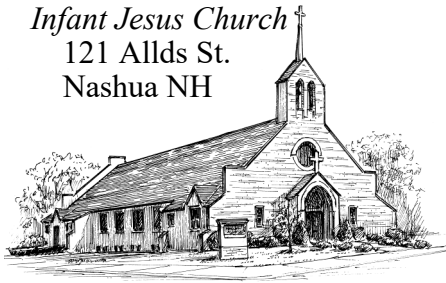


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
25 Library St.  
Hudson NH



## 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 Orabuque (hospital chaplain in residence)

### *Religious Education:*

E-mail: [Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org](mailto:Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org)

## 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

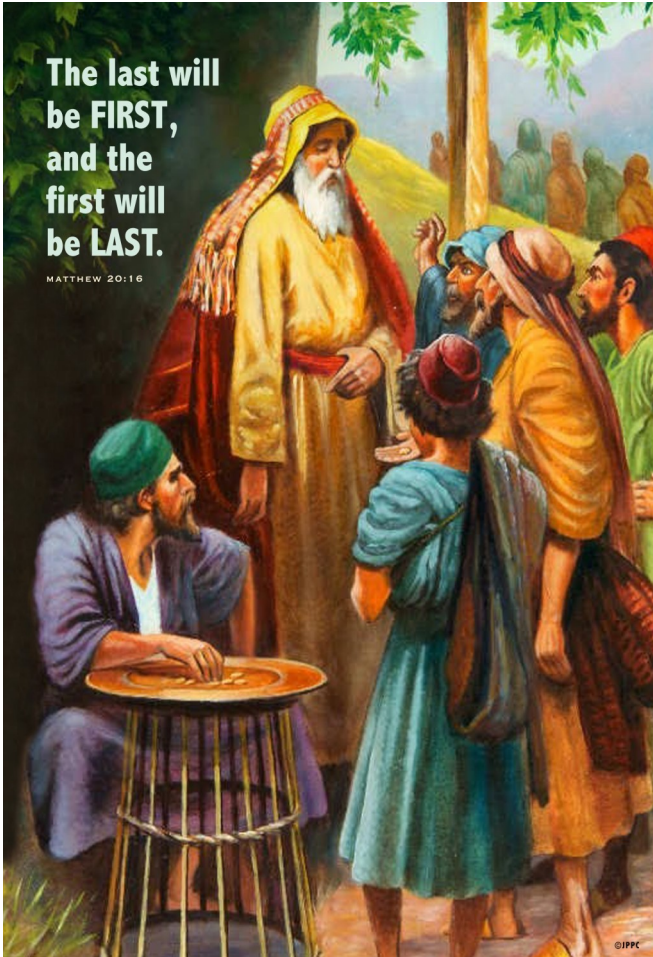
## OUTREACH

Hudson Community Food Pantry	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

IJ 7:30 PM

**Sunday**

SJE 8:30 AM  
IJ 10:30 AM

**Tuesday**

IJ 8:30 AM

**Wednesday**

SJE 8:30 AM

**Thursday**

IJ 8:30 AM

**Friday**

SJE 8:30 AM

**Saturday**

SJE 4:00 PM  
IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

**Sunday**

SJE 8:30 AM  
IJ 10:30 AM

**September 23**

Walter Doyle by a friend  
Louise J. (Levesque)  
& George C. Hills 50th Ann.  
by Diane & Jeannine Levesque  
Mass in Portuguese

**Sept. 24 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Tony Giallanza by his family  
Florence Leveille by her niece Sandy

**September 26**

All Souls Intentions

**September 27**

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**September 28**

Intentions of the Parishioners

**September 29**

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**September 30**

Richard Shanholtz by the family  
Therese Descoteaux  
by the Ladies of Ste. Anne  
Mass in Portuguese

**October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Marianna Ferrochi by her family  
Theresa Duchesne  
by Doug & Lori Fowler

**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. 24 – Oct. 1**

**Monday:** Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18  
**Tuesday:** Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21  
**Wednesday:** Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2, 3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6  
**Thursday:** Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 9:7-9  
**Friday:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51  
**Saturday:** Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45  
**Sunday:** Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-3

**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 **\$22,192.00** 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](http://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**

94Week Ending ~ September 16 & 17, 2023

<b>Adult Envelopes (43)</b>	<b>\$2,052.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (48)</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$840.94</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,682.94</b>
<b>Fuel</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

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

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION - 25TH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

You may recall reading George Orwell's social fiction novel 1984. It chronicles the life of Winston Smith, a low-ranking member of "the Party." Smith is frustrated by the omnipresent spying eyes of the party, and its ominous ruler Big Brother. "Big Brother" controls every aspect of people's lives. The book featured something called "Newspeak." That was a purposely ambiguous and confusing language with restricted grammar and very limited vocabulary used in Oceania. Orwell states its purpose as something "to diminish the range of thought." For example, the term "plusgood" had replaced the words "better" and "very good." Other examples include "bellyfeel", which was the blind acceptance of an idea, and "blackwhite," meaning "to accept whatever one is told, regardless of the facts."

