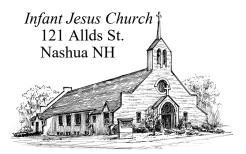
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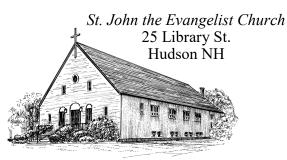


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# Saint John XXIII Parish

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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 6:00 PM	SJE Church IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese Mass - IJ
Sunday	8:30 AM 10:30 AM	SJE Church IJ Church

# WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

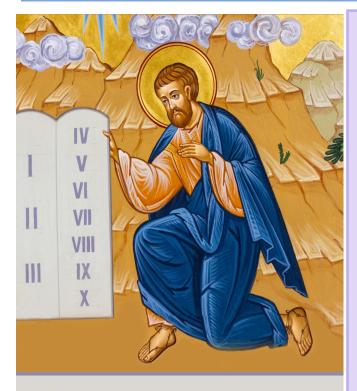
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

# SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

# May 14, 2023





IF YOU LOVE ME, you will keep my commandments,

# Mass Intentions Sa Sa

<u>Saturday</u>	<i>May 13</i>
SJE 4:00 PM	Mary & George Doyle by the family
IJ 6:00 PM	Theresa Labrie
	by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	May 14 Sixth Sunday of Easter
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Rachel Deschamps 5th Ann.
	by her family
IJ 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family
Tuesday	May 16
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<b>Wednesday</b>	May 17
SJE 8:30 AM	William M. Reilly 11th Ann.
	by his family
<u>Thursday</u>	May 18
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Friday</u>	May 19
SJE 8:30 AM	Theresa M. Levesque 16th Ann.
	by Diane & Jeannine Levesque
<u>Saturday</u>	May 20
SJE 4:00 PM	Daniel Bolton 45th Ann.
	by his family
IJ 6:00 PM	Intentions of the Parishioners
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>	May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Marie Tardif
	by Jeanne & Louis Michaud
IJ 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family

## Weekly Readings May 15 – May 21

Monday: Acts 16:11-15; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a, 9b; Jn 15:26 — 16:4a

Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34; Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8; Jn 16:5-11

Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22 — 18:1; Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14; Jn 16:12-15

Thursday: Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20 (for Ascension);

or Acts 18:1-8; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 16:16-20

Friday: Acts 18:9-18; Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Jn 16:20-23

Saturday: Acts 18:23-28; Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10; Jn 16:23b-28 Sunday: Acts 1:12-14; Ps 27:1, 4, 7-8; 1 Pt 4:13-16; Jn 17:1-

11a;

or (for Ascension) Acts 1:1-11; Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9; Eph 1:17-23; Mt 28:16-20

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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 repots will be delayed by a week.

#### **2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal**

We thank all who made their gift to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal: Future of our Fait II. Your gift will enable the Catholic Church in New Hampshire to meet the increasing needs of parishes, Catholic schools, retired clergy, seminarians and much more. If you were not able to make your gift yet, please visit the website at www.catholicnh.org/nhca or bring your gift and drop it in the collection basket as Mass next weekend. We thank you on behalf of all who will ome to know the loving hand of Christ an dour Church through your generosity. 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.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ April 29 & 30, 2023				
Adult Envelopes (40)	\$1,460.00			
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00			
Loose Cash	\$286.00			
Offertory Total:	\$2,566.00			
Debt Reduction	\$20.00			
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!				

#### **Reflection - Sixth Sunday of Easter**

"Sounds like a plan." We say it when we have mutual agreement on some future action. Implied is our trust in the "other" to honor the idea with more than words. So two reputations are at stake, yours and theirs. Trust is on the line. Of course, that trust is in jeopardy if one or the other party reneges. There comes trouble.

Through our Baptism, you and I lay claim to love Jesus Christ as Our Lord and God, specifically in this Easter season as our risen Lord and Redeemer. Today we hear Him tell His closest devotees that He will soon be leaving them. But He will not leave them to their own resources. He will send them an Advocate, whom we know as the Holy Spirit, the Third Person of the Holy Trinity. He will provide an action plan.

To preclude any breaking of the bond that they have forged between them over the past three years, Jesus tells His Apostles and disciples of His love for them. So a question arises: How will this love be manifest? How will they retain what He gives them? The answer is a plan: by their observance of His commandments. Implied here is not only the ancient Ten, but also the more recently proclaimed Eight Beatitudes. In other words, a "Christian Plan of Action." Easy enough to understand. Tough as nails to keep. And oh how we know that to be true! Especially when we leave Sunday Mass, only to tackle a whole new week of daily life out there in the so-called "real world," beginning with the parking lot.

But listen again, everybody, to the encouragement we receive from the God Man who became like us in all things but sin: "Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves Me. And whoever loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him." Of course, keeping our promise takes perseverance. Who best to remind us of that than Mary our heavenly Mother, and the woman we all honor on this Mother's Day?

They might *even* tell us this story about perseverance and a certain frog:

Two frogs fell into a can of cream, or so I've heard it told. The sides of the can were shiny and steep. The cream was deep and cold.

"Oh, what's the use?" croaked number one. "'Tis fate, no help's around.

Good-bye, my friend! Good-bye sad world!" And weeping still, he drowned.

But frog number two, of sterner stuff, dog-paddled in surprise, The while he wiped his creamy face and dried his creamy eyes. "I'll swim a while, at least," he said. Or so I've heard he said.

"It really wouldn't help the world if one more frog were dead." An hour or two he kicked and swam. Not once he stopped to mutter,

But kicked and kicked and swam and kicked. Then hopped out by way of butter!

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson



#### **St. Christopher Academy**

As the school year draws to a close, are you thinking of a change for your middle school student for the Fall? Saint Christopher Academy in North Nashua would love to warmly welcome your grade 6 to 8 child into its upper campus community! As a Catholic school, Saint Chris provides a focused middle school environment that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for success driven students. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support your child's growth into a well-rounded learner and leader who is ready to embrace the rigor of high school and beyond. Financial aid is available! For more information, please visit SaintChrisAcademy.org.

#### **CORPUS CHRISTI - FANS NEEDED**

Corpus Christi serves many clients in need of fans during the summer season. Most of our clients live downtown in crowded multi-family buildings with no air conditioning, often not even a fan. If you can donate a new or gently used fan, please bring it to Corpus Christi, 3 Crown St., Mon/Wed 9-12 or Tue/ Thurs 1-4. Our collection will continue through July. Please contact Susan Dignan at 603-598-1641 if you are interested in donating funds that will help us provide fans this summer. We will shop and share the fans to those who need them most! We appreciate your support and any help you can provide. God Bless!

#### 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

#### NH CATHOLIC EXPO MAY 20TH

Join Catholics around NH for the New Hampshire Catholic Expo showcasing a variety of ministries and groups and their offerings and for the final day of Bl. Carlo Acutis & St. Manuel Garcia Relic Tour. Saturday, May 20, 2023, 9AM - 2PM St. Andre Bessette Parish and Holy Trinity School , Laconia, NH \*Children's Activities \*Food and other items for purchase Please join Bishop Libasci as he leads Holy Hour from 2-3PM and celebrates Mass at 4PM. For information, visit www.catholicnh.org, email EucharisticRevival@rcbm.org or call 603-923-8229