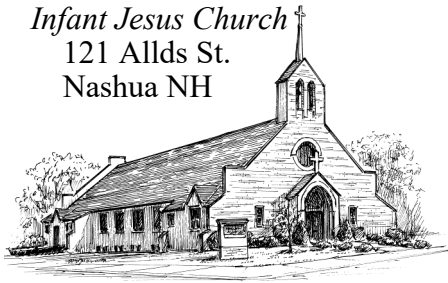
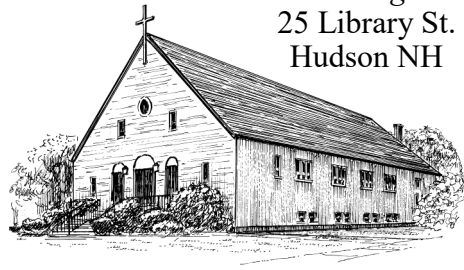


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St. John the Evangelist Church
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM	SJE Church
	6:00 PM	IJ Church
Sunday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
	8:30 AM	Portuguese Mass—IJ
	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

August 20 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Richard Shanholtz by the family
Marie L. Bedard
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM
IJ 8:30 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

August 20

Fr. Jack Horan by Patti Peters
Mass in Portuguese
Douglas Duchesne
by Lori & Doug Fowler

Tuesday

IJ 8:30 AM

August 22

All Souls Intentions

Wednesday

SJE 8:30 AM

August 23

All Souls Intentions

Thursday

IJ 8:30 AM

August 24

All Souls Intentions

Friday

SJE 8:30 AM

August 25

All Souls Intentions

Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

August 26

Annette DeNitto
by J. DeNitto & family
Josephine Berube
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM
IJ 8:30 AM
IJ 10:30 AM

August 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mary & George Doyle by the family
Mass in Portuguese
Deana Cardinale 7th Ann.
by her family

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.

MISSION COLLECTION THANK YOU

Fr. Pradeep would like to extend his sincere gratitude for your generosity. Last week's mission collection raised \$1,195.00 for the mission work in his diocese.

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

We are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,042.00** toward our goal of \$33,254.00. 100% of the funds raised above this Appeal goal are returned to our parish this year. If you have not made your gift yet, please bring your gift envelope to Mass next weekend, or make your gift online at www.catholienh.org/nhca. Extra gift envelopes are available in church. We need the support of all our parish families to reach our parish goal. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ August 12 & 13 2023

Adult Envelopes (39)	\$1,237.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$719.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,746.00
Fuel Offering	\$55.00
Debt Reduction	\$40.00

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

Weekly Readings August 21 – August 27

Monday: Jgs 2:11-19; Ps 106:34-37, 39-40, 43ab, 44; Mt 19:16-22

Tuesday: Jgs 6:11-24a; Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14; Mt 19:23-30

Wednesday: Jgs 9:6-15; Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7; Mt 20:1-16

Thursday: Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Jn 1:45-51

Friday: Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22; Ps 146:5-10; Mt 22:34-40

Saturday: Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17; Ps 128:1b-5; Mt 23:1-12

Sunday: Is 22:19-23; Ps 138:1-3, 6, 8; Rom 11:33-36; Mt 16:13-20

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REFLECTION - 20TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Sometimes a given instruction can backfire if misapplied. "Don't bother reading the manual" said to the owner of a new car can cause him or her to lose out on a built-in safety feature of their new "ride." "Don't worry about punctuation" told to a law student writing a paper might well cause the writer's grade to drop rather quickly from "A" to "C". "Don't take no for an answer" is the worst advice to give a job seeker dependent on a humble self-presentation. Evidently, however, that kind of slipshod thinking never entered the mind of the unnamed Canaanite mother, the hero in our Gospel story today. She wanted Jesus' help to end her daughter's misery. So she asked, and was not put off by Our Lord's apparent dismissal of her.

She didn't care about all the negative impressions she gave other people, especially the prejudiced people around Jesus at the time. "Go ahead, label me "an unclean Gentile." I don't care. I want to ask for Jesus' help because I believe in His ability to heal my daughter.

When she did get Our Lord's powerful rebuke about not feeding dogs, she responds with the truth about dogs eating table scraps from their master's table. Our Lord was at first stunned a bit, but He quickly realized how great was her faith.

