, upsetting the man's parents along the way, all done to counter the good news in what they witnessed. Of course our evangelist wants us recognize the fact that they are the real blind men.

True, in a world lit only by fire, the unnamed blind man's affliction was doubly painful. Even for his sighted peers, when the sun went down the world could be a dangerous place. But at least they could see each other's faces by oil lamplight. Or follow a path with ease. Blindness was mostly a burden. Some saw it as a curse. Yet the love of family was always there to help.

Flash forward across the centuries, and we can understand why the Church presents us with this story at the midpoint of Lent. We have a potent reminder that we can all be blind to our own sins at times. But we also have the occasion this day to be joyful not only because we have Christ's light available to see where we need correction and a Sacrament of confession to affect our healing.

In the meantime we have another life lesson as illustrated by the story of Samuel. Here is a good man, a prophet, but he has to learn that he does not see as God sees. Ah, and so do we! When we experience the twists and turns of life here below; the natural disasters that ruin our calm; and the personal setbacks that torture our confidence, we need not let them rob us of our hope. A hope based not in just any person, place, or thing but in our resurrected Lord.

We can meet Him, especially in the Holy Eucharist and in moments of personal prayer where we also become aware of the fact that when this life is over, we are meant to climb the stairway to heaven, where we will see Him face to face.

A thought now from John Newton, the author of "Amazing Grace": "When I get to heaven, I shall see three wonders there: the first wonder will be to see many there whom I did not expect to see; the second wonder will be to miss many people whom I did expect to see; the third and greatest of all will be to find myself there."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### CHRISM MASS

Bishop Libasci is pleased to announce the celebration of the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, April 4th at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. This invitation is extended to all the clergy and parishioners. The Mass takes its name from the most eminent of the three holy oils which the bishop commissions for his local church's use over the following year. Register for the Chrism Mass at [www.catholicnh.org/chrism](http://www.catholicnh.org/chrism).

### 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](mailto:tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)882-4011

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This 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](http://www.facebook.com/ihmnh) Info: <http://ihmnh.org>



**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.