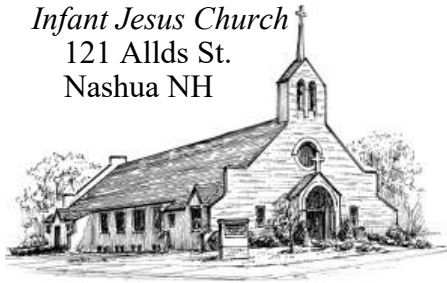
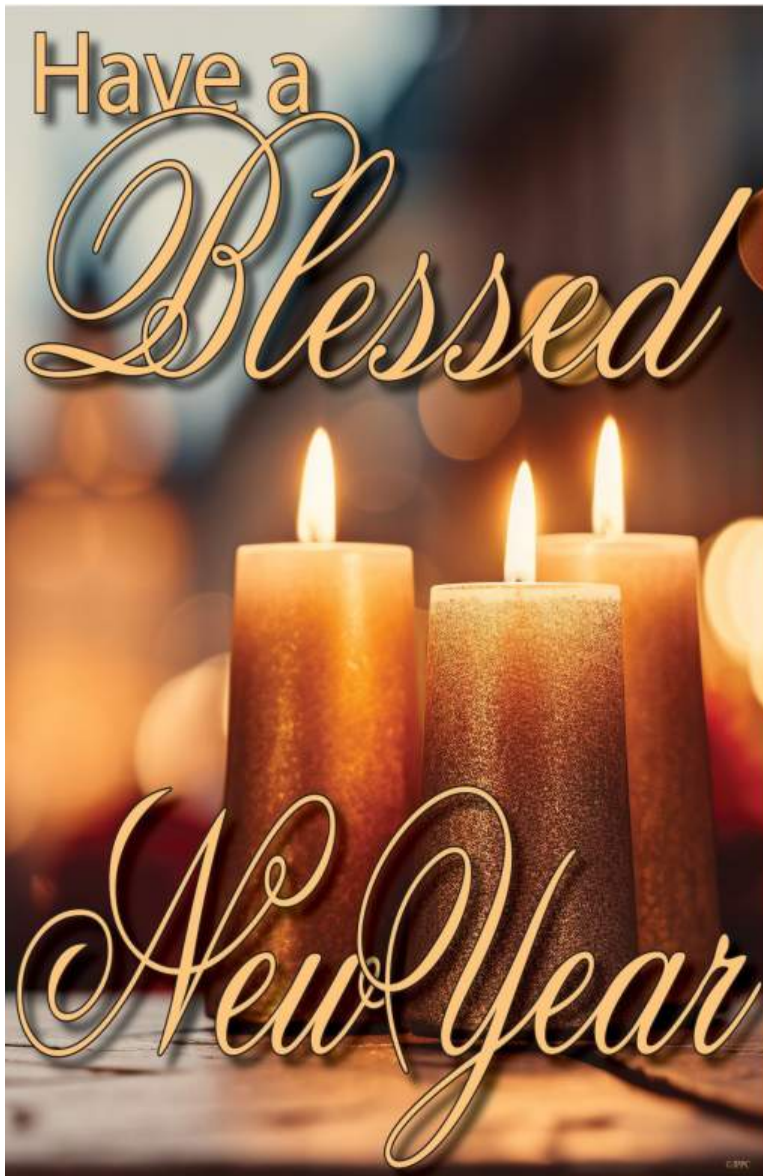
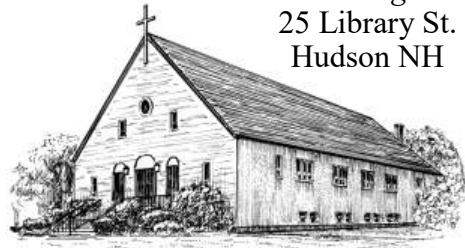


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



*St. John the Evangelist Church*  
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## 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 Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

### *Religious Education:*

E-mail: [Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org](mailto: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

