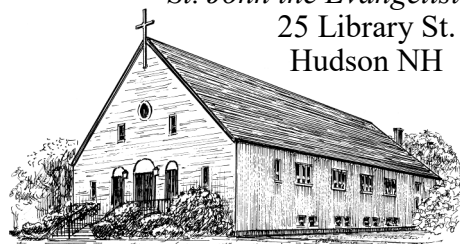


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
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St. John the Evangelist Church
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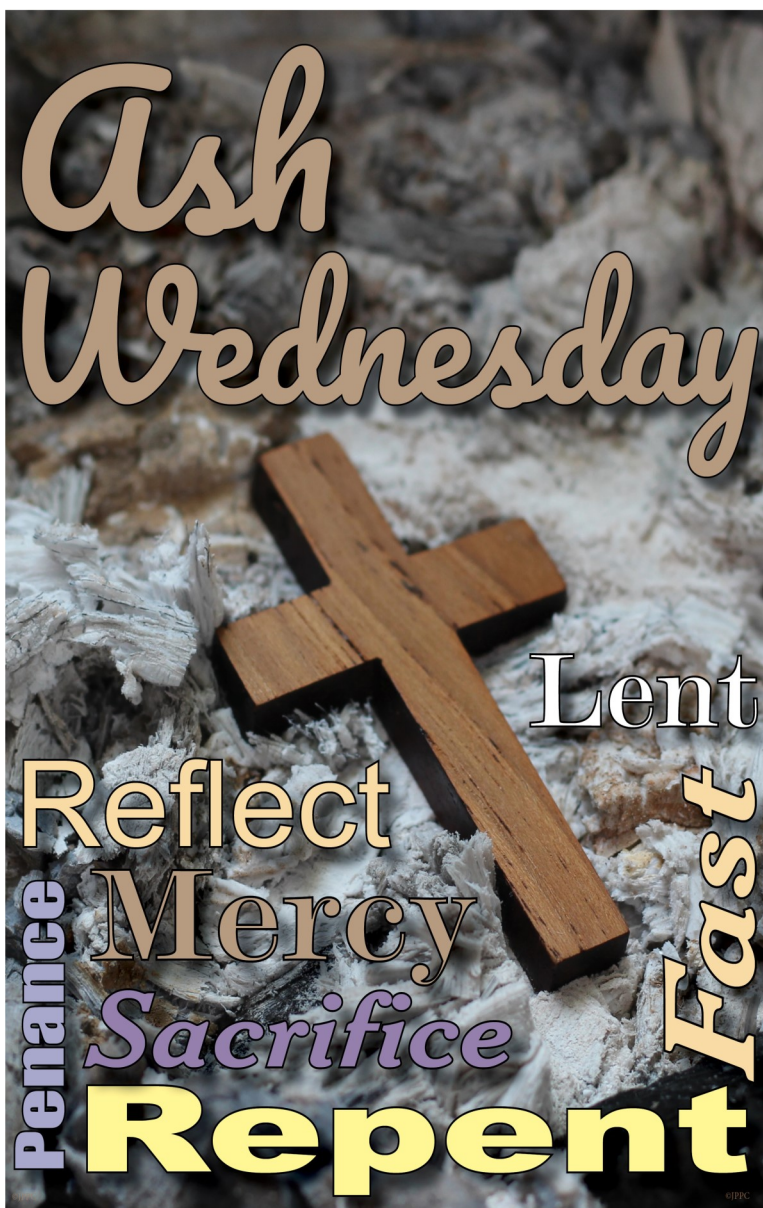
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Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

