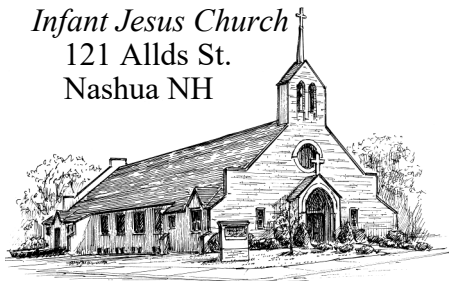
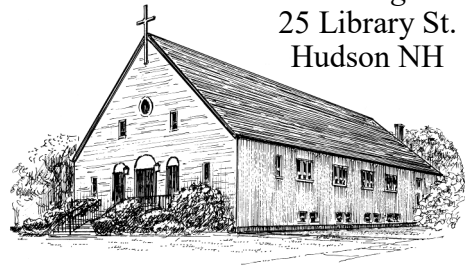


Saint John XXIII Parish

Infant Jesus Church
121 Allds St.
Nashua NH



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



4th Sunday of Lent

*whoever lives the truth
comes to the light*

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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	March 9
SJE 4:00 PM	Thomas Peta 6th Ann. & Stephen Sweeney by their family
IJ 6:00 PM	Lea Jean by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday	March 10 4th Sunday of Lent
SJE 8:30 AM	Rela Burns by Patti Peters
IJ 10:30 AM	Gilda Balandis by her family
Tuesday	March 12
IJ 8:30 AM	In honor of St. Anthony for a favor received
Wednesday	March 13
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Thursday	March 14
IJ 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Friday	March 15
SJE 8:30 AM	All Souls Intentions
Saturday	March 16
SJE 4:00 PM	Mary Doyle by the family
IJ 6:00 PM	Sr. Frances Savoie, CSC by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
IJ 7:30 PM	Mass in Portuguese
Sunday	March 17 5th Sunday of Lent
SJE 8:30 AM	George & Lucille Clark by the family
IJ 10:30 AM	Lydia Cardinale by her 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 Mar. 11 – Mar. 17, 2024

Monday Is 65:17-21 Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12 Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15 Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ex 32:7-14 Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 Jn 5:31-47

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22 Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20 Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Jer 31:31-34 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 Heb 5:7-9 Jn 12:20-33

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Week Ending ~ March 2 & 3 2024	
Adult Envelopes (42)	\$2,817.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00
Loose Cash	\$1,898.00
Offertory Total:	\$5,405.00
Debt Reduction	\$195.00
Easter Flowers	\$340.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish



REFLECTION - 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT

In a world mostly powered by electricity, even for our cars, we have in modern times experienced dangerous and even demoralizing blackouts. I say that last aspect because we all suffer from the thieves and other criminals that “make hay while the sun isn’t shining.” We know that storms with howling winds bring about blackouts, when great trees often topple and bring down wires when they do so. At other times, the blackout comes when the grid is overtaxed by too much call for power when very hot weather brings an uptick in air conditioning use. Even a community like mine, where all wiring is underground, still gets its electric service from overhead wires outside the community. Then for all of us there are no lights anywhere and all the electric gadgets in our homes cease functioning.

The ancient world when Jesus walked was “lit only by fire,” as one writer nicely put it. Oil lamps and candles brought the only relief from post sunset darkness. The same fire boiled the water and cooked the meals. So when Jesus preached about His coming into the world to bring light, the impact of His words was strong. We might miss the message at first, surrounded as we are by our fiber-optic bulbs, ever-ready generators and blinking appliances. Still, I believe we instinctively know that evil thrives when our soul’s life is strangled by sin.

Lent, if we allow it to be part of our preparation for celebrating Easter, will, through Scripture readings and meditative prayer, turn the inner spotlight on our sins. Not the peccadilloes that dance around the edges of our consciences, but those stubborn ingrained habits in our makeup for which we have made all kinds of excuses to keep in place.

“I’m only human” we say glibly when others notice our this and that which is truly sinful. So we have another drink before we leave to go home. Watch some more porn because nobody’s around. Steal a little from the supermarket, or the “Big Box” store because “they make enough money.”

I remember being shocked out of my naivete when I was a supermarket cashier and witnessed when a fur-wearing matron was caught by the store detective stealing sticks of butter inside rolls of toilet paper. It’s not always the poor who steal.

Add in our perhaps habitual lying, or the rash judgments about strangers and family members; and also the sexual selfishness. All the many ways we can use to pretend God doesn’t exist or care. In so many situations that popular expression “WWJD” (What Would Jesus Do ?) gets mocked more than minded, but it’s a good startup question when you’re deciding what to do. Especially when Lenten thoughts stir one’s conscience. On this matter, and on so many others, we have today’s Responsorial Psalm as a rejoinder:

“Let my tongue be silenced if I ever forget you.” “You” means our loving God.

As the little boy concluded to his Dad after viewing stained glass windows featuring the saints, “I think a saint is a person whom the light shines through.”

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

This weekend (March 9 & 10) is the annual collection for Catholic Relief Services. The collection supports the international relief work of Pope Francis, the Catholic bishop’s migration and refugee services and the Catholic legal immigration network. A portion of the collection will support the Catholic Home Missions, places in the United States where the Catholic Church struggles to keep parishes open.

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.

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. Please take a moment to review the annual report. For any questions regarding the New Hampshire Catholic Appeal, please contact Bevin Kennedy at 603-663-0136 or at bkennedy@rcbm.org

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. We thank you again for your support of the appeal.

UNITED WAY DIGITAL NAVIGATOR PROGRAM

Join United Way of Greater Nashua in making a difference through the Digital Navigator Program! As technology becomes increasingly essential in our daily lives, there are many who could benefit from guidance and support in navigating the digital world. By volunteering for this program, you’ll have the opportunity to share your knowledge and expertise to empower others in our community. Whether it’s helping someone set up an email account, navigate social media, or learn new digital skills, your contribution can make a meaningful impact. Best of all, volunteering can be done at a location of your choice and at flexible times, fitting seamlessly into your schedule. Join us in bridging the digital divide and fostering digital inclusion for all. Sign up today to become a digital navigator and help make a difference in someone’s life!

You can register at the link below or contact us at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011. Sign up to help here: <https://tinyurl.com/UWDigital-Navigators>