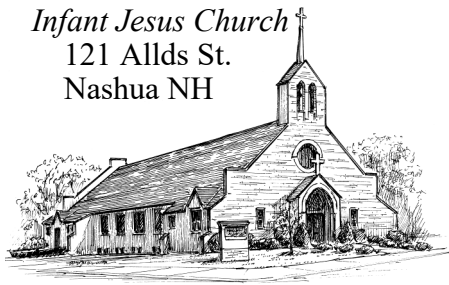
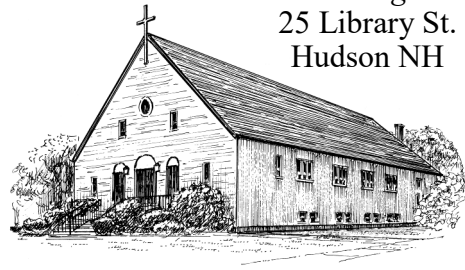


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*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 Orabucho (hospital chaplain in residence)

### *Religious Education:*

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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	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

**December 9**

Marilyn Viens 5th Ann. by her family  
Paul Galipeau by his daughter Sandy  
Mass in Portuguese

**December 10 2nd Sunday of Advent**

Timothy Coulter by his family  
William & Florence Boudreau.  
by their family

**December 12**

All Souls Intentions

**December 13**

All Souls Intentions

**December 14**

All Souls Intentions

**December 15**

Dr. Thomas Petty  
by Patti Peters

**December 16**

Richard Othot by his family  
Gertrude Duhamel  
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne  
Mass in Portuguese

**December 17 3rd Sunday of Advent**

Intentions of the Parishioners  
Pat Despathy  
by Dan & Ginny Dumont

**DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE**

Sunday, December 10, 2pm at Saint Joseph the Worker Church, 777 West Hollis St., Nashua. As we prepare for Advent, come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness! Priests from the Deanery will hear confessions after a brief Liturgy of the Word

**Weekly Readings Dec. 11– Dec. 17**

**Monday, December 11** Is 35:1-10 Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 Lk 5:17-26

**Tuesday, December 12** Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab Jdt 13:18bede, 19 Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

**Wednesday, December 13** Is 40:25-31 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10 Mt 11:28-30

**Thursday, December 14** Is 41:13-20 Ps 145:1 and 9, 10-11, 12-13ab Mt 11:11-15

**Friday, December 15** Is 48:17-19 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Mt 11:16-19

**Saturday, December 16** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11 Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19 Mt 17:9a, 10-13

**Sunday, December 17, 2023** Is 61:1-2A, 10-11 Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 1 Thes 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

**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 [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**

**Week Ending ~ November 25 & 26, 2023**

<b>Adult Envelopes (35)</b>	<b>\$1,511.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (48)</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$445.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,746.00</b>
<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>

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

## Saint John XXIII Parish

### REFLECTION - SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

“Follow the Leader.” Many of us remember it well as the game to play in the recess yard or on rainy days at home with family or friends. Recall the basic rules: 1. One person is chosen to be the leader; 2. The rest line up behind the leader. They must copy all the actions and movements of the leader (run when the leader runs; do jumping jacks; turn and take 2 steps forward, etc.) 3. Anyone who does not successfully copy the movement is out. 4. The last child still following the leader is the leader in the next round.

While I could never equate the process of human salvation to a game, there is something similar in the way John the Baptist, Jesus’ natural cousin, follows his Cousin’s leadership.

Remember that John was at the pinnacle of his success in terms of preaching repentance and baptizing crowds gathered around the Jordan river. What impressive humility John shows when he proclaims that “One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals.” He doesn’t reject a secondary role. In fact he embraces it. He knows Jesus is his Leader.

During Advent, which urges some fasting before the great feast, we should take some time over these long nights and short days to think about more than preparing for another Christmas. What does it mean for me, for example, that Christ was born to save me from the destruction I deserve on account of my sins? Or how about this: Am I planning on making a good confession during these weeks? After all, the confessionals in our churches are not there as remnants of a past generation of Catholic practice. They are the places to receive the graces John the Baptist was preaching about. Many parishes offer a special evening service for confessions during the season, with visiting priests available.

And then there is the perennial question for prosperous times:

As a parent or relative, are we indirectly teaching our young ones that the source of happiness is getting every material good that I ask for with a huge display under the tree?

This is the perfect season to remember that we are called to follow our spiritual Leader, Our Lord Jesus Christ, not as part of a game but as a goal. . .

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### 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.

### 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 12th, 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 help, e at [jagag68@hotmail.com](mailto:jagag68@hotmail.com). Your time would be greatly appreciated.

### "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](https://tinyurl.com/LetsTalkNH) or dial in at 1-312-626-6799. Contact us at [info@unitedwaynashua.org](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org) or (603)882-4011 for more information.

### 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

### MAGDALEN CHOIR CHRISTMAS CONCERT

On Wednesday, December 13, at 7:00 PM, The Polyphony Choir of Magdalen College will present a festive concert of sacred music for Advent and Christmas at Saint Patrick Church, 29 Spring St, Nashua, NH. The acclaimed 22-voice ensemble will take you on a musical journey from the season of hushed waiting to the joyful radiance of Our Lord’s Nativity. Repertoire includes works by Palestrina, Victoria, Gibbons, Britten, Carter, Rutter, Stopford, and others ranging from the 15th century to the present day. It will be capped off by familiar carols for all present to sing. This concert is the last stop of the choir’s final tour that is taking place at churches across New England this December. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [magdalen.edu/concert](http://magdalen.edu/concert)



#### 2023 CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES

**DECEMBER 24**  
**4:00 PM SJE CHURCH**

**DECEMBER 25**  
**8:30 AM SJE CHURCH**  
**10:30 AM IJ CHURCH**