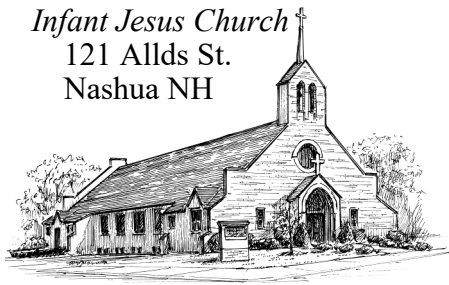


Saint John XXIII Parish

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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Rev. Ethelbert Orabuque (hospital chaplain in residence)

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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

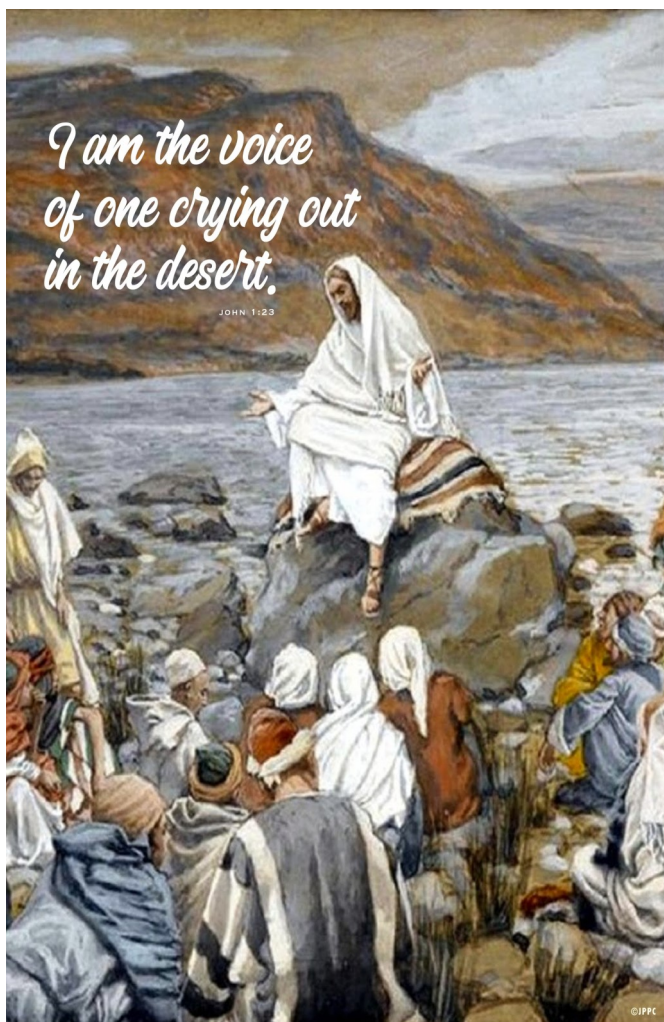
OUTREACH

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

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

Monday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

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

December 19

All Souls Intentions

December 20

Denis Lewis by Sonya & Bill Salois

December 21

All Souls Intentions

December 22

Robert Cote by the PM Sisters

December 23

Gerard & Vivian Dumont

by their family

Sr. Estelle Neveu CSC

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

December 24 4th Sunday of Advent

Intentions of the Parishioners

Domenic Cardinale by his family

Christmas Eve Mass (English)

Mass in Portuguese

December 25—Christmas Day

Intentions of the Parishioners

Theresa Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler



Weekly Readings Dec. 18– Dec. 24

Monday, December 18, 2023 Jer 23:5-8 Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 Mt 1:18-25

Tuesday, December 19, 2023 Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17 Lk 1:5-25

Wednesday, December 20, 2023 Is 7:10-14 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 Lk 1:26-38

Thursday, December 21, 2023 Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 Lk 1:39-45

Friday, December 22, 2023 1 Sm 1:24-28 1 Sam 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd Lk 1:46-56

Saturday, December 23, 2023 Mal 3:1-4, 23-24 Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 Lk 1:57-66

Sunday, December 24, 2023 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 Rom 16:25-27 Lk 1:26-38

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,662.00** toward our goal of \$33,254.00. If you have not made your gift yet, you can make your gift online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. or gift envelopes are available in church. Thank you for your support of these important needs and ministries of the Church.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ December 2 & 3, 2023	
Adult Envelopes (52)	\$2,9511.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$414.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,155.00
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00
Debt Reduction	\$390.00
Snow Removal	\$110.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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REFLECTION - THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

There is a lead up time before special joyous events that actually become a major part of the occasion. Note the excitement in engaged couples as the day of their wedding draws near. Or that of a jubilant city of sports fans as the victory parade for their team is scheduled. Or the jump up and down kind of anticipation among children as Christmas approaches.

This weekend features a joyful liturgical respite from our Advent penance as the great feast of the Nativity draws near. In many parishes the priest will wear rose-colored vestments, the color derived from mixing the purple of penance with the white of joy.

I daresay this time period I've described has such built-in excitement to it that afterward there is bound to be a kind of letdown that settles in. It is not completely such, but just enough to remind us that such "highs" are usually passing, much like a beautiful high note in a cherished musical composition.

All is not lost, however. What can override a letdown is a kind of afterglow. The warm recall that in our more peaceful moments invites us to savor the memory of it all. We look back on that wedding day and smile. Or we recall that parade and the pride we felt. We relive that Christmas morning chaos with pajama clad grandchildren.

Above all is the lasting joy of knowing that God is definitely with us in all the moments of our lives, good and bad. News headlines all about the awful things we humans do to each other should not deter us. For on this "Gaudete" ("Rejoice") Sunday, we are better off enjoying relief from the dark side of human existence to the wonderful decision God the Father made to send His only Son to us in the person of a little Child. Our ultimate redemption from our sins is available.

Here is an apt comment on joy and laughter from the renowned G.K. Chesterton: "It is really a natural trend to lapse into taking oneself gravely because it is the easiest thing to do...for solemnity flows out of men naturally. But laughter is a leap. It is easy to be heavy; hard to be light. Satan fell by force of gravity."

God love you and help you make that leap!

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 or call 603-595-4463 for more information.

CORPUS CHRISTI FOOD PANTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEER IT SUPPORT

Corpus Christi Food Pantry & Assistance is looking for a volunteer that could help with IT support. This volunteer would help with tasks such as loading software, resolving printer issues, email issues and internet issues. This would be an on-call position. If you are interested in this position or would like to learn more about this position, please call Bob Blaisdell at 603-860-8200. Thank you

"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.

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

CASA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates) of New Hampshire volunteers make a life-changing difference for children who have experienced abuse or neglect. Volunteers are urgently needed. . Learn more at www.casanh.org/infosessions.

UNITED WAY CONVERSATIONS FOR SENIORS

United Way of Greater Nashua's next "Coffee and Causes" talk for older adults will focus on "Getting Back to Exercise". Speakers from the YMCA of Greater Nashua and the local Hannaford nutritionist will speak about ways to add fitness and healthy eating to your routine in the new year. The talk will take place at the YMCA of Greater Nashua at 10:30am on Friday, January 5th. This talk is geared toward older adults, but all are welcome! Register at the link below or contact United Way at (603)882-4011 or info@unitedwaynashua.org. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan-Coffee>



2023 CHRISTMAS EVE / DAY MASSES

DECEMBER 24

4:00 PM SJE CHURCH

6:00 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)

DECEMBER 25

8:30 AM SJE CHURCH

10:30 AM IJ CHURCH