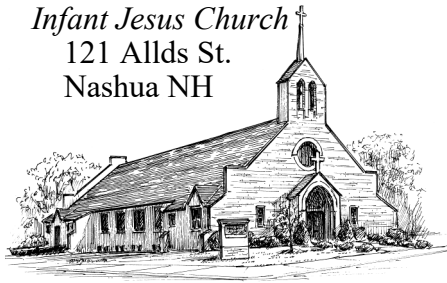
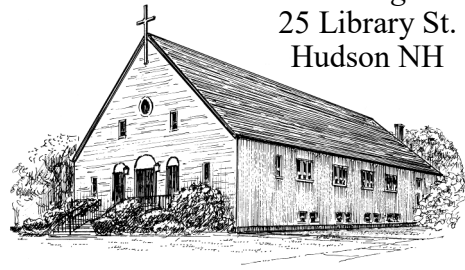


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



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



## 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 Orabucho (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

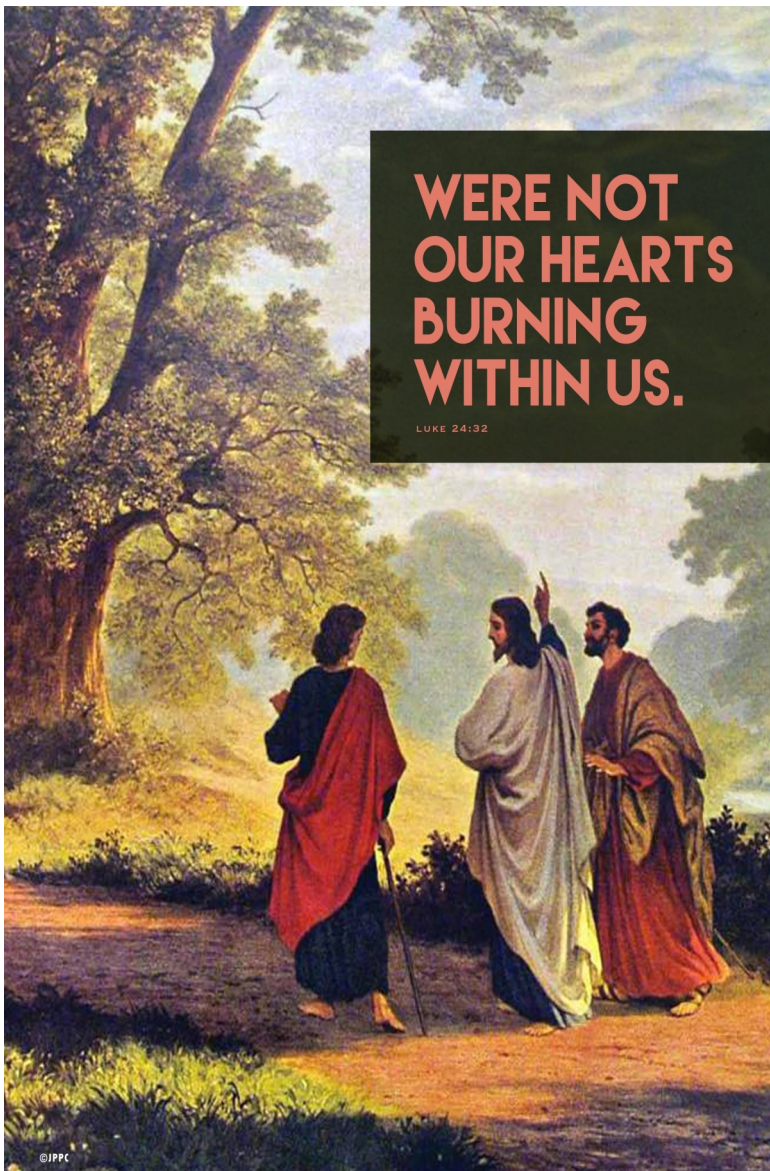
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

## 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

*April 22*

Norman Dumais by his wife  
Madeline (Charron) Martin  
by Joanne Charron  
Mass in Portuguese

*April 23 Third Sunday of Easter*

Glenn Annis by Patti Peters  
Douglas Duchesne by his family

*April 25*

Phil Rodrigue by his family

*April 26*

All Souls Intentions

*April 27*

All Souls Intentions

*April 28*

All Souls Intentions

*April 29*

Walter Doyle by a friend  
Helen Fraser  
by the Bereavement Committee  
Mass in Portuguese

*April 30 Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Chantal Tardif  
by Jeanne & Louis Michaud  
Madeline (Charron) Martin  
by Joanne Charron

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

**Weekly Readings April 24 – April 30**

**Monday:** Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29  
**Tuesday:** 1 Pt 5:5b-14; Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17; Mk 16:15-20  
**Wednesday:** Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40  
**Thursday:** Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51  
**Friday:** Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59  
**Saturday:** Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69  
**Sunday:** Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Ps 23: 1-3a, 3b4, 5, 6; 1 Pt 2:20b-25; Jn 10:1-10

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ April 15 & 16, 2023

<b>Adult Envelopes (56)</b>	<b>\$9,433.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (49)</b>	<b>\$820.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$1,012.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$11,265.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>

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



**2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL**

On April 29th/30th, our parish will begin the annual New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of Our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body (NHCA), an initiative designed to strengthen our ministries for the Church in New Hampshire and to reduce the number of annual second collections at parishes. Last year, 41 parishes participated in the appeal and raised over \$1.4M. This year all 88 parishes in N.H. will participate including our parish. The NHCA supports the care for our retired and elderly priests, seminarian education and vocations, Catholic education, evangelization through Parable magazine, Catholic Charities NH. and more. Everyone in our parish will receive more information in the mail soon. Please keep the Church in New Hampshire in your prayers that we may grow together and carry our faith into the future. For more information, go to: <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca>

# *Saint John XXIII Parish*

## **REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

This gem of a story has been “unpacked” by scholars of renown for all that Luke intended when he wrote it down. For a lesser light like myself I see in its structure the influence of Luke’s medical background. First of all, he presents a problem. Then comes an answer, or medicine. Finally there is a follow through and a recuperation of the patient. Allow me to illustrate.

