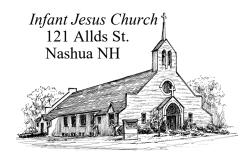
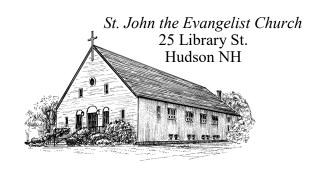
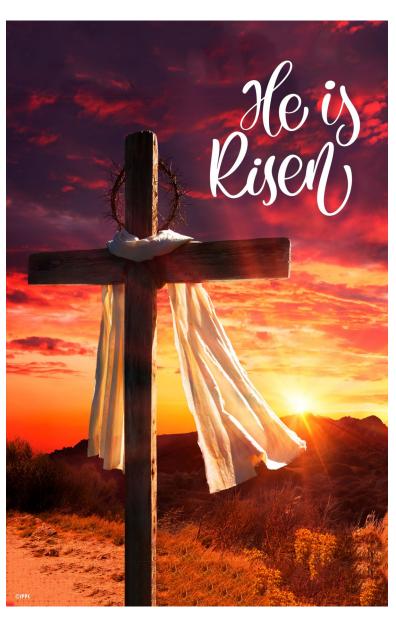
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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

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

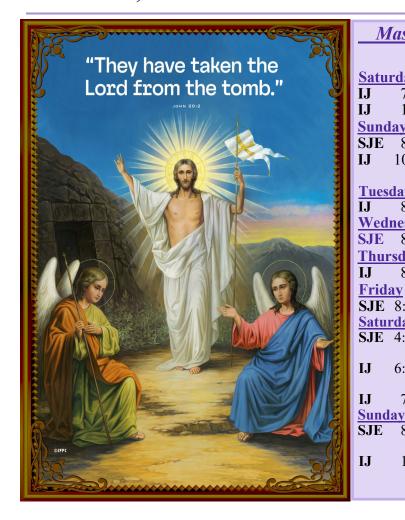
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

OUTREACH

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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



Mass Intentions

IJ

Saturday March 30 Holy Saturday IJ 7:00 PM Easter Vigil (English) IJ 10:30 PM Easter Vigil (Portuguese) March 31 Easter Sunday Sunday SJE 8:30 AM Tim Coulter by his family William & Florence Boudreau 10:30 AM by their family April 2 **Tuesday** 8:30 AM All Souls Intentions Wednesday April 3 **SJE** 8:30 AM All Souls Intentions April 4 Thursday 8:30 AM All Souls Intentions IJ Friday April 5 **SJE** 8:30 AM All Souls Intentions Saturday April 6 **SJE** 4:00 PM Chantal Tardif 5th Ann. by her family

> Sr. Mary Elizabeth Leonard, CSC 6:00 PM by The Ladies of Ste. Anne 7:30 PM Mass in Portuguese

April 7 Sunday of Divine Mercy 8:30 AM Glen Annis by Patti Peters

10:30 AM Paul Charron by his family

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

Weekly Readings April 1– April 7, 2024

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33 Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41 Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22 Jn 20:11-18 Wednesday Acts 3:1-10 Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:13-35 Thursday Acts 3:11-26 Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 24:35-48 Friday Acts 4:1-12 Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a Jn 21:1-14 **Saturday** Acts 4:13-21 Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19-21

Sunday Acts 4:32-35 Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 1 Jn 5:1-6 Jn 20:19-31

STEWARDSHIP APPEAL

Please consider participating in either stewardship program below, which helps our parish to maintain a steady income to manage our budget:

Parish Envelopes

If you are not currently using these weekly offering envelopes and would like to begin, we have extras! Please call us at the parish office, 603-882-2462 ext. 4.

Online Giving

To sign on to WeShare, please go to our parish website: www.stjohnxxiiinh.org, then click "Online Giving."

> Thank you to all who have made the commitment to support our parish!



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Because of an early holiday bulletin deadline, the Stewardship Report for the weekend of March 23 & 24 will be published in next weekend's bulletin.

Easter Reflection 2024

The Jesus story might have become a popular Greek tragedy written and staged sometime late in the first century. Or it might have become a Roman version written by a famous playwright of the time who based his production on many conversations he had had with a friend in the Legion that guarded Palestine. All of this flows from a tale that went from Bethlehem to Calvary and ended with His death on a Friday afternoon.

But neither of those would ever be composed because of the marvelous wonder that took place on "The Third Day." In fact the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the tomb made that one "the Day of days" and so it has remained such ever since.