After I get over my shock at the woman's strong retort, I have to admire her for the same reason Jesus did: Her belief in Him. Try as I might to love, honor and obey Our Lord Jesus Christ, I often fail. I want, on the one hand, to be loyal to Him as my Lord and Savior. But on the other hand, like St. Paul, I go and do the exact opposite when a strong temptation comes along. I could claim being hounded by the devil as the poor woman's daughter was. But that's hypocritical because Our Lord never lets us be tempted beyond our power to resist.

Do I dare say "Lord, I'm only human.?" He has every right to reply "But you have my Spirit living in you! You are not calling on Him.

You have the capacity to be superhuman, because of divine grace inside you."

Only then do I wake up to the truth. Only then can I not only admire the Canaanite woman but also act like her. Having humility and bravery when asking God's help. Here is a pertinent thought from the poet Nancy Spiegelberg:

"Lord I crawled across the barrenness to you with my empty cup. Uncertain in asking any small drop of refreshment. If only I had known you better I'd have come running with a bucket."

God love you always and give you His peace

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CORPUS CHRISTI SOCK & UNDERWEAR DRIVE

Corpus Christi Assistance is collecting new socks and underwear for school aged children once again this year. Girls and boys pre-k, youth to adult small sizes are appreciated by our families with children preparing for the start of new school year. Donations will be accepted through August 28th. Drop off along with your parish pantry offerings or stop by Monday and Wednesday 10-12pm, Tuesday and Thursday 2-4pm, 3 Crown St. Nashua. Call Susan Dignan, 598-1641 with questions

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL RETREAT

We invite you to visit Saint Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson, NH on September 16, 2023 for a Eucharistic Revival Retreat led by the Daughters of Mary, Mother of Healing Love. The retreat begins at 8:00 AM with the Rosary followed by Holy Mass; then, there will be adoration of the Blessed Sacrament with meditations, music, and Confession; talks on the Eucharist, the source and summit of our Catholic Faith; and small group discussions. Snacks and coffee will be provided, but please bring lunch. There is no fee to attend the retreat, but please register so that we may have a head count for planning purposes. For a printable schedule and registration form or to register online, please visit stkathryns.org/pr. You may also register by calling the parish office at 603.882.7793.

41ST ANNUAL SCOUT RETREAT

All Boy Scouts & Girl Scouts in grades 6-12, and adult leaders, are invited to the 41st Annual Scout Retreat Fri. Sept. 15 – Sun. Sept. 17, 2023 at Camp Fatima in Gilman Iron Works NH. The cost is \$20 per scout and \$13 per adult. This Retreat is like a Camporee - it's very active, involving scouts in a number of fun, interesting, challenging, thought provoking and faith filled activities, including a climbing wall, high ropes, capture the flag, and a dance! Put on by Fr. Ray Ball & the Diocesan Catholic Scouting Committee. American Heritage Girls, Venture Crews, and Knights of Columbus Squires are also invited to attend

To register: <https://2023scoutretreat.eventbrite.com/> Info: www.catholicnh.org/scout or FrRay3@gmail.com or (603) 224-4393 x1 or www.Facebook.com/nhscoutretreat

OUR LADY OF BEAURAING CELEBRATION

The annual celebration of Our Lady of Beauraing, will take place on the Feast of the Queenship of Mary, Tuesday, August 22, at 6:30 p.m. in St. Mary Magdalen Church, 95 Lakeview Ave., Tyngsboro, MA. The Pro-Maria Committee invites all the friends of the Queen of the Golden Heart to the recitation of an International Rosary followed by a brief testimony from three individuals of whose lives were touched by Our Lady's powerful intercession. Refreshments will be served after in the church hall, where an important announcement will be made concerning the forthcoming book on Our Lady of Beauraing. Information: Call Irene 978-649-1813.

SCRIPTURAL PRAYER WITH SR. CLAIRE PROVOST

Sr. Claire Provost will be facilitating the next teaching of her monthly series, Scriptural Prayer, at the Presentation of Mary (PMA) on Monday evening, August 28th, from 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Those attending will meet in the faculty gathering room on the first floor. All are welcome! Please contact Sr. Claire at cprovost@rivier.edu to sign up. Attendees should park in the school parking lot which is located in the back of the building and enter on the right-hand side of the building through the door near the sisters' parking area. The future scheduled dates are: September 25th, and October 30th.

SAINT JOHN THE EVANGELIST FRONT STEPS

We are pleased to announce that repair work on the Hudson church steps looks fantastic. Thanks to St. Hillaire Masonry for a great job. The only thing we are waiting on are the new railings (which are custom made) to complete the project. *We have heard from the fabricator and the ETA on the railings looks to be about three weeks*