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

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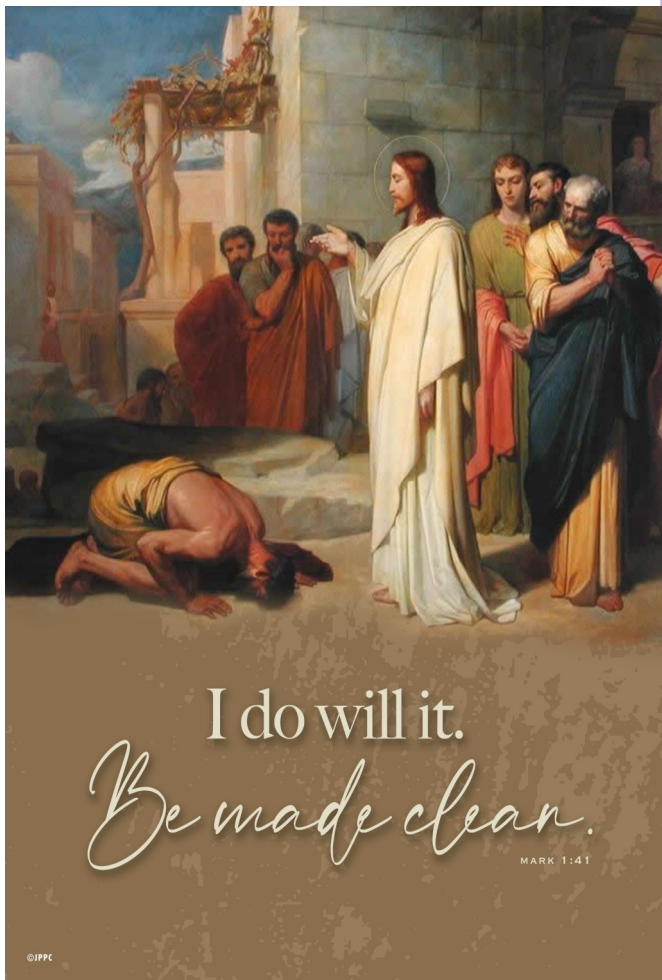
Hudson Community Food Pantry	603-883-6048
Corpus Christi Food Pantry:	603-882-6372
NH Catholic Charities:	603-889-9431

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

February 11, 2024

Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time



Mass Intentions

<u>Saturday</u>		<i>February 10</i>
SJE	4:00 PM	Richard Othot 1st. Ann. by his family
IJ	6:00 PM	Sr. Germaine Goyette, CSC by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
IJ	7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>		<i>Feb. 11 5th Sunday In Ordinary Time</i>
SJE	8:30 AM	Mary & George Doyle by the family
IJ	10:30 AM	Mary & William Brooks by the family
<u>Tuesday</u>		<i>February 13</i>
IJ	8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Wednesday</u>		<i>February 14 ASH WEDNESDAY</i>
SJE	8:30 AM	Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashes
IJ	6:30 PM	Ash Wednesday Mass & Ashes
<u>Thursday</u>		<i>February 15</i>
IJ	8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Friday</u>		<i>February 16</i>
SJE	8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
<u>Saturday</u>		<i>February 17</i>
SJE	4:00 PM	Raymond "Butch" Dumont by Patti Peters
IJ	6:00 PM	Doris Lancourt by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
IJ	7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
<u>Sunday</u>		<i>Feb. 18 1st Sunday of Lent</i>
SJE	8:30 AM	Joseph Zagarella by the family
IJ	10:30 AM	Fr. Marcel Allard

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS & DISTRIBUTION OF ASHES

8:30 AM - Saint John the Evangelist Church

6:30 - PM Infant Jesus Church

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday mornings following 8:30 AM Mass at St. John the Evangelist Church in Hudson.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Readings Feb. 12 – Feb. 18, 2024

Monday Jas 1:1-11 Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76 Mk 8:11-13
Tuesday Jas 1:12-18 Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19 Mk 8:14-21
Wednesday Jl 2:12-18 Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 2 Cor 5:20-6:2 Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday Dt 30:15-20 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 9:22-25
Friday Is 58:1-9a Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 Mt 9:14-15
Saturday Is 58:9b-14 Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 Lk 5:27-32
Sunday Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9. 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