What are we Christians to make of it in this largely apathetic mostly anti-Christian world of the twenty-first century that we inhabit? One option is to tone down the excitement or hide behind a festival of rabbits, chicks and chocolate covered coconut eggs. Put the accent on Springtime and multicolored flowers in bright baskets. Or a fine ham dinner. The other option, preferred by people of genuine faith, is to rejoice once again at the plan of God and His decision to include us in the mix of once-dead cells of the Mystical Body now capable of vibrant and never ending life. To live it in a kingdom St. Paul once described in one of his Letters as wonderful beyond our senses to conceive.

That rejoicing need not be expressed in a lively dance with the clapping of hands, although that would not be a bad thing in itself. Rather for most of us the joy is mostly felt inward. A peace that permeates our outlook for our future. That even spreads through our vital organs urging us to recognize that this lowly body of ours will one day be glorified to be like our Savior's.

Our inquisitive minds might want more information than the gospels give us. But our hearts will know that the God who knows all things will let us know and experience His kingdom with just the right amount of peace to fill our capacity to the brim.

Meanwhile, we renew our trust in Him. His resurrection is the endorsement by God the Father and the Holy Spirit of everything Jesus said and did; every command He gave and demand He made. Best for us to know them and observe them, and not be deceived by secularism, materialism and every other "ism" out there in the world of darkness. The Light has returned, even brighter than before. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Alleluia! Alleluia! . Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

EBOOK - CHRIST OUR PASSOVER

Easter is truly the Season of the Eucharist." To enrich the celebration of this Easter Season, the Diocese of Manchester has published a free eBook called Christ Our Passover, a collection of brief excerpts on the Eucharist from documents of the Second Vatican Council and the writings of Pope Francis, Pope Benedict, and Pope John Paul II. The eBook is designed to be used at the convenience of individuals or parishes and does not need to be read cover to cover. The book is available at www.catholicnh.org/easter.

PARISH PRAYER INTENTION BOOK

We invite you to enter your prayer requests in our Intention Books located at the main entrance of both churches. These intentions are remembered in the "Prayer of the Faithful" at all of our Masses.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

The month of April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month in the United States. The Diocese of Manchester provides child safety articles, parent guides, and other helpful information about child protection on its website. For more information, please visit www.catholicnh.org/safety during April and share this information with others

CORPUS CHRISTI NOTES

One goal of Corpus Christi Food Pantry and Assistance is to prevent homelessness. Some of our clients are the working poor that struggle, on a weekly basis, to make ends meet, especially with the current rising cost of everyday items such as food and gasoline. To prevent evictions, the Assistance Program works with the client to help pay the rent, to prevent evictions. This act helps to bring stability to a family, especially with school-age children. Thank you for your support in helping to prevent homelessness.

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.

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

Bishop Peter A. Libasci invites couples celebrating 5, 10, 25, 50, and 60+ years of marriage in 2024 to attend a Mass, followed by cake and coffee reception, in celebration of significant wedding anniversaries. The Mass will be held on Sunday, May 5th, at 2pm at St. Joseph Cathedral, Manchester. To register, contact our Parish Office (603) 882-2462 ext. 4 by April 7

UNITED WAY HOME REPAIR HELP APRIL 5TH

Along with building homes, greater Nashua Habitat for Humanity operates a Critical Home Repair program. The program provides home repairs to low to moderate income homeowners who are struggling to maintain their homes due to age, disability, or family circumstances. The program focuses on health, life, and safety code issues. Some examples of repairs that may qualify for the program include installing handrails or grab bars, installing handicap accessible ramps, small scale structural safety improvements, weatherization, and more. By working with a volunteer repair crew, we are able to keep repair costs for the families to a minimum, sometimes covering much of the costs through internal grants and fundraising. The fixit program provides volunteers to help seniors and/or disabled homeowners in Hillsborough County with home repairs. there is no charge for labor and the services provided are related to plumbing, carpentry, electrical, and other repairs related to safety. the program is designed to help homeowners remain safely in the ir homes. Fixit is under the umbrella of Ameri-Corps and is part of the retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP). Join us Friday, April 5th from 10:30 AM -12:00 Noon at the Nashua Senior Center, 70 Temple St. Nashua.

You can register at the link below or contact us at info@unitedwaynashua.org or (603)882-4011. Sign up to help here: http://tinyurl.com/Apr-Coffee