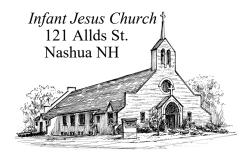
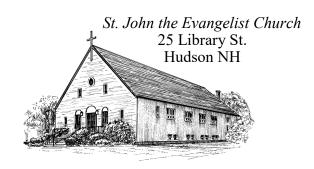
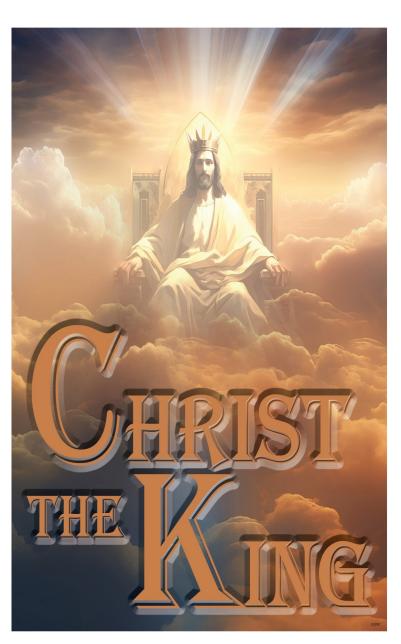
# Saint John XXIII Parish







### **OUTREACH**

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

### Saint John XXIII Parish

### Office/Mailing Address:

121 Allds Street, Nashua, NH 03060-6354

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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	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

### 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 <u>Sunday</u> 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 November 25

Mary Doyle by the family

Cathy Wilson

by Dan & Ginny Dumont

Mass in Portuguese

Nov. 26 Feast of Christ the King

All Souls Intentions Claire Leveille

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

November 28

All Souls Intentions
November 29
All Souls Intentions
November 30

All Souls Intentions

December 1

All Souls Intentions

December 2

Walter Doyle by a friend

Isabelle Dufour

by the Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

December 3 First Sunday of Advent

All Souls Intentions

Madeline Charron Martin 1st Ann.

by her family

### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Due to an early bulletin deadline the Stewardship Report for the weekend of November 18th & 19th will be published in the next edition of the bulletin.



### Weekly Readings Nov. 27-Dec. 3

**Monday:** Dn 1:1-6, 8-20; Dn 3:52-56; Lk 21:1-4 **Tuesday:** Dn 2:31-45; Dn 3:57-61; Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28; Dn 3:62-67; Lk

21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rom 10:9-18; Ps 19:8-11; Mt 4:18-22 **Friday:** Dn 7:2-14; Dn 3:75-81; Lk 21:29-33 **Saturday:** Dn 7:15-27; Dn 3:82-87; Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday**: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7; Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19; 1

#### 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 \$22,662.00 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 <a href="https://www.catholicnh.org/nhca">www.catholicnh.org/nhca</a>. 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.

### BABY SHOWER FOR JESUS



The Real Options staff welcome your donations from our annual parish "Baby Shower for Jesus" to assist in their ministry. Diapers (sizes 2, 3 & 4), baby girl's & boy's clothes (newborn to 6 mo.) and maternity clothes are always needed. Used baby & maternity clothes

are also welcomed; they only ask that they are clean and in good condition. Gift card donations from Target or Walmart are very much appreciated and are used toward the purchase of car seats. Knitted and crocheted items are treasured for their personal touch! If you can help with any of these requests, please place your donation on the Allds Street side of Infant Jesus Church, from Sat., Nov. 25 to Sun., Dec. 10.

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### **REFLECTION - SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING**

One of the appeals of "The Chosen" online show is its use of creativity and imagination where the actual gospels leave tantalizing gaps in their recount of Our Lord Jesus' earthly life. The 4 gospels can't be "blamed" for omitting desired details because they were never written as biographies of Jesus. So we can delight in what the screenplay presents as what might have happened two thousand plus years ago when Jesus walked.

All such appeals are absent in St. Matthew's account of Jesus' description of the Last Judgment. It is stark and scary. Real and reasonable about what that ultimate judgment will be like. The Church presents the description Our Lord gives at this final weekend of the Liturgical Year to remind us of three different truths: the world as we know it will one day end; that we ourselves will one day end our lives here below; and that Christ alone as King and Judge will determine how our lives will continue.

