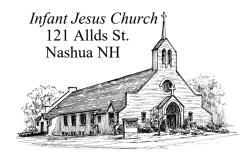
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# Clergy:

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5

Deacon Carl Hilston (retired)

Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

## Religious Education:

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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

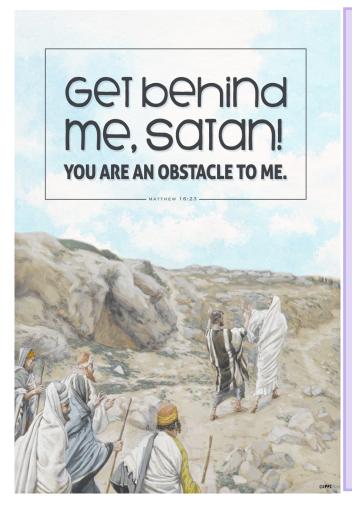
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

## **O**UTREACH

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

I.J

10:30 AM

THUSS THECHEUITS	
<b>Saturday</b>	September 2
<b>SJE</b> 4:00 PM	The Shanholtz Family
<b>IJ</b> 6:00 PM	Germaine Boucher
	by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
<b>Sunday</b>	Sept. 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Tony Giallanza by the family
IJ 8:30 AM	Mass in Portuguese
<b>IJ</b> 10:30 AM	Theresa Duchesne
	by Lori & Doug Fowler
<b>Tuesday</b>	September 5
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Wednesday	September 6
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<b>Thursday</b>	September 7
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Friday</u>	September 8
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	John Casey by the family
<u>Saturday</u>	September 9
<b>SJE</b> 4:00 PM	Adrian Landry
	by the Theriault family
<b>IJ</b> 6:00 PM	Denise Rancourt & William Lally
	10th Ann.by their family
<u>Sunday</u>	Sept. 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time
<b>SJE</b> 8:30 AM	Ellie Peters by Patti Peters
IJ 8:30 AM	Mass in Portuguese

#### 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.



# Weekly Readings Sept. 4 – Sept. 10

**Monday:** 1 Thes 4:13-18; Ps 96:1, 3-5, 11-13; Lk 4:16-30 **Tuesday**: 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Lk 4:31-37

Wednesday: Col 1:1-8; Ps 52:10-11; Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday**: Col 1:9-14; Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6; Lk 5:1-11 **Friday**: Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6ab, 6c; Mt 1:1-16,

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**Saturday**: Col 1:21-23; Ps 54:3-4, 6, 8; Lk 6:1-5

Sunday: Ez 33:7-9; Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9; Rom 13:8-10; Mt

18:15-20

#### 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Gertrude Caron

We .are grateful to all our parishioners who have given to the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal. As of today, our parishioners have raised \$22,092.00 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.catholicnh.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 26 & 27	2023
Adult Envelopes (43)	\$1,831.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$225.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,846.00
Fuel Offering	\$25.00
Debt Reduction	\$60.00
May our loving God bless you	
for your continued generosity!	

#### **REFLECTION - 22ND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

The comedian Jim Gaffigan is a funny man; a family man; and the father of five. So, when he takes on Disney World as a kind of tortuous experience for both parents and grandparents, he knows of what he speaks, even if he exaggerates a little. Being the escort of five youngsters through the glorified amusement park has all the thrills of babysitting in crowded spaces.

None of that disappointment with any divine promise. Even when what God promises might be something we would never choose. Matthew's gospel presents a special moment in Jesus' life, in which He predicts His coming Passion, death and resurrection. Ever ready with an impulsive reaction, the future St. Peter blurts out a rebuke, only to be called by Jesus as "Satan." The big fisherman had yet to learn about what a divine perspective brings to everything.

Our Lord follows up on His prediction with His qualification for true discipleship: we are to willingly forfeit our own egos and plans. Then comes the real "kicker": our ultimate judgment will depend on our conduct. "Ouch!" you may be thinking.

But we gather at our weekend Eucharist as optimists. We know that our main task is always the same: to know, love and serve God. Our conduct will meet any obstacle if we just keep on trying to do this every day and rely on the Holy Eucharist and the example of the saints for perseverance. Our American Labor Day holiday was set up not to end the summer and reopen schools, but to honor workers as part of the American organized labor movement. The repair of the L

summer and reopen schools, but to honor workers as part of the American organized labor movement. The repair of the I -95 collapse this past Spring was a tribute to the workers who accomplished the job in record time.

But there is a spiritual labor we can do together as a Church to repair any collapse of society's relationship to God, as well as our own, even if both take time and patience. We believe that God has loved each of us into existence as part of His "works," His choice demands that love to be requited. We will only know for sure how well we have done so when a smiling Lord greets us at Heaven's gate.

Meanwhile, other people can mar our good works, or misinterpret them for the flimsiest of reasons. Case in point: a certain priest gave an inspiring homily at Mass one weekend morning. Afterwards, an excited teenage girl greeted Father in the vestibule, and searching for words to express her gratitude she blurted out "Father, I thought your sermon was just superfluous!"

Smiling the priest overlooked the verbal gaffe and simply replied: "Thank you, young lady. You may be interested to know that I hope to have all my homilies published posthumously." "That would be wonderful, the teenager said. "The sooner the better."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### 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 two weeks

#### **EUCHARISTIC 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.

#### GRIEFSHARE - HOPE & HEALING SUPPORT

When a love one dies, it can feel like you're alone. Few people understand how painful and isolating your grief can be. But that doesn't mean you have to suffer by yourself. At GriefShare, you'll find a safe, comforting place where you can talk with others about your grief. At this grief recovery support group, you'll find support, direction, and guidance on how to make it through. When: Every Wednesday beginning September 13th, 6:30-8:30 pm, 14 Sessions including "Surviving the Holidays" You are welcome to join at any time. Where: St. John Neumann Parish Hall, 708 Milford Rd, Merrimack (use rear entrance) For more information: email: deacon@sjnnh.org Need another day or time? Visit: https://www.griefshare.org/findagroup to find a list of groups in your area or find a group meeting online.

#### NASHUA SENIOR CENTER CELEBRATION

Join the Nashua Senior Activity Center (70 Temple Street, Nashua) on Thursday, September 14 from 5:00—6:00 p.m. for their 45th anniversary serving the Nashua community. Enjoy a complimentary cake cutting while marking this milestone for the 100% self-supporting Nashua senior Center. Mayor Donchess will present a proclamation. The Board of Directors, staff, and members encourage all residents of the greater Nashua community to visit the Center during this event to help us celebrate and to experience the many benefits that the Center offers the community. 2023 marks the 45th anniversary of the Senior center's service to the Nashua community.

#### St. Mary Parish 200th Anniversary

This year is a very special year for the Catholic Church in New Hampshire as we celebrate the 200th anniversary of Old St. Mary Church in Claremont, the first Roman Catholic Church in New Hampshire. We have special events planned for September1st through September 10th, including the presentation and viewing of an authentic replica of The Shroud of Turin visiting St. Mary Church in Claremont on Saturday, September 9th. A presentation will be held from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM, and viewing with Q&A session from 1:00 PM to 2:30 PM. The celebrations culminate with Bishop Peter Libasci celebrating Mass on Sunday, September 10th at 10:30 AM followed by a Parish Picnic, which everyone is invited to attend! If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact St. Mary Parish Office at 603-542-9518 stmarysclaremont@comcast.net. Further information and a schedule of events are also available on the Old St. Mary parish website at https://www.stmaryparishnh.org/.