Week Ending ~ February 3 & 4, 2024	
Adult Envelopes (49)	\$1,915.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00
Loose Cash	\$581.00
Offertory Total:	\$3,186.00
Debt Reduction	\$260.00
Fuel	\$265.00
Catholic Education	\$160.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

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REFLECTION - 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

I wouldn't expect any of you to recognize the name of Joseph Carey Merrick. He was a victim of a very rare disease called different names at various times. It is characterized by a severe and ugly distortion of the body, particularly of the skull and upper torso. The disease was nicknamed "elephantiasis" because often enough that was what many victims resembled. In fact, a 1980 movie about Merrick's sad life was entitled "The Elephant Man." (Google "The Elephant Man" or "Joseph Merrick" to learn more.)

Projecting back to the time when Jesus walked, there was a nearly equal disfigurement brought on by leprosy. The great fear then was that by just being near a leper would transmit the infection. Remember those similar Covid 19 restrictions? Thus, in the Old Testament Book of Leviticus read today we hear of a whole section of laws regarding what to do as a healthy person and what the victims themselves had to do.

All of this provides meditation material for us about sin—all sin but especially the mortal kind—seen by many spiritual writers as "leprosy of the soul." Serious sin disfigures our souls, making us repulsive to God and angels alike. Just because we can't literally see this effect in us doesn't make it unreal. Often a sinner will feel very nervous and uncomfortable in the presence of a genuinely good person, place, or thing. The only person happy about us when we fall is the devil. Please don't write Satan off as an outdated figure locked up in the Bible. Or as a little red gnome with a pitchfork. He is a real fallen angel, superior to us in intellect and cunning. A genuine hater of God. Jesus spoke of him multiple times.

How coincidental that this gospel appears on this 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, designated by Pope St. John Paul II as "World Day of the Sick." Yes, it is meant for us to pray and help all who are ill. By extension, also of all people sick with sin or spiritual leprosy.

Today we are only 3 days out from Ash Wednesday and the great penitential season of Lent. Let that fact sink into your consciousness as we prepare for it. As for sin, I found a long list of contrasts between how we look at sin and how God does, written anonymously. Here is just a pertinent part:

"Man calls it an accident; God calls it an abomination.

Man calls it a blunder; God calls it blindness.

Man calls it a defect; God calls it a disease.

Man calls it a luxury; God calls it leprosy."

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

2023 NH CATHOLIC APPEAL REPORT

The 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) annual report is now available at your parish and online at www.catholicnh.org/nhca. Also, copies are being mailed to all who donated to the NHCA. Thanks to over 10,000 donors, the NHCA has raised more than \$3.7 million to date which is helping to fund the Community Services program at Catholic Charities New Hampshire, Catholic Education, Parable magazine, priest retirement, the seminarian fund and so much more! The annual report breaks down the total raised and the initial distributions as of October 2, 2023, at which time \$402,090 was issued in rebates to parishes who reached their NHCA goal. Please take a moment to review the annual report which allows us to work toward a more sustainable and collaborative church in New Hampshire. For any questions regarding the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, please contact Bevin Kennedy at 603-663-0136 or at bkennedy@rcbm.org

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps clients in many different ways. The Assistance Program not only helps clients manage large expenses, but can assist clients with the sometimes smaller, less noticeable expense of transportation. Some clients do not have a vehicle to get to work, food shop or run errands. They depend on the local transit system. The Assistance Program offers bus passes to some of our clients to help them with their transportation expenses. Thank you for your support in helping us provide bus passes.

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.

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 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.*



Lenten Disciplines of Fasting & Abstinence

Catholics in good health ages 18 to 59 are required to fast and to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Fasting consists of eating only one meal, with the possibility of two smaller snacks that do not add up to a single full meal.

Catholics age 14 and older are to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent.