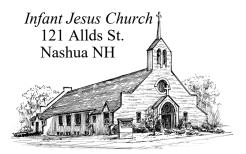
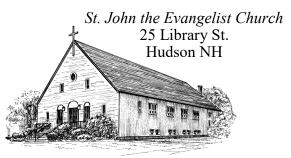
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# **OUTREACH**

Hudson Community Food Pantry Corpus Christi Food Pantry: NH Catholic Charities:

603-883-6048 603-882-6372 603-889-9431

### Saint John XXIII Parish

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#### Clergy:

Rev. George Mattathilani, Pastor ext. 5 Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry) Rev. Ethelbert Orabuche (hospital chaplain in residence)

**Religious Education:** 

E-mail: Pastor@stjohnxxiiinh.org

# WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday	4:00 PM 6:00 PM	SJE Church IJ Church
	7:30 PM	Portuguese
Sunday	8:30 AM	Mass—IJ SJE Church
Sunday	10:30 AM	IJ Church

# WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

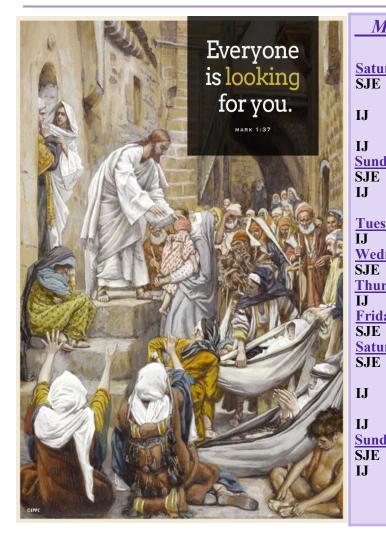
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM at St. John the Evangelist Church.

# February 4, 2024

# Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time



## Mass Intentions

rday	February 3
4:00 PM	Richard Shanholtz
	by the family
6:00 PM	Loretta Jarry
	by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>day</u>	Feb. 4 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	John & James Doyle by the family
10:30 AM	Douglas Duchesne
	by Lori & Doug Fowler
<u>sday</u>	February 6
8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>lnesday</u>	February 7
8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>rsday</u>	February 8
8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
ay	February 9
8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
i <u>rday</u>	February 10
4:00 PM	Richard Othot 1st. Ann.
	by his family
6:00 PM	Sr. Germaine Goyette, CSC
	by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
day	Feb. 11 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time
8:30 AM	Mary & George Doyle by the family
10:30 AM	Mary & William Brooks
	by the family

### 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal

As of today, our parishioners have raised **\$22,732.00** 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.

# Weekly Readings Feb. 5 – Feb. 11, 2024

**Monday** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Ps 132:6-7, 8-10 Mk 6:53-56 **Tuesday** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11 Mk 7:1-13

**Wednesday** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40 Mk 7:14-23 **Thursday** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40 Mk 7:24 -30

**Friday** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15 Mk 7:31-37

**Saturday** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22 Mk 8:1-10

**Sunday** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 1 Cor 10:31-11:1 Lk 7:16

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#### **DIOCESAN CATHOLIC SCHOOL COLLECTION**

The annual Diocesan Catholic School Fund Collection takes place this weekend, February 3 & 4. The money raised in this collection remains in the parish to assist with paying our Diocesan Catholic Schools assessment. Our parish monthly assessment for this is \$1,276.88.

#### **STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ January 27 & 28, 2024				
Adult Envelopes (44)	\$2,689.00			
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00			
Loose Cash	\$572.00			
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	\$3,951.00			
Debt Reduction	\$60.00			
Fuel	\$280.00			
May our loving God bless you fo your continued generosity!	Dr			

#### **Reflection - 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Does your bank advertise itself on TV? If not, it may go to other outlets to make sure you know its ultimate message: "You can trust us." In doing so, the hope is that you will soon open an account with them. In this time of so much thievery going on, either by a masked and hooded thug approaching a victim at gunpoint across a store counter, or by the clever and callous online hacking that uses deceit as a method, pointing out the guaranteed trustworthiness of any institution is a surefire way to promote hope. In this inflationary context, do we not need to trust any entity that manages our money?

If we move over to consider our spiritual lives, which involve both a relationship with God and with our neighbor, we can easily see that we need hope, which is to trust God. That trust, which on His part neither falters nor fails, demands that we do our part to reciprocate. Our major threat is from the devil. The devil you say. Hasn't he been put on the back shelf? Out of place in our technological sophistication? Ah, but never forget that his chief strategy is to convince us that he doesn't exist. Our Lord Himself had no such doubt. He referenced Satan over thirty times in the New Testament. God knows we see the devil's handiwork all over the place. Look how well he has done with the widespread use of pornography. The ease with which pro-abortion devotees have made the murder of children in the womb into a "women's health issue."

