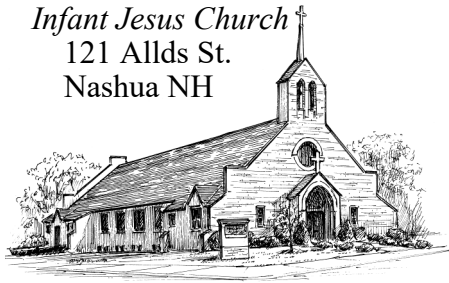
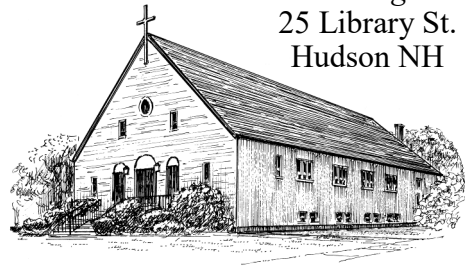


# Saint John XXIII Parish

*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

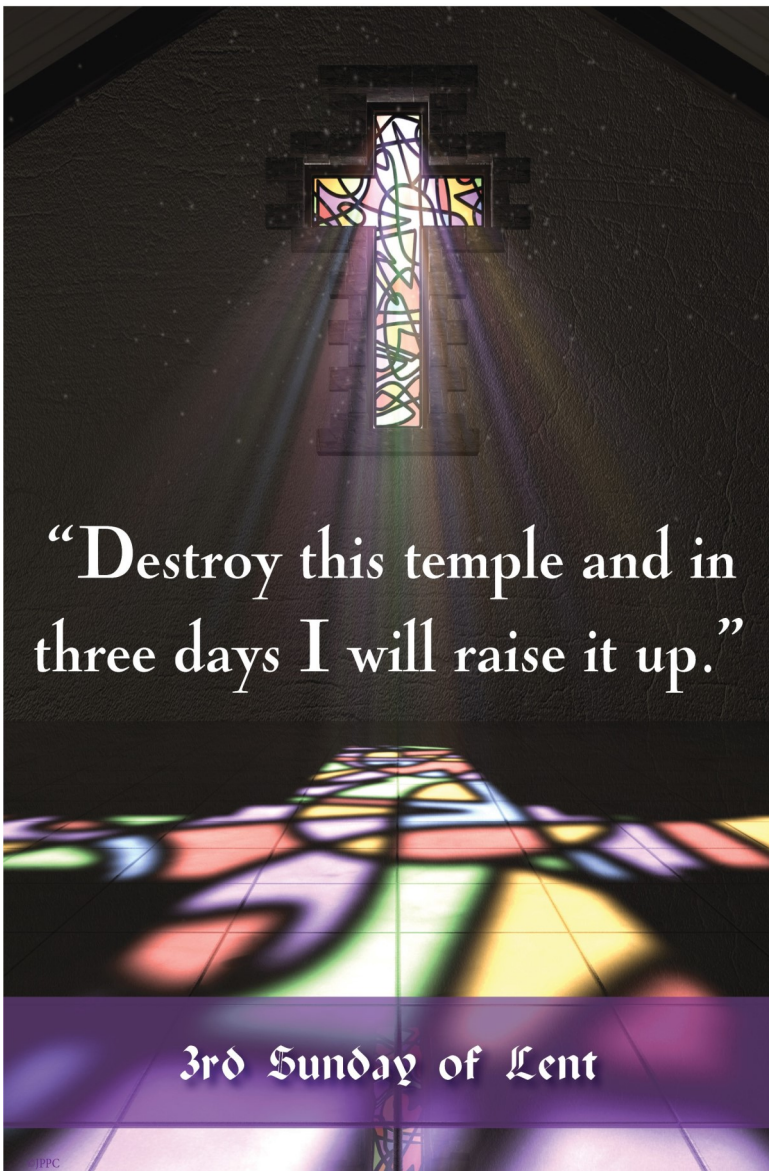
Tuesday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Wednesday	8:30 AM	SJE Church
Thursday	8:30 AM	IJ Church
Friday	8:30 AM	SJE Church