I said that the whole scene is scary. But I did not mean that in the sense of "Halloween scary." Just about a month ago our near pagan culture was all about graveyards and skeletons and all manner of monsters.

How that deviation from the original celebration of the eve of All Saints' Day, when we recalled and honored "all the hallowed ones" that is, the saints, is a long story.

The "fear of the Lord" is quite different. In simple terms it means that we are so respectful and loving of God that we fear to offend Him by how we live. I think that is a healthy fear. It keeps us bound to our belief in His goodness and love for us just as we are, faults included. No need to be afraid of His Judgment if we have really tried to do our best here on earth. And when we have failed, as we all inevitably do, then our sorrow and resolve to do better stand us all in good stead before Christ's heavenly throne.

Vance Havner, a renowned Protestant preacher, once said this: "There are a lot of questions the Bible doesn't answer about the Hereafter. But I think one answer is illustrated by the story of a boy sitting down to a bowl of spinach when there's a chocolate cake at the end of the table. He's going to have a rough time eating that spinach when his eyes are on the cake. And if the Lord had explained everything to us about what's ours to come, I think we'd have a rough time with our spinach down here.Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### 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.

### 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.

### HELP NEEDED WITH CHURCH DECORATING

It is that time of the year again when we must think of decorating our two Churches for the Christmas Season. We need 10 to 12 volunteers who would be willing to come and help decorate our Churches. We will be decorating Infant Jesus Church on Tuesday morning, December 13th, at 9:00 a.m. With enough help, we would be done by noon. We do not have a definite date, yet, for St. John's Church—it will depend on if we can get volunteers to help. If you can volunteer a few hours, please call Jeannine Gagnon at 603-882-1557 or email Jeannine at jagag68@hotmail.com. Your time would be greatly appreciated.

### DIGITAL EQUITY IN GREATER NASHUA

United Way will be holding a talk on how digital equity affects Greater Nashua. This talk is directed toward seniors, but all are welcome. We'll have experts talking about how lack of access to affordable internet, devices, and training affects our community. United Way would like to invite seniors (and those who support them) to join them at the Hunt Community at 10 Allds Street in Nashua at 10:30am on Friday, December 1 for a panel discussion and conversation about how our community accesses the internet, the barriers people face, and how to solve these problems. The internet has become the main way we communicate, and many people struggle with access to devices, high costs for service, or need training on how to use their devices. We'd like you to be part of the conversation about how our community can make things easier. Register at: https:// tinyurl.com/Dec-Coffee or you can contact United Way at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

### "LET'S TALK"

### Online Conversations for Older Adults

Older adults looking for some good conversation are invited to join United Way, Main Street Methodist Church, and Emmaus House volunteers in weekly online conversations. Participants are invited to talk about their day, their plans, their interests, or anything they want! Conversations occur on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of the month from 12pm to 1pm and on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 9am to 10am. Log into Zoom at tinyurl.com/LetsTalkNH or dial in at 1-312-626-6799. Contact us at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011 for more information.

#### St. Patrick's Christmas Craft Fair

St. Patrick Parish in Pelham is hosting its annual Christmas Craft Fair in the Parish Center at 12 Main St. Pelham, NH. We have many local crafters who amaze us every year! We will also have food, a Home Made Baked Goods Table and raffles. Please join us on Dec. 2nd from 9am-4pm and get great gifts for your holiday shopping.

## LAMPREY HEALTH CARE MOBILE HEALTH SERVICES AT OUR PARISH

Lamprey Health Care is a trusted community healthcare provider located at 22 Prospect Street in Nashua, NH. We offer primary and behavioral healthcare services for the whole family. Our mission is to provide high quality primary medical care and health related services, with an emphasis on prevention and lifestyle management, to all individuals regardless of ability to pay. Our Mobile Health Services Van is at the Infant Jesus School Building on Mondays from 3:00 pm to 6:00 pm,

Please stop by and visit us. There is no need for an appointment.