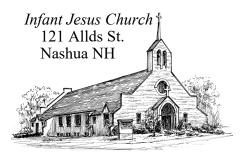
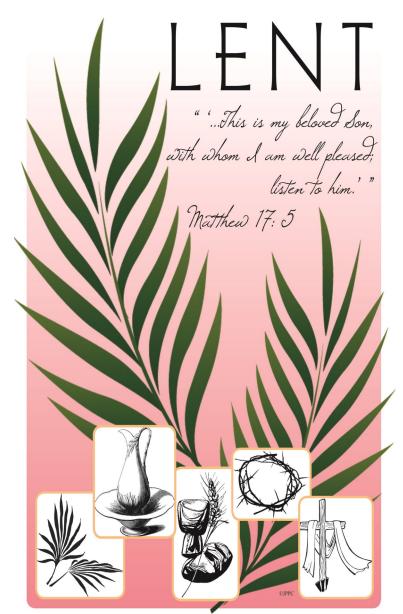
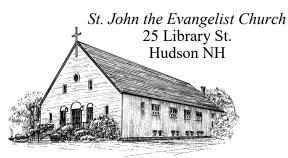
# Saint John XXIII Tarish





## OUTREACH

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



## 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:**

E-mail: Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org

## 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  |
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| Wednesday | 8:30 AM | SJE Church |
| Thursday  | 8:30 AM | IJ Church  |
| Friday    | 8:30 AM | SJE Church |

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

# March 5, 2023

## Second Sunday of Lent

*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 Evangelsit 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: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16; Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6; Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday**: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5 -42 or Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

### **Stewardship Report**

| Week Ending ~ February 25 & 26, 2023                        |                                |  |  |
|---|--------------------------------|--|--|
| Adult Envelopes (34)  | \$1,005.00                     |  |  |
| WeShare (Online Giving) (49)                                | \$820.00                       |  |  |
| Loose Cash  | \$376.00                       |  |  |
| Offertory Total:  | \$2,201.00                     |  |  |
| Snow Removal<br>Debt Reduction<br>Church in Eastern Europe  | \$45.00<br>\$55.00<br>\$146.00 |  |  |
| May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity! |                                |  |  |

#### **Reflection - Second Sunday of Lent**

Sooner rather than later a young person setting out on their future realizes that connections count. For instance, having a parent with a famous name in a certain field automatically gives "a leg up" to his son or daughter.

In a certain sense the same applies to any of us seeking a closer union with Christ. Through our baptism, our parents brought us to the front and right then and there established a connection with Christ. All that's left for us to do is to keep it alive and healthy. But that's easier said than done. Even though Abram (later Abraham) preceded the institution of the sacrament of Baptism, his wholehearted "yes" to the Lord's "marching orders" to leave his home to settle someplace else was nearly equivalent. He stayed connected to his God. He found a certain inner peace in knowing that he cooperated with God's plan. He not only became "the father of many nations" but also "our Father in Faith" as the First Eucharistic prayer asserts.

Jesus also left His "native place" in heaven in obedience to His heavenly Father. He thus became connected to us as the subject of our faith while still remaining connected to the Father.

In this remarkable story of the Transfiguration, proclaimed to us this weekend, we have a perfect illustration of how the divine connection persists. It is the Bible at its best, with a gospel message of encouragement, as we strive through our Lenten penance to upgrade and enhance our connection to Christ.

The "wiring" of our connection may have frayed by how we have lived spiritually since last Easter. So the Church presents us with Lent and this story right at the early part of the season to make the necessary repairs. There is an ancient tradition which held that the Transfiguration of Jesus happened 40 days before Good Friday. At any rate, the event reminds us why and for whom we pray, fast, and give alms during this significant season.

We can face up to our failures and try to make amends. We can change for the better with God's help. We can be calm and courageous while all around us is the swirling chaos of a world that ignores Christ. Staying connected with Him is the one way that will enable us one fine but unknown day to look at the smiling Face of Jesus. Then each of us might well borrow from St. Peter's reaction and say: "Lord, it's good for me to be here!"

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 603 882-6198.

#### 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.

#### SAINT CHRISTOPHER ACADEMY UPPER CAMPUS OPEN HOUSE

Saint Christopher Academy will hold an Open House for prospective students in grades 6 to 8 at its upper campus location, 6 Bartlett Avenue in Nashua, NH on Wednesday, March 15 from 6:00 - 7:30 PM. Middle school students at Saint Chris thrive in a focused environment that emphasizes outstanding academics built on a strong Catholic moral and spiritual foundation. In addition, a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities enhance each student's experience. This drop-in Open House will include tours of the building and the opportunity to meet with faculty and staff. To learn more about Saint Chris, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310



## 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.

#### "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.