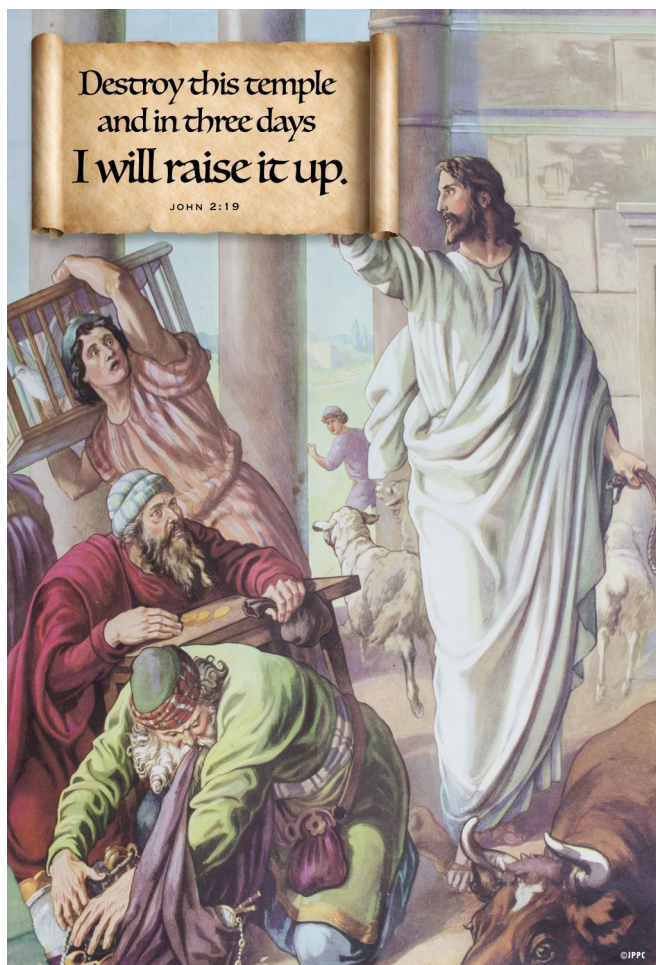
## OUTREACH

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

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

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 10th Ann.  
by his family

March 5

All Souls Intentions

March 6

All Souls Intentions

March 7

All Souls Intentions

March 8

All Souls Intentions

March 9

Thomas Peta 6th Ann.  
& Stephen Sweeney  
by their family

March 10 4th Sunday of Lent

Lea Jean  
by The Ladies of Ste. Anne  
Mass in Portuguese  
Rela Burns by Patti Peters  
Gilda Balandis  
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 March 4 – March 10, 2024**

**Monday** Kgs 5:1-15ab Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday** Dn 3:25, 34-43 Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 Mt 18:21-35

**Wednesday** Dt 4:1, 5-9 Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday** Jer 7:23-28 Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 Lk 11:14-23

**Friday** Hos 14:2-10 Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday** Hos 6:1-6 Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab Lk 18:9-14

**Sunday** 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23 Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 Eph 2:4-10 Jn 3:14-21

Week Ending ~ February 24 & 25 2024	
<b>Adult Envelopes (46)</b>	<b>\$2,261.00</b>
<b>WeShare (Online Giving) (47)</b>	<b>\$690.00</b>
<b>Loose Cash</b>	<b>\$354.00</b>
<b>Offertory Total:</b>	<b>\$3,305.00</b>
<b>Debt Reduction</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
<b>Snow Removal</b>	<b>\$85.00</b>
<i>May our loving God bless you for your continued generosity!</i>	



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### REFLECTION - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

“Powerhouse” can be defined in a few ways, As a simple plant that produces power. Or as a person who possesses great force of energy, as in “She is an editorial powerhouse.” Today I want to call on the word as an apt description of this weekend’s Readings for Mass.

First comes the Ten Commandments from the Book of Exodus. They are stark, confident, certifiably the divine basics on how to live for a largely illiterate people. Later on in history, the Church will elaborate on their meanings for a more sophisticated audience. So, for example, “Thou shalt not kill” will expand to include more subtle killings, like the reckless use of illicit drugs.

We move on to St. Paul’s Letter, where he contrasts Jewish and Greek religious aspirations with that of the Christian’s. featuring a crucified Jesus as “the wisdom and power of God.” He is blunt and straightforward but impactful.

Then we come to the highly dramatic and demonstrably divine act of Jesus, angrily cleansing His “Father’s House,” the Temple, of the rank commercialism that had become common there. This Jesus follows with His symbolic prediction of His death and resurrection.

This threefold combination of Readings here in the middle of Lent leaves us a little breathless, partly because we moderns have become so used to the subtlety mostly used by Satan and the societal enemies of Christ prevalent in our present culture. Yet I find the whole ensemble refreshing, like a hot shower after work or play in the cold. Or a cold shower after the same in summer’s heat.

Here is our one true God, soon to be a crucified corpse followed by a total resurrection prepared for and praised, yet remaining fully human as was the Babe at Bethlehem. Able to take on all the various forms of negativity we face in life with the positive outlook unique to Himself. He only asks His followers, you and me, to take on what we can and do so with His help.

So it is Lent, this penitential season where we face not only the exterior, but also the interior darkness we often take on because we think it’s light. The true Light will blaze forth on the morning of the Third Day, and we will know whose pledge for redemption is the real one.

What a “powerhouse” Faith we are offered; what a confident Hope we gain; what a contagious Charity we can practice! All because of Jesus Christ our Lord!

Rev. Leonard N. Peterson

### 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.

### CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next 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.

### FRANCISCAN MYSTERY PLAYERS

The Franciscan Mystery Players are from St. Marie’s Parish in Manchester, NH. The Franciscan Mystery Play is a dramatic presentation of the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. Through the use of special lighting, inspirational music, and drama, it becomes a prayerful vehicle for the Lord’s Spirit to forgive, renew, and especially heal. It is the type of event that one can experience over and over. Mark your calendars: MARCH 8TH, AT ST. KATHRYN’S PARISH, AT 7:30 pm

### 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)