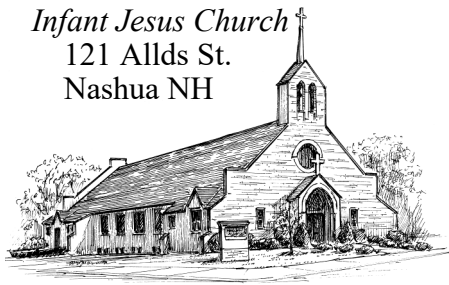
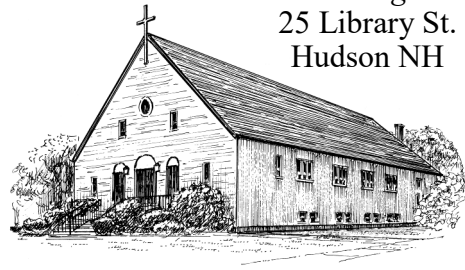


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



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



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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.



"Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God."
LUKE 1:30

Mass Intentions

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

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Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM

IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

IJ 6:00 PM

Monday

SJE 8:30 AM

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

December 26

All Souls Intentions

December 27

All Souls Intentions

December 28

All Souls Intentions

December 29

All Souls Intentions

December 30

Joe & Jane Maser by Rita Clark

Alfred G. Gaudreau 35th Ann.

by Diane & Jeannine Levesque

Mass in Portuguese

December 31 Feast of the Holy Family

Richard Shanholtz by the family

Theresa Duchesne by her family

Mass in Portuguese Solemnity of Mary

January 1 Solemnity of Mary

Theresa Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

Weekly Readings Dec. 25– Dec. 31

Monday, December 25 (Vigil) Is 62:1-5 Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29

Acts 13:16-17, 22-25 Mt 1:1-25 or Mt 1:18-25

Monday, December 25 (Night) Is 9:1-6 Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 Ti 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

Monday, December 25(Dawn) Is 62:11-12 Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12 Ti 3:4-7 Lk 2:15-20

Monday, December 25(Day) Is 52:7-10 Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 Heb 1:1-6 Jn 1:1-18

Tuesday, December 26 Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59 Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday, December 27 1 Jn 1:1-4 Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 Jn 20:1a and 2-8

Thursday, December 28 1 Jn 1:5—2:2 Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8 Mt 2:13-18

Friday, December 29 1 Jn 2:3-11 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 Lk 2:22-35

Saturday, December 30 1 Jn 2:12-17 Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 Lk 2:36-40

Sunday, December 31 Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3 Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Lk 2:22-40 or Lk 2:22, 39-40

2023 NEW HAMPSHIRE CATHOLIC APPEAL

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,232.00** 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 9 & 10, 2023

Adult Envelopes (34)	\$2,889.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (48)	\$790.00
Loose Cash	\$368.00
Offertory Total:	\$4,047.00
Christmas Flowers	\$130.00
Debt Reduction	\$405.00
Snow Removal	\$200.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

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REFLECTION - FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

The normal routine of most high school days includes the morning announcements. Usually one member of the administrative team does the task.

It always involved the basic needs for clarity and accuracy, lest a whole community fall into disarray.

I know from personal experience that delegating a student for the job is risky at best. When I once had the assignment of moderating the students in the TV studio from which the announcements were broadcast at a certain high school, they were for the most part good kids. But one day immaturity punctured the soul of one such student, and he made a pre-planned prank that angered the administration and me. I wore the red face of embarrassment for a while. Clarity and accuracy were replaced by nonsense. The students may have gotten their "jollies" over the incident. I did not.

Raising our minds to the gospel level, we note that the word "annunciation" means an announcement. When we spell that word a capital letter, in religious circles it defines this marvelous meeting of heaven and earth, when an archangel named Gabriel, called such because of the import of his message, visited a beautiful young Jewish girl to tell her something earth shattering. The incident has been described as an "announcement" simply because the presumption of a positive answer from Mary proved to be a guarantee.

Mary, we must remember, was perfectly free to say "No." That would be understandable when one considers a pregnancy brought on by the Holy Spirit. Add to that the fact of the Baby's divine nature as God's Son. Nor can we forget the sudden change to the romance with her beloved Joseph. There was certainly clarity present and the highest of accuracy as well. This really became the most important announcement ever made.

In all truth, our very salvation as the human race hung in the balance with the virgin Mary's answer. Would any negative reply from Mary provoke God's wrath? There is no need for such speculation. The pivotal moment came and went, and we as a race remain ever grateful for it. World history would see God's plan unfold. Christianity would be its lasting effect, although other faiths would remain, each with its own goodness, but incomplete and imperfect.

The formula for the best relationship between God and man was clearly spelled out for those who could accept it. All because a beautiful Jewish teen-aged girl said "Yes" to God!. Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the event of inclement weather: If Nashua schools are closed or delayed due to snow/ice, daily Mass will be cancelled. Mass intentions will be rescheduled to a later date. The parish office will open once weather conditions improve. However, please call and check before visiting.

2023 CHRISTMAS / NEW YEARS 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

DECEMBER 31 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

6:00 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)

JANUARY 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF MARY

8:30 AM SJE CHURCH

MARIE LINE MORIN CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Marie Line Morin will present a Christmas Concert on January 7, 2024, 2 PM, at Mary Queen of Peace Church, 200 Lawrence Road, Salem, NH. Come experience the meaning of Christmas at this concert where Christ, whose birthday we are celebrating is presented from a new angle. Free admission—donations will be welcomed. Benefits go toward a Listening Ministry project to be implemented in the Church. Details are available on [Facebook.com @morin.marieline](https://www.facebook.com/morin.marieline).

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. To learn more about this position, please call Bob Blaisdell at 603-860-8200. Thank you

PARISH OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2024

Parish Offering Envelopes for 2024 were mailed directly to your home and should have arrived sometime during the past month. If have not used offertory envelopes in the past and would like an envelope booklet, please call the parish office 882-2462 ext. 4. If you don't receive your envelope booklet please call the office and one will be made available to you. **Online Giving is also an option** To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

CATHOLIC CHARITIES NH BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP:

Have you recently lost a spouse or a loved one? Are you struggling to navigate this difficult time? If so, Catholic Charities NH is here to help with our "Bereavement – Experiencing Loss, Being Lost and Finding Your Way Again" online support group. The five-session program will be held via Zoom on Wednesdays at 1:30 p.m., starting January 24, 2024, and running through February 21. You will learn about the dynamics of grief, explore different coping strategies, and have an opportunity to connect with others in similar situations. To register, visit [//www.cc-nh.org/bereavement](http://www.cc-nh.org/bereavement) or call Louise at 603-752-1325; ext. 4573. There is no cost to attend.

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>