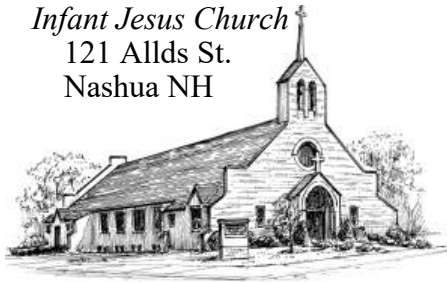
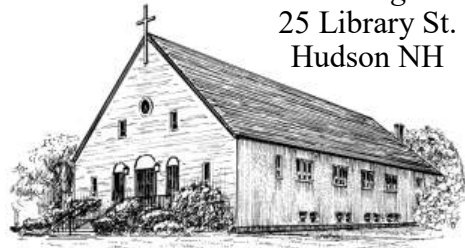


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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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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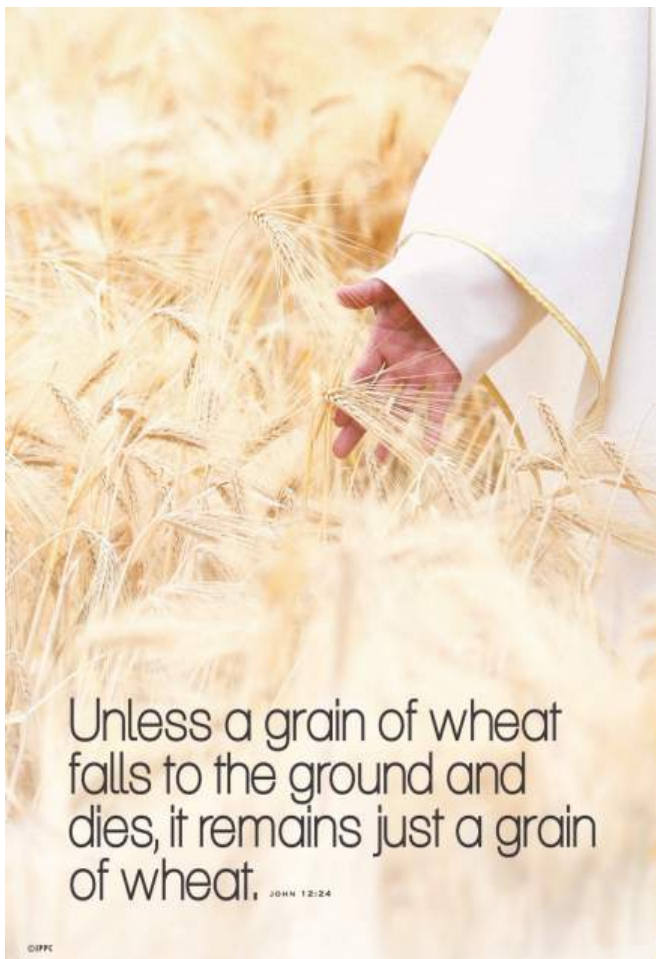
Saturdays from 3:00 to 3:30 PM
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*The hour has come
for the Son of Man
to be glorified*

5th Sunday of Lent

OUTREACH

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



Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat. JOHN 12:24

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

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Thursday

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Friday

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Saturday

SJE 4:00 PM
IJ 6:00 PM

IJ 7:30 PM

Sunday

SJE 8:30 AM

IJ 10:30 AM

March 16

Mary Doyle by the family
Sr. Frances Savoie, CSC
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

March 17 5th Sunday of Lent

George & Lucille Clark
by the family
Lydia Cardinale by her family

March 19

In honor of St. Anthony
for a favor received

March 20

All Souls Intentions

March 21

Chantal Tardif 1st Ann. by the family

March 22

Yves Tardif 5th Ann. by the family

March 23

Walter Doyle by a friend
Theresa Labrie
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne
Mass in Portuguese

March 24 Palm Sunday

Richard Othot
by the family
Mildred & Paul Doyle 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.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Weekly Readings Mar. 18 – Mar. 24, 2024

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95 Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9 Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13 Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28 Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13 Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Is 50:4-7 Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 Phil 2:6-11 Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16 and Mk 14:1-15:47 or Mk 15:1-39

Week Ending ~ March 9 & 10 2024	
Adult Envelopes (44)	\$1,819.00
WeShare (Online Giving) (47)	\$690.00
Loose Cash	\$389.00
Offertory Total:	\$2,898.00
Debt Reduction	\$75.00
Easter Flowers	\$55.00
Catholic Relief Collection	\$330.00
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	

Saint John XXIII Parish



REFLECTION - 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Thinking of your early school days, you likely remember the name of “that kid.” He or she was the one who, by dint of personality and intelligence you just know, had caught the eye of the teacher. Of course, unknown to us at the time, the teacher had to make the professional effort not to categorize that one student as a “pet.”

Later on in life, you saw the same dynamic in action when a certain co-worker was favored by the boss. In times past the boss might make his favoritism obvious. Not so today, where an HR office would pounce on the perpetrator quickly. Even to the point of dismissal.

On a much higher plain of observation, we could easily imagine Our Lord being the envy of His peers for what He said and did. Careful as He was to preclude praise let alone adulation of any kind, the people He ministered to knew instinctively that He had favor with Yahweh. Their wish to honor Him was a constant problem for Jesus, requiring Him to take action. At one point He even fled the crowd lest they make Him a king.

Jesus modeled the virtue of humility, but at the same time He knew God the Father in a way we never will. His respect for the Father was so obvious that the later unknown writer of the Letter to the Hebrews that we hear in today’s Mass could write that “He was heard because of His reverence when He prayed.

Reverence. There is a word. A state of being. A quality worth developing in our lives. It is a habit of being that begins with God and applies to the things of God but reaches down to our relations with our neighbor. Most often we in our present day can know reverence as the missing element in our common culture as we daily witness the opposite of it.

Something is terribly wrong about the way we freely murder our fellow man in the streets of our cities, and on the battlefields of our wars.

Add this the coldness with which our society wants to erase God from being a deciding factor in all we say and do. We’ve made other gods, often enough. Gods of power, wealth and fame.

As the waning days of Lent 2024 are upon us, may I suggest a project that will take us all way past Easter? It’s to develop our reverence for God and our neighbor.

God love you and lead you to betterment and a better Lent.
Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

CHURCH CLEAN-UP FOR EASTER

Our Brazilian community is organizing a “Church Clean-Up” for Easter on Sunday, March 24th, beginning at 12:00 Noon at IJ Church in Nashua. The idea is to clean up inside as well as outside around the church. No sign up needed - just simply show up ready to help clean.

PASCHAL MYSTERY RETREAT

On Friday, March 22 at 4:00 PM, the Parish of the Resurrection is hosting a two. hour retreat in the church to help us prepare to celebrate the Paschal Mystery. Fr. Anselm, a Benedictine monk from St. Anselm Abbey will talk about what the Paschal Mystery is and help us understand what the Paschal Mystery means for us in the 21st century. All are invited to take advantage of this opportunity to be transformed and to enter the Holy Week spiritually prepared.

CHRISM MASS

Please join the Most Reverend Peter A. Libasci, Bishop of Manchester and the priests in the diocese, for the annual blessing of the oils at the Chrism Mass which will be held at St. Joseph Cathedral, corner of Lowell and Pine Streets in Manchester on March 26th, beginning at 6:00 PM. These oils will be distributed among the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Manchester for use during the next year. At this special Mass, all priests will be given the opportunity to renew their priestly promises during the Liturgy. The Catholic faithful of New Hampshire are all welcome to attend the Chrism Mass.

BG - SEEKING HOST FAMILIES FOR 2024/25

Bishop Guertin High School is excited to welcome it's next group of international students to Nashua this August. Host families are needed to house students from countries around the world and will receive a monthly stipend of \$1,100. We would love to invite local community members to step up to this ministry opportunity by welcoming a student into their hearts and homes. For more information, please contact our International Program providers, Study Six by visiting www.studysix.com/host or email host@studysix.com.

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!

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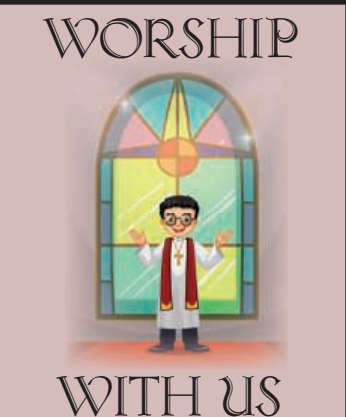
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