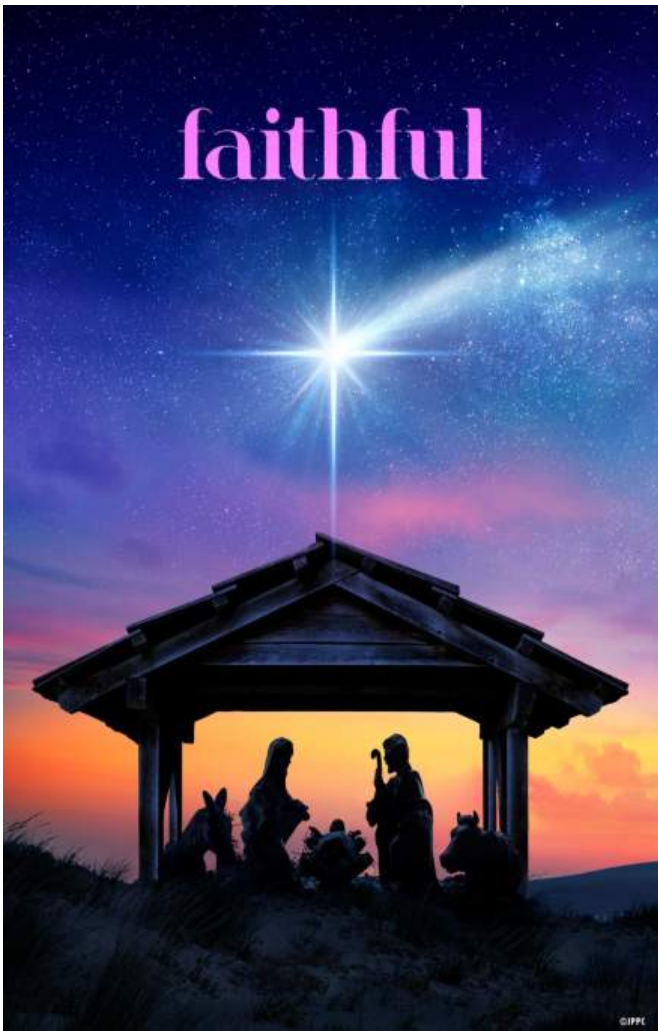
## OUTREACH

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.

# December 31, 2023 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



## Mass Intentions

### 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

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### 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 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**

### *January 2*

All Souls Intentions

### *January 3*

All Souls Intentions

### *January 4*

All Souls Intentions

### *January 5*

All Souls Intentions

### *January 6*

Rose & James Doyle by the family

Artillia Dumont

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

### *January 7 Feast of the Epiphany*

John Casey by the family

Douglas Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

**DECEMBER 31 SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
**6:00 PM IJ CHURCH (PORTUGUESE)**  
**JANUARY 1, 2024 SOLEMNITY OF MARY**  
**8:30 AM SJE CHURCH**

## 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](http://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.

## Weekly Readings January 1 – 7, 2024

**Monday, January 1, 2024** Nm 6:22-27 Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

**Tuesday, January 2, 2024** 1 Jn 2:22-28 Ps 98:1, 2-3AB, 3CD-4 Jn 1:19-28

**Wednesday, January 3, 2024** 1 Jn 2:29-3:6 Ps 98:1, 3CD-4, 5-6 Jn 1:29-34

**Thursday, January 4, 2024** 1 Jn 3:7-10 Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9 Jn 1:35-42

**Friday, January 5, 2024** 1 Jn 3:11-21 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 Jn 1:43-51

**Saturday, January 6, 2024** 1 Jn 5:5-13 Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 Mk 1:7-11 or Lk 3:23-38 or Lk 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Sunday, January 7, 2024** Is 60:1-6 Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6 Mt 2:1-12

## STEWARDSHIP REPORT

### Week Ending ~ December 16 & 17, 2023

<b>Adult Envelopes (43)</b>	<b>\$1,677.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (48)</b>	<b>\$790.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,007.00</b>
<b>Christmas Flowers</b>	<b>\$55.00</b>

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

# Saint John XXIII Parish

## REFLECTION - FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

Many items in our everyday lives follow a formula. The list would include everything from breakfast cereal to industrial chemicals. But the same holds true for our spiritual lives. Our Catholic prayers, for example, generally follow the “formula” or pattern of the “Our Father.” We praise God and then make respectful request(s) of Him.

So too is there a formula for living family life as given us in Holy Scripture. Today’s Second Reading, of St. Paul to the Colossians, should rank high in our estimation. It is a direct refute of all the bullish attacks on Christian family life in the secular culture that surrounds us. The chief feature there is the absence of God and any reference to Him that is sadly prevalent in many families today.

The purpose of this particular letter was to bolster the faith of the community at Colossae and to correct errors reported about the Church in that city. Jewish and Hellenistic elements seem to be combined in those errors. Paganism, magic, astrology and mystery religions.

As we read the particular section of the Letter chosen for us on this special Feast of the Holy Family, we note the formula that emerges for living all our families in a truly Christian way. The basic component is the fact that we are “God’s chosen ones.” This means that God’s existence as well as His presence are the essentials. Take God away and the whole formula is baseless. Note that “bearing with one another and forgiving one another” is included. How absent that seems to be many times these days!

Comedians make light of it, sometimes, but underneath the laughter is the sad kernel of truth that too many of us do not forgive and forget the mistakes of those people who have the same last name as ours.

We dare not push aside the Holy Family as our model because of the sublime holiness present there. If we are, as Paul tells us, “God’s chosen ones,” we have the inborn ability to honor God’s choice by our prayer and daily effort.

The story is told of a young man who stood before a judge to be sentenced for forgery. The judge had been a friend of the boy’s father, who was famous for his books on the law of trusts. “Young man,” said the judge sternly, “do you remember your father, that father whom you have disgraced?”

“I remember him perfectly.” the young man answered quietly.

“When I went to him for advice or companionship. He would say ‘Run away, boy, I’m busy.’ Well, my father finished his book, and here I am.”

God love you, and bring His peace to your family.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

## 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](mailto:info@unitedwaynashua.org). Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/Jan-Coffee>

## 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](http://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

As we celebrate this season of hope, gratitude, and reflection, the need for volunteers to advocate for children who have experienced abuse or neglect remains high. For folks who are considering the impact they would like to make in 2024 and beyond, becoming a CASA is a way they can make a lasting impact on a child’s life. 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](http://www.casanh.org/infosessions).

## INCLEMENT WEATHER MASS CANCELLATIONS

In the even 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.

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If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester: 603-668-0014 or 800-475-5585 x233.  
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