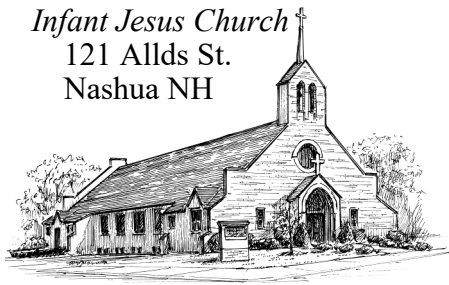


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



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



I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN.

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Rev. Ethelbert Orabucho (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

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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

January 20

Irene Jean 2nd Ann. By her family

Isabelle Goulet

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

Jan. 21 3rd Sunday In Ordinary Time

John Casey by the family

Douglas Duchesne

by Lori & Doug Fowler

January 23

NO MASS

January 24

NO MASS

January 25

NO MASS

January 26

NO MASS

January 27

Beverly & Walter Doyle Jr.

by the family

Irene Guerette

by The Ladies of Ste. Anne

Mass in Portuguese

Jan. 28 4th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Mary Doyle by the family

Patricia St.Gelais 5th Ann. by her family

NO WEEKDAY MASSES 1/16/24—2/2/24

There will be NO WEEKDAY Masses from January 16th through February 2nd. Weekday Masses will resume Tuesday, February 6th.

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 January 22– 28, 2024

Monday, January 22, 2024 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10 Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday, January 23, 2024 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10 Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday, January 24, 2024 2 Sm 7:4-17 Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30 Mk 4:1-20

Thursday, January 25, 2024 Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22 Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

Friday, January 26, 2024 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10 Mk 4:26-34

Saturday, January 27, 2024 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17 Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 Mk 4:35-41

Sunday, January 28, 2024 Dt 18:15-20 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 1 Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ January 13 & 14, 2024

Adult Envelopes (42)	\$1,494.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00
Loose Cash	\$388.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,572.00
Debt Reduction	\$115.00

May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!

Saint John XXIII Parish

REFLECTION - 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

In all our popular sports we find “fair play” and “foul play” with referees and umpires necessary to decide. But in good literature we often find something called “word play.” Our natural reaction as readers of such is enjoyment and remembrance. Word play always involves making jokes by using the meanings of words in an amusing and clever way. That’s precisely why the word “play” is part of its title. However, word play can also create more serious observations if it is used deliberately.

Recall G.K. Chesterton’s statement that “Christianity has not been tried and found wanting; it has been found difficult and left untried.”

Nestled in today’s Gospel passage from St. Mark’s first chapter is exactly the case of word play made with serious undertone is Jesus’ remark to His early followers: “Come after Me and I will make you fishers of men.” I happen to love that line. I love proclaiming it to you. Why? Because it captures something special. It is a trait of Our Lord that the gospel writers usually don’t refer to, and that is Jesus’ sense of humor. That helps round out His personality and makes Him attractive. For so He is and always will be.

But here and now, let us focus on those first three words He says, namely “Come after Me.” There is no word play here, but a serious call addressed not only to the men on that long ago seaside but also to us. In plain terms, with little “play” present, just what prevents us from doing what Jesus asks? Or pretending we didn’t hear what He said? Coming after Him ultimately means not going after other realities. And we get a little nervous. Why?

If we are honest with ourselves, we usually go after other things. We might say one or the other of the “Big Three,” namely: “Wealth, Honor and Fame.” Sometimes it’s a combination of those. Or a subdivision like greed. Anything but going after Jesus. So here and now, as we begin this third week of a new year, it would be a good “play” to go with Jesus for a welcome change.

Meantime, there are always examples of how word play can take us by surprise. Helena Modjeska (1844-1909) was one of the most popular actresses of her time because of her emotional style and superb ability. Once, to demonstrate the raw power of that ability, she gave a dramatic reading in her native tongue, Polish. No one at the sedate dinner party understood Polish, but all were in tears by the end of her performance. Such was the power of her presentation. Only later was it revealed that the piece that had moved the sophisticated audience to tears was the Polish alphabet!

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.

NEW YEAR NEW SCHOOL?

As we start the new year...is your child ready for a new school? Saint Christopher Academy would love to welcome your child now or in the fall! Saint Chris offers an outstanding education that emphasizes faith, academics, and strong moral values for students in prekindergarten through grade 8. Advanced academic programs and a broad range of extracurricular and athletic opportunities support the development of students who are well-rounded learners and leaders. Applications are open for both the current year and the fall of 2024. To learn more, visit SaintChrisAcademy.org or contact Enrollment Coordinator Lorrice Bedard at 603-882-7442, ext. 310.

SCIENCE TEACHER WANTED

St. Christopher Academy is seeking an eighth grade science teacher for immediate hire. Interested candidates should complete the Diocesan Teacher Application and mail it along with a cover letter, resume, 3 current letters of recommendation and other relevant documents to: Cynthia Vita Clarke, Principal Saint Christopher Academy, 20 Cushing Ave Nashua, NH 03064. In addition to physical hardcopies, digital copies of these documents will be welcomed and can be emailed to cclarke@saintchrisacademy.org

VOLUNTEER TUTORS NEEDED

United Way of Greater Nashua is looking for volunteer tutors to work with children in grades K - 12 in math, literacy, or science. Volunteers for this program work with students who need one-on-one help on a particular topic for a short period of time - or for the entire school year. Volunteer tutors may select the age range of students they’d like to work with, the subjects they feel comfortable with, and days and times they’d like to tutor. Volunteers should have some experience with teaching, tutoring, or helping educate others in another way, but do not need professional certification. Tutoring will take place in a monitored situation at a youth-serving organization primarily during after-school hours and may be virtual or in-person depending on the needs of the student. Volunteers will be expected to pass a background check annually. If you would like to become a volunteer tutor, please contact United Way at tutoring@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011

NHCC 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/beravement or call Louise at 603-752-1325; ext. 4573. There is no cost to attend.

NH CATHOLIC CHARITIES MARDI GRAS GALA

Join CCNH’s 18th Annual Mardi Gras Gala on Saturday, February 10, at the Grappone Conference Center in Concord. Experience Mardi Gras for a cause, featuring authentic Cajun cuisine, entertainment, and a unique chance to impact New Hampshire neighbors facing poverty, homelessness, mental health challenges, isolation and other challenges. Proceeds support CCNH’s mission of following Jesus’ footsteps to bring comfort, healing and empowerment to our communities. To register, or for more information, visit www.cc-nh.org/mardigras or call Laura at 603-663-0249.