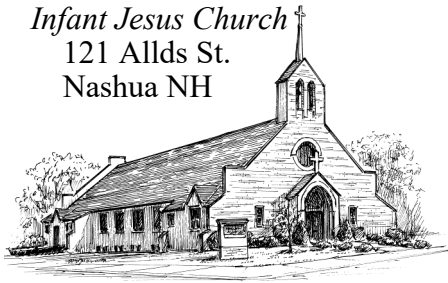


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
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Nashua NH



St. John the Evangelist Church
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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

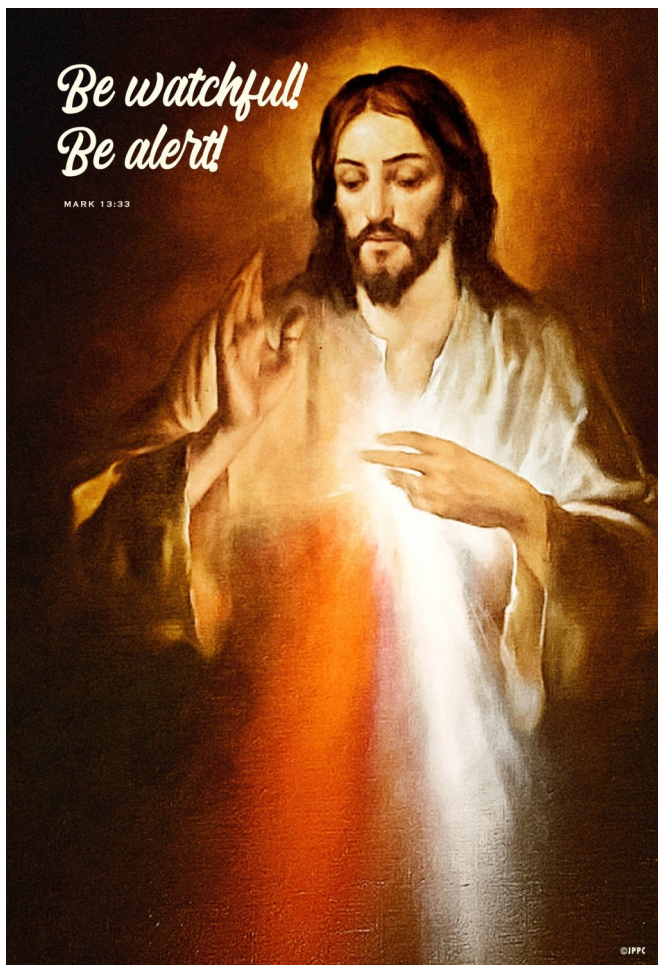
OUTREACH

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

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Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

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

December 5

Shannon Allison 6th Ann.

by her family

December 6

All Souls Intentions

December 7

All Souls Intentions

December 8 Immaculate Conception

Madeline Charron Martin 1st Ann.

by her family

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

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION DAY MASS

Friday, December 8th - 8:30 AM

Saint John the Evangelist Church - Hudson

Weekly Readings Dec. 4– Dec. 3

Monday: Is 2:1-5 Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9 Mt 8:5-11

Tuesday, December 5, 2023 Is 11:1-10 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 Lk 10:21-24

Wednesday, December 6, 2023 Is 25:6-10a Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Mt 15:29-37

Thursday, December 7, 2023 Is 26:1-6 Ps 118:1 and 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a Mt 7:21, 24-27

Friday, December 8, 2023 Gn 3:9-15, 20 Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12 Lk 1:26-38

Saturday, December 9, 2023 Is 30:19-21, 23-26 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Mt 9:35-10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 10, 2023 Is 40:1-5, 9-11 Ps 85:9-10-11-12, 13-14 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

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. 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 18 & 19, 2023

Adult Envelopes (38)	\$1,292.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$314.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,396.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$105.00
Debt Reduction	\$51.00

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

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Watch" is the key word in the Scriptures for this First Sunday of Advent. Liturgically speaking, this is the equivalent of New Year's Day for the Church. You and I begin a whole new look at the Life, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord. We will meditate on it against the background of a new calendar year as well, complete with the milieu of the secular world's story as the background.

We know there are many kinds of watchfulness. We will hear again next summer, for example, the steady recorded voice coming from a wheeled stroller saying over and over again: "Watch the cart please!" Slow vacationers must step aside to allow for passage.

Add to the list the watchfulness and the alert scanning of the night watchman, hired to stay aware of any sound that could come from a break in on the property. Add in the seasonal ditty that tells of the children's need to "better watch out, better not pout" because someone special is "coming to town."

But then there is Jesus, here in a deadly serious command to His disciples to "Be watchful! Be alert!" exclamation points given. Why? Because "you do not know when the time will come." "What time?" you ask. The end time. The finale of the complicated symphony that has been going on since creation. The crashing stops all the sound and fury of our little lives that is necessary for the renewal of our hearts and minds to live in the promised kingdom Jesus spoke about.

In its own way, Advent marks the beginning of an end and the end of a beginning. How so? By its plea for us to pay more attention than we have been to the fact that this life is not the only one, and that we have a destiny to live elsewhere and forever where "eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the mind of men what God has intended for those who love Him." That last is the description from one of the Lord's premier disciples: St. Paul.

But Advent is happily the end of the beginning of our walk with Jesus. We've been baptized into His family and we are all His children. So we are not just starting out on the path. We know how to be prepared.

Our Advent watchfulness, then, includes a subtle warning against any complacency settling into our lives. That's where the purple vestments, symbolic of penance, come into play. To remind us that the best preparation for celebrating Christmas is to do some fasting, some alms giving and plenty of prayer. To "clean up the stable of our souls" to be more ready to receive our Redeemer "wrapped in swaddling clothes."

Of course, there will always be people who completely misunderstand what it means to be prepared for God's coming. A certain Mrs. Vandemeer decided to have her portrait painted. She told the artist, "Paint me with diamond earrings, a diamond necklace, an emerald bracelet, and a ruby pendant." "But," the artist protested, "you're not wearing any of those things." "I know," said Mrs. Vandemeer. "It's in case I should die before my husband. I'm sure he'd remarry right away, and I want her to go nuts looking for the jewelry." God love you, and give you His peace. .

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Please join in thanking the thousands of senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who worked tirelessly to educate the young and serve those in need. This collection takes place next weekend, December 9 & 10. Special envelopes available at all church entrances.



ADVENT 2023

The first Sunday of Advent ushers in one of the three cycles of Scripture readings used at Mass. In 2023, the First Sunday of Advent begins Cycle B, in which we read the Gospel of Mark and chapter 6 of the Gospel of John. The overall theme of Cycle B is to emphasize the humanity of Jesus and his role as one who "came to serve, not be served, and give his life as a ransom for many" Mk 10:45. The First Readings of the Advent Masses of Cycle B speak to us of the joy of being loved by God.

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.

"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 tiinyurl.com/LetsTalkNH or dial in at 1-312-626-6799. Contact us at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011 for more information.

CORPUS CHRISTI THANKSGIVING NOTE

Once again the Corpus Christi Food Pantry Thanksgiving Food Basket giveaway was a success. Each client received a turkey, stuffing mix, two vegetables, muffin mix, pie crust, apple pie filling, coffee and other sides to go with their feast. Adding to the festivities the clients were able to choose from some Christmas decor and decorations which had been provided through some very generous donations. All were truly thankful and grateful for all that they were able to go home with

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.**

