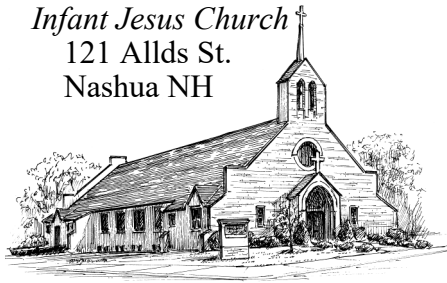


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*Infant Jesus Church*  
121 Allds St.  
Nashua NH



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



## Saint John XXIII Parish

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### *Clergy:*

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Rev. Leandro Cardoso (Brazilian Ministry)

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

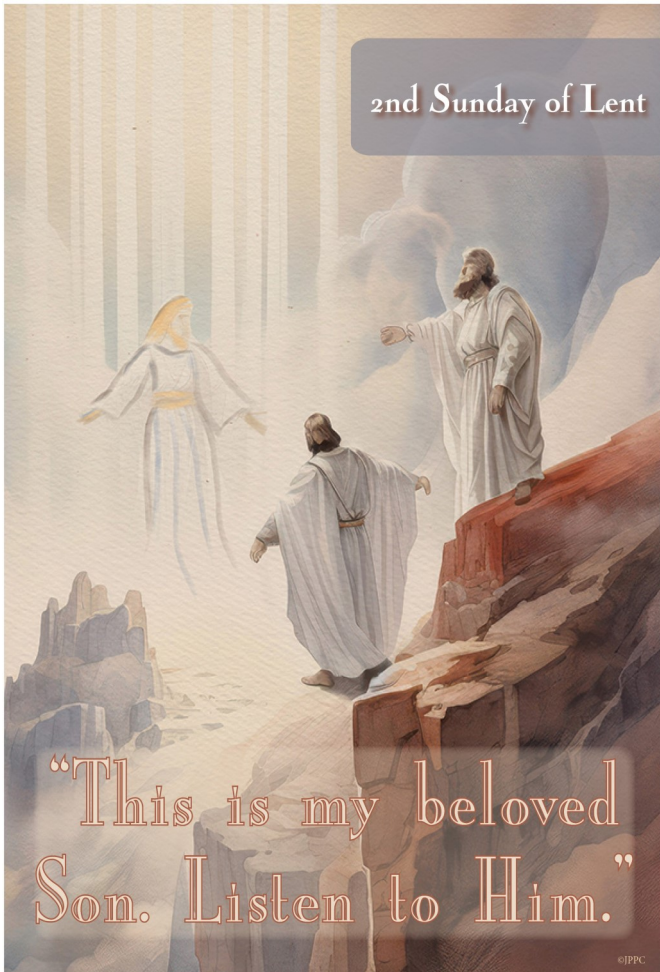
## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



## OUTREACH

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



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

Wednesday

**SJE** 8:30 AM

Thursday

**IJ** 8:30 AM

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

*February 24*

The Shanholtz Family  
Dick Guerette  
by Patrick & Diane Dubreuil  
Mass in Portuguese

*Feb. 25 2nd Sunday of Lent*

Robert Clark by the family  
Gilda & John Balandis  
by the family

*February 27*

All Souls Intentions

*February 28*

All Souls Intentions

*February 29*

Ines Garofalo 2nd Ann.

*March 1*

All Souls Intentions

*March 2*

John Casey by the family  
Sr. Harriet Cutting  
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne  
Mass in Portuguese

*March 3 3rd Sunday of Lent*

Kenny & John Clark by the family  
Paul Charron 6th Ann.  
by his family

**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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

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

**Weekly Readings Feb. 26 – Mar. 3, 2024**

**Monday** Dn 9:4b-10 Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday** Is 1:10, 16-20 Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 Mt 23:1-12

**Wednesday** Jer 18:18-20 Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 Mt 20:17-28

**Thursday** Jer 17:5-10 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 Lk 16:19-31

**Friday** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday** Ex 20:1-17 or Ex 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 1 Cor 1:22-25 Jn 2:13-25

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Week Ending ~ February 17 & 18, 2024	
<b>Adult Envelopes (41)</b>	<b>\$1,402.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (47)</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$605.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$2,697.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$10.00</b>
<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$188.00</b>
<b>Church in Eastern Europe</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	





### REFLECTION - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Fathers and Sons. A unique dynamic. Psychologists have a field day explaining it. But even we non psychologists know that it is in contrast with the bond between fathers and daughters. It seems to me to be a straight bold line, as opposed to one softened with curlicues for the girls. At any rate, we somehow know this without ever being taught. We see it played out in the lives of our so-called “nuclear” or immediate families. It is in play in today’s Scripture Readings for the Mass of the Second Sunday in Lent.