As we read or hear about the miraculous healings Jesus performs, both among His inner circle of friends and with anyone in need, we know He can meet any need we may have of healing. Do not be lulled into doubt by the fact that these stories took place over 2,000 years ago. That kind of thinking only damages our trust. For God a thousand years are like a day. And the Bible tells us that "Jesus is the same yesterday, today and forever." If doubt starts to damage your trust, remember that the word "gospel "means "good news." That's such a matter of fact that-pardon the pun-you can "bank on it."

Once upon a time two young girls were talking and one said that she had ten pennies. The other girl looked at her hand and only saw five. She said, "You only have five pennies, silly." Then the first girl replied "I have five and my father told me he would give me five more tonight. So I have ten." She understood that her father's promise was as good as done.

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

#### FREE TAX PREPARATION

Free tax preparation services for Greater Nashua residents will be offered from early February through a partnership led by United Way of Greater Nashua, the IRS, and community volunteers. Trained and IRS-certified volunteers at four locations in Nashua and Hudson, including United Way of Greater Nashua, Nashua Senior Activity Center, Hudson Senior Center, and Rodgers Memorial Library, will assist with tax preparation. Appointments are required, and drop-off services are available at selected locations. The tax filing deadline is April 15, and appointments can be scheduled by calling 2-1-1 for United Way or the Nashua Senior Activity Center, or contacting Rodgers Memorial Library at (603) 886-6030 and the Hudson Senior Center at (603) 578-3929 for their respective sites. For information and updates, visit www.unitedwaynashua.org. Questions can be directed to United Way at (603) 824-0205 or vita.uwnashua@gmail.com.

#### **Oppose HB 1283 (Assisted Suicide)**

Contact Your State Representatives to Voice Opposition to Assisted Suicide HB 1283 is a bill pending before the NH Legislature that would legalize assisted suicide. The public hearing on the bill is Feb. 7, and votes in committee and on the House floor will happen in the following weeks. Please contact your representatives ASAP to urge them to oppose this bill. The Church teaches that suicide is always a tragedy and that a caring community should respond with hospice and palliative care to better meet the needs of those facing the end of life. For more information about this bill and how to contact your representatives in the Legislature, visit: catholicnh.org/nosuicide.

#### **GRIEVING THE DEATH OF A LOVED ONE?**

Deacon Brian Lester is starting GriefShare sessions at St. John Neuman Hall (708 Milford Rd, Merrimack, NH) on Feb 21 (6:30 - 8:30 pm). Group will meet for 13 total sessions; join at anytime in the series. Contact Deacon Brian Lester (deacon@sinnh) for more information or visit griefshare.org.

#### NH MONTHLY COUPLE ENRICHMENT CIRCLE

The N.H. Enrichment Circle is a monthly gathering of married couples who make time to nurture their relationship. Some of the couples have attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience in the past but this is not a requirement and new couples are welcome. Each gathering offers a different topic designed to foster strong, healthy married relationships and communication. Participants have a chance to collectively explore the topic and then, as a couple, share on a related question. Meetings are on the first Saturday of each month from 6:30-8PM at the Immaculate Heart Of Mary parish center in Concord, NH. Participants are asked to bring a snack to share and a writing notebook. For more information, contact Dave and Karen Demers: (617) 448-0745 or dkd1974@aol.com.

#### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY AT THE DAY CAFÉ AT ST. PATRICK'S

St. Patrick's Parish in downtown Nashua is looking for volunteers for its community outreach called The Day Café. The Day Café operates Monday through Friday, from 7:00-9:30AM. The Parish Center opens its doors to all members of our community for fellowship, friendship, networking as well as coffee, beverages, and snacks. Some of our visitors are unhoused, struggling, and adjusting to Nashua. The opportunities include greeting, listening, pouring coffee, serving snacks, and cleaning up. We also need people who will enjoy playing cards with our friends. Even one 2.5 hour shift can make a difference. Contact St. Patrick Parish Office at 603-882-2262 for more information on this opportunity.

#### **DIVORCE & SEPARATION SUPPORT GROUPS**

Divorce and separation can be painful experiences. Support groups are available to those who are seeking healing, comfort, and empowerment. Visit www.catholicnh.org/support for a listing of groups. Do you know someone who is going through a separation or divorce? Please consider passing this information along to them.

#### **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. *Wekend Mass cancellations will be posted on WMUR and the parish website*.