I thought especially of all this twisted language as I reflected on the parable Jesus tells us in this weekend's passage from St. Matthew's gospel. It includes the way the landowner speaks and acts in the story, so apparently different from what most of us would say or think. You might call it "Godspeak" as the landowner asks his workers: "Am I not free to do as I wish with my own money?" Not even a hint here about an oppressive overlord kind of "Big Brother" God to contend with in decision making.

In Our Lord's parable, when landowner asks the more ego-piercing question "Are you envious because I am generous?" We listeners get the point. As a follow-up, God declares the powerful truth that "my thoughts are not your thoughts." And He adds: "so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."

Our modern-day thinking might scold the landowner's failure to act according to present day labor union rules. But then we would miss the point of the parable. That is to underscore God's generosity. It's a generosity that we very much need when we go to confession. And very much in evidence when we walk up the aisle to receive His Body and Blood in Holy Communion. We will need that same generosity after we die and face His judgment in an appointment ever on our calendars.

To yield to any kind of "newspeak" or "double talk" that we might devise in order to deny these spiritual realities would be the biggest mistake we could make. Even a fatal one. We know this. But we often forget about the busyness of our lives.

We can certainly praise the Lord that we are not living in George Orwell's 1984. Instead "we live and move and have our being" in our good Lord's 2023. Our hope is intact and fixed on eternity. Meanwhile, it's a good idea to remember this truth: "Some people use language to express thought, some to conceal thought, and others instead of thought."

God love you, and help you make your thinking more like God's.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Purchase reusable Fight Hunger shopping bags at Hannaford Supermarket during the month of September and Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance will receive \$1 for each bag. Hannaford is located at 175 Coliseum Ave, Nashua. Suggested items for the month of September include, men's and women's deodorant, tissues, Shampoo, (size 24 oz or smaller), small bottles of dish soap, hand soap, Coffee, 16 oz or smaller, canned tuna, Spam, canned corn, mayonaise, pancake syrup, salad dressing and pasta sauce.

### ST. KATHRYN RELIGIOUS GOODS

#### "ALL THINGS CATHOLIC"

St. Kathryn Religious Goods located at St. Kathryn Parish, 4 Dracut Road, Hudson is open Tuesday - Thursday from 9 AM to Noon and Saturday from 9 AM to Noon. The store carries a wide variety of Catholic reading materials, rosaries, statuary, children's items, artwork, gifts, medals, and new items are arriving all the time. St. Kathryn Religious Goods, staffed by volunteers, plays an important part of the parish outreach ministry to spread the Catholic faith in southern NH, northern MA and beyond. Visit [www.stkathryns.org/store](http://www.stkathryns.org/store) or call 603-595-4463 for more information.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

#### AT THE DAY CAFÉ AT ST. PATRICK'S

St. Patrick's Parish in downtown Nashua is looking for volunteers for its community outreach called The Day Café. The Day Café operates Monday through Friday, from 7:00-9:30AM. The Parish Center opens its doors to all members of our community for fellowship, friendship, networking as well as coffee, beverages, and snacks. Some of our visitors are unhoused, struggling, and adjusting to Nashua. The opportunities include greeting, listening, pouring coffee, serving snacks, and cleaning up. We also need people who will enjoy playing cards with our friends. Even one 2.5 hour shift can make a difference. Contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 603-882-2262 for more information on this opportunity.

### PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one. This nationwide event is coordinated and sponsored by the US Council of Serra International and will be celebrated on September 24th. Please be sure to make your priest feel special, loved and appreciated on Celebrate Priesthood Sunday!

### CARE OF CREATION

Sept. 1 is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation, marking the start of the Season of Creation (through Oct. 4), an annual celebration of prayer and action to protect our common home. As the USCCB states, "We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation." Visit [www.catholicnh.org/environment](http://www.catholicnh.org/environment) for more information.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE—MANCHESTER CAMPAIGN

From Wed Sept 27 thru Sunday Nov 5 every day from 7am to 7pm, you're invited to join other Christians in more than 60 countries and 600 cities around the world for 40 Days for Life – seeking an end to abortion through prayer, fasting, and outreach to offer hope and options to anyone dealing with an unplanned pregnancy. For more information, please visit our website at [40daysforlife.com/manchester](http://40daysforlife.com/manchester).

### SCAM ALERT

There have been multiple cases in our diocese of text messages or emails sent to parishioners purportedly from the Pastor, asking for assistance and a reply. These have all turned out to be scams. Please do not respond to the text or email in any way, as this will increase the likelihood that you will become a victim of fraud. If you ever receive something appearing to be from Fr. George or any parish employee and have a question about its authenticity, please contact the parish office