First, the problem. Call it deep disappointment, or let-down. The two companions had witnessed Good Friday, and it left them more than melancholy. Their hopes seemed dashed for good. Their trust and aspirations vanished by Roman cruelty. So they are headed away from the scene, with an urgency to “get out of town.” Do we experience at least some portion of this experience when God seemingly lets us down?

Then comes the cure. And what a cure it is! Suddenly, so typical of Our Lord’s post resurrection appearances, He joins them on the road. When the men explain their long faces, He gives them a complete rationale for everything Jesus did, from Bethlehem to Calvary. Don’t you wish, as I do, that we could have heard all that from the God Man Himself? Anyhow, in our context, it was strong medicine rightly applied. Finally, the recuperation. It began at that simple table at the roadside inn when Jesus broke the bread with them. Beautifully does Luke tell us how “their eyes were opened” and they recognized Him precisely in “the breaking of the bread.” In other words, the very holy Eucharist first celebrated Holy Thursday night and ever since then, in places high and humble ever since.

Note how the two travelers reverse course, or “make a U turn” as we might put it? With a certain spring in their steps they went right back to the huddled disciples to make their report. They were bursting with newfound faith and revived hope. Cured of confusion. Pledged to pursue a gospel-focused life.

We need this story right now. Unfortunately a lapse of faith has trampled all over the belief of so many of our fellow travelers. You see it in the empty pews on weekends. You hear it in their casual opinions about the place of Mass in their weekly agenda. You feel it in the loss of unity among families that used to gather at church on a Sunday morning. Right at hand for easy blame is Covid. The shutdown of our churches during the pandemic and the ease of watching Mass on TV. An obvious happenstance I believe orchestrated by none less than Satan just like the clergy abuse scandal is. He hates the Eucharist because he hates God. And cleverly he goes about tearing down our faith and love of the good Lord who keeps giving it to us.

Even the devil knows that the Eucharist by nature is a communal affair. Our Lord’s chosen way of instituting this amazing gift was with a group of people around the table. Like any important celebration, there is nothing like being there. Our job as loyal followers is to wake others from their lethargy. To see Our Lord’s words “Do this in memory of Me” as the cure for so much that weighs them down. The counterfeit comfort that their chosen distractions offer. How sorely we need the Emmaus story. Thank you, Doctor St. Luke for giving it to us! Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## **PRAYER SHAWLS AVAILABLE**

The Prayer Shawl Ministry has a number of blessed shawls available for those who are experiencing illness, grief or personal struggles or challenges. To receive a shawl, contact Dotti Reed at 603-275-7345 or the parish office.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES JOB OPPORTUNITIES**

Full Time, Part Time and per diem employment opportunity. There are currently openings in Nursing, Dietary, Cooks, Environmental Services and Maintenance, in Manchester, Windham, Dover, Berlin, and Laconia. For more information please, visit [www.cc-nh.org/us/jobs](http://www.cc-nh.org/us/jobs) or contact Dawn Pelletier, at (603) 851-5836 or [dpelletier@nhcc.org](mailto:dpelletier@nhcc.org).

## **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](mailto:vinaquino@aol.com), for more information on this opportunity.

## **CORPUS CHRISTI NEW PANTRY DIRECTOR**

Corpus Christi Food Pantry is pleased to announce that they have hired a new Food Pantry Director, Jacqueline Chaisson-Warner. We look forward to having her as a member of the Corpus Christi Food Pantry family.

## **CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH ONLINE SUPPORT GROUP – SURVIVING SEPARATION OR DIVORCE**

Are you struggling with life changes, isolation, and difficulties resulting from separation or divorce? Catholic Charities NH is hosting a five-week online support group called “Surviving Divorce and Separation.” This group is designed for individuals who are facing new realities during or after separation or divorce. You will have the opportunity to both receive and offer support to others experiencing similar situations, and together, discover that you are not alone. Sessions will be held on Wednesdays, beginning May 24th, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. via Zoom. To learn more or register, please visit [www.cc-nh.org/separation](http://www.cc-nh.org/separation).

## **EBOOK - CHRIST OUR PASSOVER**

To enrich the celebration of this Easter Season, the Diocese of Manchester has published a free eBook called Christ Our Passover, a collection of brief excerpts on the Eucharist. The eBook is designed to be used at the convenience of individuals or parishes and does not need to be read cover to cover. The book is available at [www.catholicnh.org/easter](http://www.catholicnh.org/easter).

## **DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMPS**

For over seventy years, children from all over the country and world have attended Camp Bernadette for girls and Camp Fatima for boys. Located in the Lakes Region of New Hampshire, the Diocese of Manchester’s camps continue to provide opportunities for children between the ages of five and fifteen years old to develop personally and grow spiritually. If you would like to learn more about the camps or registration, please contact Andrew Thibault – [Andrew@bfcamp.com](mailto:Andrew@bfcamp.com) 603-931-5500 x114.