Today the Church presents us with one of the most endearing stories of the Old Testament, manifesting the love between father and son, Abraham, and Isaac. Oh, how Abraham the father must have been conflicted at first, but he knew that what God asked of him must be done. Obedience in the raw. But that very obedience so pleased God that a higher form of Divine Father and son took over. Abraham’s reward would be numerous generations of sons and daughters in a chosen nation.

Fast forward through the ensuing centuries and we are allowed to share through Mark’s writing under the Holy Spirit’s guidance the spectacular transfiguration of Jesus of Nazareth to Son of the Most High, as the Archangel had described Him to His Mother Mary some thirty years prior. Like Abraham on his mountain top, so Jesus on His, love between Father and Son is apparent. But this time there are five witnesses to it. Moses and Elijah, representing respectively the Old Testament Law and Prophecy now bear witness to someone who fulfills both. Peter, James and John, that favored trio of Jesus, look on baffled to see their Master in a new light, literally and figuratively. It will be in the category of something yet to come, also brought about by an incomparable obedience. The nails will be pounded in; the sword will pierce through, and no angel will stop the soldiers of Rome.

All of this puts our obligatory obedience to God in perspective. It provides not only motivation before it but a wonderful reward after it. This is why we choose our Lenten penances: we have not always obeyed God or done so grudgingly. Time for our conversion, don’t you think?

One day a little boy was riding his tricycle around the block, over and over again. Finally, a policeman stopped and asked him why he was going around and around. The boy answered that he was running away from home. Then the policeman asked why he kept going around the block. Then the boy responded, “Because my dad said that I’m not allowed to cross the street.” The point, I trust, is clear obedience will keep you close to those you love.. Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### Corpus Christi Food Pantry Birthday Bags

Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance helps families that are struggling to make ends meet. One very gratifying way CCFPA helps families through tough times is to offer a birthday bag, (which contains cake mix, frosting, candles, plates and napkins,) and a gift for the child that will be celebrating a birthday within a few weeks of when the parent comes to the pantry. It is very rewarding to see the overwhelming gratitude in the parent’s eyes when they can select an age-appropriate gift for their child and celebrate the child’s special day.

### PILGRIMS FOR LIFE

The journey of faith is lifelong, and there is much work to be done as we seek to ensure that all human life is valued and protected. Learn about local prayer and advocacy opportunities for the cause of life. Visit [www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife](http://www.catholicnh.org/pilgrimsforlife)

### RECEIVE CATHOLIC CITIZENSHIP NEWS

Are you looking for an easy way to stay informed about public issues in New Hampshire? The Diocese of Manchester offers an e-mail newsletter with updates on important public policy matters facing our elected officials.

Register at [catholicnh.org/ccn](http://catholicnh.org/ccn)

### DEANERY PENANCE SERVICE MARCH 10TH

Catholics from all the Nashua area parishes are invited to a deanery wide Lenten Penance Service on Sunday, March 10th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Immaculate Conception Church, 216 East Dunstable Road, Nashua. The priests from all the area parishes will be available to hear confessions.

### MEN OF SAINT JOSEPH BREAKFAST

Bishop Peter Libasci invites men of the Diocese of Manchester to Holy Mass and breakfast at St. Joseph Cathedral on Saturday, March 16, 7:30—10:30 AM to celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, patron saint of our diocese. For information or to register contact Bill Donroe at 603-432-6066 or [bdonroe@comcast.net](mailto:bdonroe@comcast.net).

### 2023 NH CATHOLIC APPEAL PLEDGE REMINDER

Thanks to over 10,000 donors, the 2023 New Hampshire Catholic Appeal (NHCA) received over \$3.7 million to support ministries such as the Community Services program at Catholic Charities NH, Parable magazine, Catholic education, our retired priests, seminarians and so much more! If you have made a pledge to the NHCA, we encourage, if possible, that all pledges be fulfilled by March 31, 2024. If you have a question about the status of your pledge, please reach out to Anne Marie Ashford in the Development office at 603-663-0152 or [aashford@rcbm.org](mailto:aashford@rcbm.org). We thank you again for your support of the appeal.

### 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](http://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](mailto:bkennedy@rcbm.org)