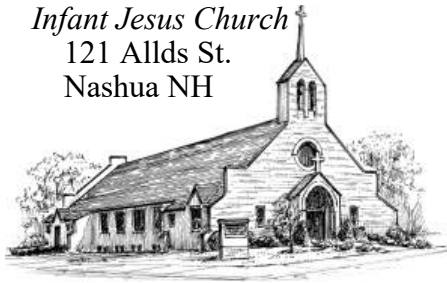
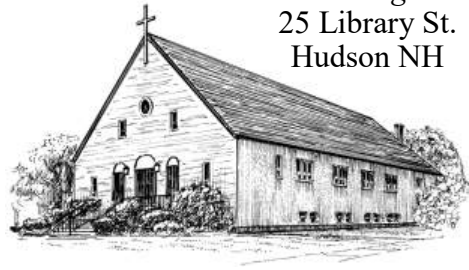


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

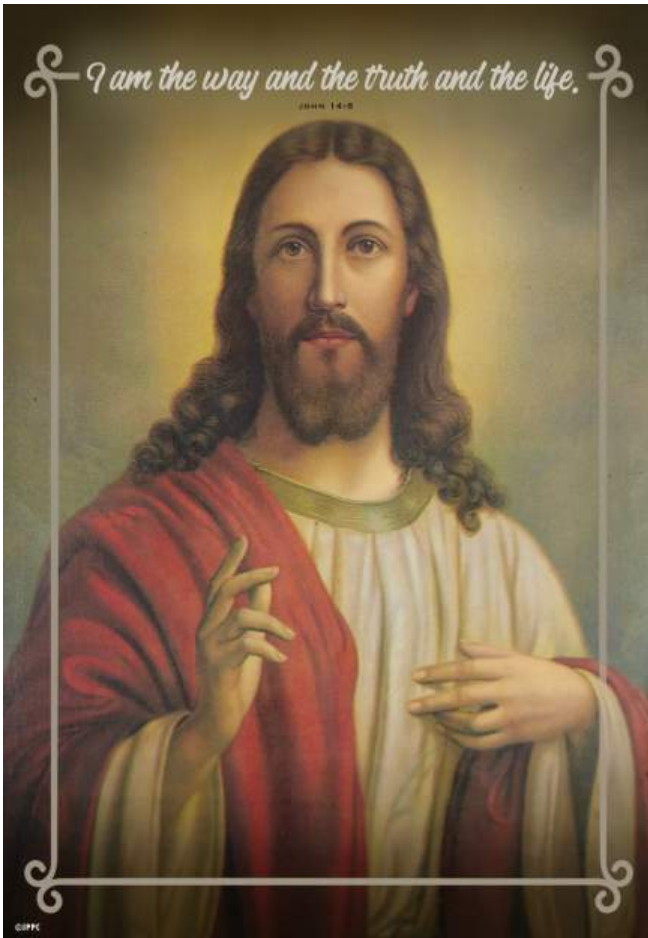
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	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass - IJ
Sunday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
	10:30 AM	IJ Church

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

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Mass Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

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May 6

Richard Shanholtz by the family
Claire Polinski by Guy & Julie Jean
Mass in Portuguese

May 7 Fifth Sunday of Easter

Yves Martin 4th Ann.
by Jeanne & Louis Michaud
Douglas Duchesne by his family
by Joanne Charron

May 9

All Souls Intentions

May 10

All Souls Intentions

May 11

All Souls Intentions

May 12

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May 13

Mary & George Doyle by the family
Theresa Labrie
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rachel Deschamps 5th Ann.
by her family

Theresa Duchesne by his family

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

Weekly Readings May 8 – May 14

Monday: Acts 14:5-18; Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16; Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28; Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21; Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5; Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21; Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10; Jn 15:9-11

Friday: Acts 15:22-31; Ps 57:8-9, 10, 12; Jn 15:12-17

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10; Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5; Jn 15:18-21

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17; Ps 66:1-3, 4-5, 6-7, 16, 20; 1 Pt 3:15-18; Jn 14:15-21



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Because of an early bulletin deadline, the Stewardship Report for the weekend of April 29 & 30 will be published in next weekend's bulletin. Our bulletin company has moved their entire printing operation to a new location - for that reason bulletin deadlines will be early for the next few weeks and stewardship reports will be delayed by a week.

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

Last weekend our parish launched the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Faith II, Many Parts, One Body, an initiative for our Diocese to grow and expand ministries in the Church in New Hampshire. It will also consolidate six of our annual collections under one Appeal along with the Catholic Charities NH parish appeal and the Parable magazine drive. I am grateful for your continued generosity to our parish and to these vital ministries. The New Hampshire Catholic Appeal will help fund essential services and ministries like the care for our retired priests, education and formation of seminarians, Catholic education, Parable magazine, Catholic Charities N.H., and more. Everyone in our parish will receive a copy of the Appeal materials so that you can learn more about the NHCA and how you can participate. As you consider making your gift, please consider what you have given to these individual collections (Seminarian Fund, Retired Priest Fund, Parish to Parish Support Fund, Catholic University of America and USCCB, Catholic Education/Schools, N.H. Missionaries Abroad and Migrant & Refugee Ministry in N.H.) plus to Parable Magazine and the Catholic Charities N.H. special collection appeal. **Our parish goal this year is \$33,254.00** and any money raised over that goal will be rebated to our parish to use for our parish needs. Together, we are many parts of the Church in New Hampshire, but one body of Christ and we can make a difference in the lives of many people. To make your gift, please return the gift envelope that you will receive in the mail, visit the Appeal's website <https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca> to give online or call the Appeal Office at 603-663-0170

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“Are there any questions?” A stock query posed by teachers in classrooms everywhere. Depending on the age group, he or she may hear from a nervous child; or a sarcastic adolescent trying to be the class clown; or all the way up to the adult degree pursuer in a serious seminar. The silly ones are quickly dismissed. The sincere ones may set the whole class at ease as a false interpretation of the material could cause confusion. All said, the teacher must often practice patience answering questions about a matter long since explained but forgotten.

That last case exemplifies what Our Lord had to endure when one of His chosen, like Thomas or Phillip seem to be obtuse. I for one am impressed and edified by His patience. He knows He is working with uneducated simple men but who are also destined to be His messengers and saints.

First up is St. Thomas, already nicknamed for his many doubts. But we have to sympathize with him here when he asks the Lord: “How can we know the Way?” It’s an understandable question. How Our Lord must have surprised Thomas when He answered “I am.” Oh how often we keep looking elsewhere for the right road to eternal life. Not so much for the young among us who don’t think much about their eternal future. We elders have to keep them from being duped by the latest pop philosophy. Or the preferred outlook of one of their college professors cleverly presented as the “only true way” at this crucial time of their lives. Or consider the instances where we adults prefer what is truly a form of darkness because it offers a convenient, secret way to contradict Christ, such as watching internet porn.

Next in line comes Phillip, another good soul, whom we have learned has become an appealing spokesperson of Christ to Greek-speaking people. He wants some clarification about this strange Person Jesus insists on calling “the Father.” Jesus gives Phillip a clear and basic answer, the gist of which Phillip should have known by now after almost 3 years at Jesus’ side. “If you have seen Me you have seen the Father.” Again Jesus practices patience with Phillip. The answer he got has provided much food for thought and prayer for theologians and saints down through the centuries.

We must always remember in this context that doubt is not a sin. To question God in respectful prayer can enrich our belief. Those words we pray in the Nicene Creed each Sunday at Mass deserve research. The Bible comes first. But we also have the Catholic Catechism available in book form or online. Our patience with ourselves as explorers coupled with patience with an inquiring person lends credence to the Good News.

We’ve been seriously considering two important questions, the answers to which enrich our spiritual lives. But there’s always room for humor to allow a pause in our research. So I offer this story.

Once upon a time a man went to a fortune teller, hoping that she would be able to look into her crystal ball and make some stock market predictions. “My fee,” said the fortune teller, “is one hundred dollars. For that amount you may ask two questions.”

The client winced and said, “My, isn’t that a lot of money for just two questions?” “Yes,” the fortune teller replied. “Now what is your second question?”

God love you and give you His peace.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

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 or contact Dawn Pelletier, at (603) 851-5836 or dpelletier@nhcc.org.

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry clients experience many obstacles. One of the more challenging is a mode of transportation. How am I getting my food home? Some have their own cars, others must rely on a taxi service or uber. Others use a hand cart and walk, some for 6 to 8 blocks. We have one who rides his bicycle this really limits what he can safely carry. He fills his backpack and precariously puts bags over his handlebars. We wish him safe travels .

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 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT FAMILY PROMISE

Family Promise needs babysitters on Monday and Tuesday evenings to watch kids while the parents take their classes. They also need weekend and evening “hosts” to answer the door, accept donations, and help residents unlock the cleaning and supply closets. For more information or to volunteer call Matthew Hodgkiss at 603- 883-7338, ext. 3, or by email at matthew.hodgkiss@familypromisesnh.org

GREATER NASHUA VOLUNTEER FAIR

The Greater Nashua Volunteer Fair at the Nashua Public Library will be taking place on Thursday, May 18th from 4pm to 7pm. 40+ organizations who are looking for volunteers will be there! We hope you’ll consider stopping by to see all the good our community is doing and learning about ways to help. You will get the chance to visit with organizations involved with farming, education, senior support, food insecurity, housing insecurity, transportation, drug and alcohol rehabilitation, youth mentorship, veterans, welcoming and supporting immigrants, domestic violence support, conservation and nature, history, art, and healthcare. A list of participating organizations may be found here: <https://unitedwaynashua.org/event/greater-nashua-volunteer-fair/>

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