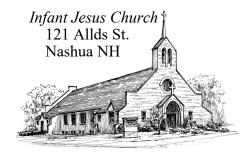
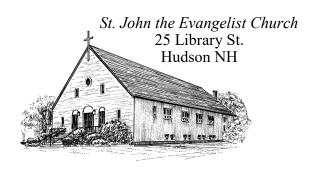
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

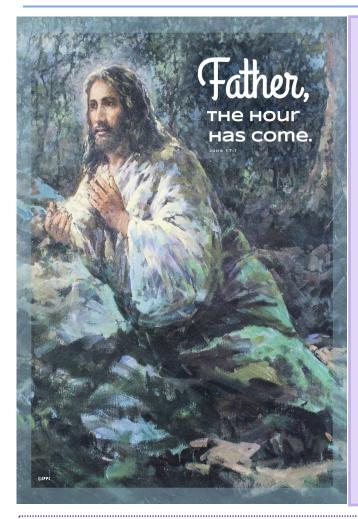
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

OUTREACH

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Mass Intentions

Saturday	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
Sunday	May 21 Seventh Sunday of Easter
SJE 8:30 AM	Marie Tardif
	by Jeanne & Louis Michaud
IJ 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family
Tuesday	May 23
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Wednesday	May 24
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Thursday	May 25
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Friday</u>	May 26
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Saturday	May 27
SJE 4:00 PM	The Shanholtz Family
IJ 6:00 PM	Pamela & Melissa Durocher
	by their family
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday	May 28 Pentecost Sunday
SJE 8:30 AM	Intentions of the Parishioners
IJ 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne by her family
10.30 / 11/1	Theresa Daeneshe by her failing

Weekly Readings May 22 - May 28

Monday: Acts 19:1-8; Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab; Jn 16:29-33 **Tuesday**: Acts 20:17-27; Ps 68:10-11, 20-21; Jn 17:1-11a **Wednesday**: Acts 20:28-38; Ps 68:29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab; Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday: Acts 22:30; 23:6-11; Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11; Jn 17:20-26

Friday: Acts 25:13b-21; Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab; Jn 21:15-19

Saturday: Acts 28:16-20, 30-31; Ps 11:4, 5, 7; Jn 21:20-25 **Sunday**: Vigil: Gn 11:1-9 or Ex 19:3-8a, 16-20b or Ez 37:1-14 or Jl 3:1-5; Ps 104:1-2, 24, 35, 27-28, 29, 30; Rom 8:22-27; Jn 7:37-39

Day: Acts 2:1-11; Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34; 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13; Jn 20:19-23

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 at Mass next weekend. We thank you on behalf of all who will come to know the loving hand of Christ and our 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 ~ May 6 & 7, 2023	3
Adult Envelopes (46)	\$1,800.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (49)	\$820.00
Loose Cash	\$526.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,146.00
Debt Reduction	\$225.00
May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!	

REFLECTION - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

No matter what effort we may make to soften it, "good byes" are never easy. This is especially so either for people for whom our love goes way back in time, or for those people we have learned to love more recently." Any depiction of farewells in books, plays or movies can turn on the tears despite our best attempt to be stoic about it.

St. Luke lets us in on such a scene involving Our Lord Jesus and His Apostles in today's Gospel reading. The closeness generated over the past three years has not been easy, but it has solidified enough to make the separation painful.

But for Jesus it is also a process. His first step is to pray aloud in their company what we have come to call "His great prayer." He asks His heavenly Father to keep "His side of the bargain," if you will. Jesus has indeed been obedient, having humbly joined the human family through life in a woman's womb; followed by a simple birth in a Bethlehem stable. Later He submitted to hatred and torture, winding up hanging on a Roman cross atop the hill of Calvary.

That tragedy turned out to include a triumph, unique in the annals of human history, with His glorious resurrection "on the Third Day." It was proof positive that all His lofty claims about Himself were true. He reviews them now for His listeners with the conviction that "now is the time". He calls it "His Hour." Yet He makes it the occasion to make a promise of His prayers for His faithful followers. That includes us.

Obviously we do not have the privileges of His Apostles and disciples. We do not know what Jesus looked like, although efforts have been made by artists, some basing their portraits on the Shroud of Turin. We certainly do not know the sound of His voice as He prayed that bittersweet day. We trust that will all be taken care of on the other side of death's door. Meanwhile, we do see Him with the eyes of faith present completely in the Holy Eucharist. We have His holy Presence among us under the appearances of bread and wine. That means we have the same post-Pentecostal privilege of the Apostles. Like them, we now have the obligation to be Christ's missionary spokespersons, each in our own way. How we do it all depends on humility and faith. I began this piece thinking about goodbyes. But sometimes human pride steps in, and we can miss the chance to make our goodbyes teachable moments. Consider this story. It seems a priest, a Boy Scout and a computer expert were the only passengers on a small plane. The pilot came back to the cabin and said that the plane was going down but there were only three parachutes and four people. The pilot added, "I

should have one of the parachutes because I have a wife and three small children." So he took one and jumped. The computer whiz said "I should have one of the parachutes because I am the smartest man in the world and everyone needs me." So he took one and jumped.

The priest turned to the Boy Scout and with a sad smile said "You are young and I have lived a rich full life, so you take the remaining parachute, and I'll go down with the plane." The Boy Scout replied, "Relax, Father, the smartest man in the world just picked up my knapsack and jumped out!" Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

2023 NH CATHOLIC DIRECTORY

The 2023 edition of the NH Catholic Directory is available to order for \$20 for an expected mid-March delivery. The new edition contains up-to-date parish information, priest assignments, and other useful data. Orders can be placed at: www.catholicnh.org/parishes/directory.

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!

CORPUS CHRISTI CAN HELP

Are you or someone you know experiencing food insecurity? Corpus Christi Food Pantry is ready to help. We are open Monday and Wednesday mornings and Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please call us for an appointment, Food Pantry: 603-882-6372, Assistance Program: 603-598-1641.

VITA ET CARITAS AWARD

The Diocese of Manchester is currently seeking nominations for the Vita et Caritas Award (For Life and Love Award), given to a NH volunteer of a non-profit organization who makes significant contributions that help transform the lives of women, children and/or families. The non-profit organization will also receive a \$2,500 grant from the Bishop's Charitable Assistance Fund. An application form and information is available on the Diocesan website at www.catholicnh.org/vca. Nominations must be submitted electronically and are due by June 2, 2023

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FLAG COLLECTION

The Knights of Columbus Council #122 will be collecting tattered, damaged or worn flags at both churches until June 11th. The flags will be burned at a ceremony on Flag Day June 14th. Boxes will be available at both churches to collect your flags. Please pass this information on to your family and friends